

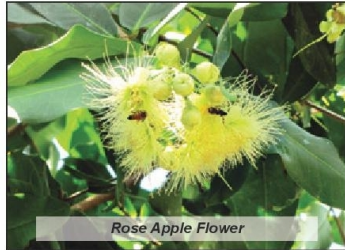
La Gardenia



Chestnut Tree



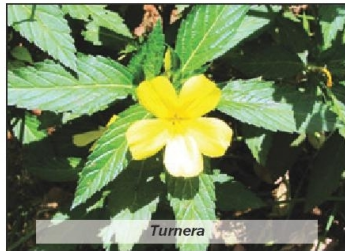
Dragon Flower



Rose Apple Flower



Peanut Butter Tree



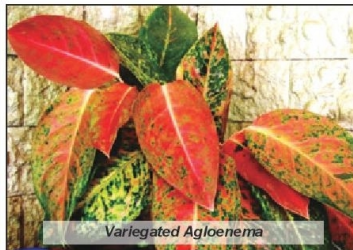
Turnera



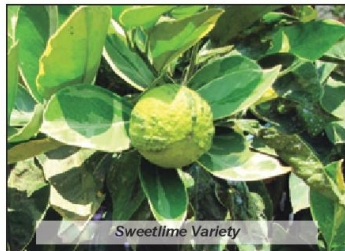
Thailand Pomelo



Karbuja



Variegated Agloenema



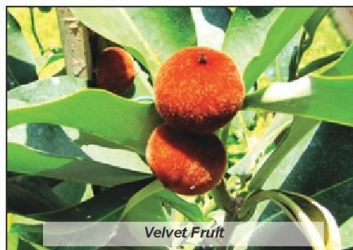
Sweetlime Variety



Karonda



Water Apple



Velvet Fruit

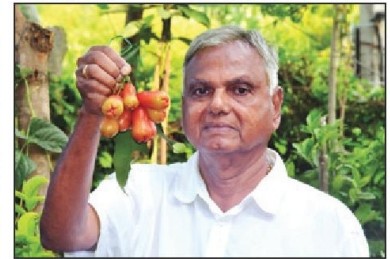
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In my judgment, the garden duo, blessed with green thumb, have not only mastered the techniques of raising any type of garden plants but also the art of grafting. The super-specialist grafter in him, Dr. Mruthunjayappa can skilfully trim or graft any plant using fitting tools — not an easy job (horticulturists included). The proof lies in the fact that deft hands of the medical doctor have made surgical correction to most of the trees either in the form of graft or shaping them to uni-branch trees.

When I asked the difficult plant to graft, he said it is 'Gauva.' Soon after, I left the place fearing the Doctor might graft a plant part on to my body. For me the visit was a learning experience.

With an array of fruits-n-nuts and other plant life in it, the garden at 'Santrupti' is not only a home garden but a knowledge house. A must visit for the researchers and students of Agri-horticulture and Botany. For the plant enthusiast, it is worth emulating the duo's quest for planting more and more new plants and expanding their knowledge on garden techniques every day.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Mruthunjayappa displaying *Syzygium samarangense* (Common names: Wax apple, love apple, java apple, royal apple, bell fruit (or bellfruit), Jamaican apple, water apple).

Dr. Mruthunjayappa is a doctor (MBBS) by profession with a Bachelor's degree in B.Sc (Botany) as well. The medical practitioner started the clinic in Sargur, the most backward area in H.D. Kote taluk and served the people for more than 35 years and later shifted to Mysuru. He also served as a Medical Superintendent of JSS Hospital, Mysuru, for a short period. He is also an environmentalist and philanthropist. During his medical career at Sargur, he treated poor patients free of cost and also constructed dwelling houses for his subordinate staff as owners. He is a Trustee / Member in many social service organisations. In Sargur he started 'Vanasiri' Trust (Founder-President) devoted for afforestation and wild life protection and was responsible for creating tree belts around Sargur. After shifting to Mysore (Srirampura), he is responsible for planting many trees in the locality. He received Vaidyaratna award (2011) for his outstanding services as a medical doctor. His hobby is gardening and travelling abroad. His wife Sudha is a Science graduate and joins hands in all the activities of the doctor. The philanthropist couple have donated generously to many organisations involved in social cause. Very recently, they donated the entire prize money (Genome Saviour Reward, 2015) to a poor farmer (Rs. 1 lakh) and a social organisation (Rs. 0.5 lakh).

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