

RAJENDRA SIGNH AND HUSSEY TO GET UAS HONORARY DOCTORATE

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The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad, has chosen eminent water conservationist Rajendra Sigh and Texas A&M University interim president Mark A. Hussey for this year's honorary doctorate.

Vice-Chancellor D.P. Biradar told presspersons in Dharwad on Monday that the university would confer the honorary doctorate degrees on these eminent persons at the 27th annual convocation on the varsity campus on Thursday.

Mr. Singh had played a key role in popularising community-based water harvesting and water management in India. His efforts have provided safe water for 1,000 villages in Rajasthan. He had been honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay award in 2005, Mr. Biradar said.

Mr. Hussey was one of the eminent agricultural scientists and had the credit of leading and guiding initiatives in agricultural research. His academic research included serving as co-leader of a collaborative forage grass improvement team, developing new breeding methods for subtropical forage and bio-energy crops including the use of molecular tools to better understand and regulate the control of cold tolerance, hybrid vigour, seed production and re-production, he said

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