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## From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

ANGRAU achieved many milestones this year in teaching, research & extension activities. Notable achievements such as winning SKOCH – Silver Award, Best CeRA for the year 2022 usage award, and the top ranks in ICAR-AIEEA(PG) examination and celebrating Diamond Jubilee(1961-2022) of its prestigious S.V Agricultural College, Tirupati. ANGRAU student K. Victor Paul achieved AIR-1 in Plant Sciences category in the JRF exam, which is a proud moment for the University faculty and students for their consistent efforts. Furthermore, NAHEP-IDP National and International training programmes were organized for the students and faculty members. In a separate function held at Tirupati, Sri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti was conferred honorary doctorate by ANGRAU. Fourth A.P. State Higher Education Planning Board Meeting is held at ANGRAU and few deliberations were made for increasing the quality standards in higher education in Andhra Pradesh. In this quarter, NSS Special camps are organized by Agricultural Colleges, Bapatla and Naira in their adopted villages. The University enrolled 177 students as first phase in its new constituent agricultural college (7<sup>th</sup> in the state) named as Mekapati Gowtham Reddy Agricultural College (in the memory of the Late Minister for Industries and Commerce) in Nellore district.



On research front, ANGRAU received DGCA authorization for conducting drone pilots training program and 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of training program was completed. Sri K. Govardhana Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, Marketing, Food Processing, Govt. of A.P. led the five-

member delegate team and visited two Australian universities and agro-processing industries for collaborative research between the universities in particular and agro-industrial collaborations for Andhra Pradesh state. Also, ANGRAU signed an MOU with Murdoch University, Australia to strengthen the development of and promotion of Research.

On extension front, ANGRAU Poshanincubator team participated in Kisan Sammelan, New Delhi along with startups nurtured by them and showcased their innovations at National level. Ag Tech- 2022 was organized at RARS, Lam, Guntur premises and new technologies were displayed to the 18,000 farmers. Also, ARS, Vizianagaram organized Kisan Mela in the month of December. Important days such as Agricultural Education Day (03<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2022) and World Soil Day (05<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2022) were celebrated in a grand manner.

(A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy)

## ANGRAU Inks MoU with Murdoch University, Australia

Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University, Andhra Pradesh, India (ANGRAU). The MoU was signed by Professor Deeks, Murdoch University Vice-Chancellor and Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU on 10th October, 2022 in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Kakani Govardhan Reddy Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation, Marketing and Food Processing Government of Andhra Pradesh, and Hon'ble Samantha Rowe MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation, International Education, Heritage. Professor Andrew Deeks said that this MoU will promote the advancement of international understanding, strengthen the development and promotion of research; research training and teaching, curriculum and course design, including training



programmes. The MoU provides for the sharing and dissemination of academic materials; the exchange of, and cooperation between respective staff, scholars and students including supervision and examination of students and the training and upgrading of staff between the two Universities. Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar, ANGRAU; Dr. A. Mani, Dean, Agril. Engineering & Technology and Dr. K. Gurava Reddy, Professor (Agril. Extension) & TS to VC participated in the MoU ceremony.

## Honorary Doctorate Conferred to Sri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Sri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister for Water Resources, GOI, New Delhi was conferred with an honorary doctorate by ANGRAU on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 in the special function and interaction meeting held at Tirupati in Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University Auditorium, Tirupati. Sri Shekhawat said that he is elated over the honorary doctorate conferred on him by ANGRAU. He said that Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University presently holds the 11<sup>th</sup> place among 74 Agriculture Universities and it is a proud matter for the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Sri K. Govardhana Reddy, A.P. State Agriculture Minister said that the rice varieties such as BPT-5204 (Samba Masuri), MTU-7029 (Swarna) and MTU-1001 (Vijetha) developed by ANGRAU became popular across the country. Sri Ambati Rambabu, Hon'ble Ministry of Water Resources Department, Govt. of A.P.,



Sri M. Gurumurthy, M.P., Tirupati Constituency; Sri P.V. Mithun Reddy, M.P. Rajampet Constituency; Reddappa, M.P., Chittoor Constituency; Dr.A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU; Prof. V. Padmanabha Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University participated in the ceremony.

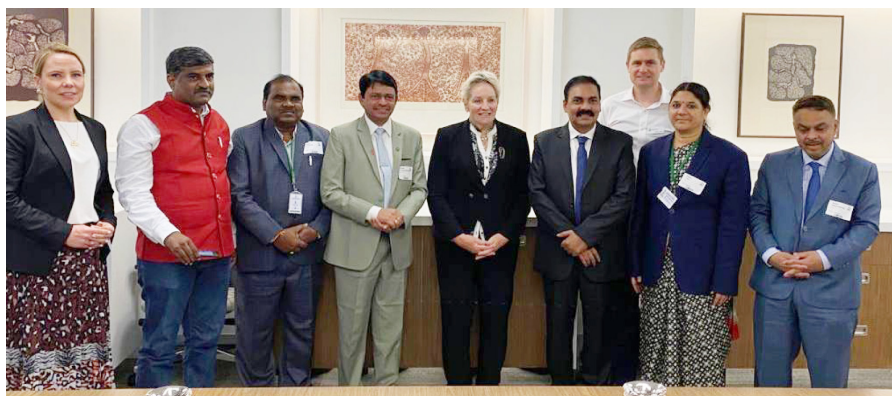


## Important Visits of the Delegates in Australia led by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, A.P.

Shri K. Govardhana Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of A.P. led the delegation comprising Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Senior Officers of ANGRAU and visited the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research on 10th October, 2022 and held round table discussions with Prof Kevin Pfleger, Director, Biomedical and Health Innovation, UWA and WA Life Sciences Innovation Hub; Associate Prof. Parwinder Kaur; Director, DNA Zoo Australia and Director, Chief Scientific Officer and Co-Founder, Ex- Planta Pty Ltd. on Bio-innovation and future agriculture new industry opportunities between Andhra Pradesh and Western Australia. Consul General and Dr. Jags, MLA and



research collaboration with Centre for Crop & Food Innovation; & State Agriculture Biotechnology Centre, Murdoch University. The delegation met Ms. Alannah Mac Tiernan, Minister for Rural development, Agriculture and Food, Hydrogen Industry of Western Australia. During the discussion, explained various pro- farmer measures in Andhra Pradesh under the dynamic leadership of Shri Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh which was lauded by the Minister. Also, discussed possible collaborations between Western Australia and Andhra Pradesh.



Hon'ble Amarjit Singh Takhi, Consul General of India at Perth accompanied the delegation.

As a separate meeting on 10th October, 2022, the delegation had a fruitful interaction with Mr. Michael Carter; Head of International Trade & Investment Centre Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Western Australia. Agri Minister who explained various opportunities in food processing industries and highlighted the Single Window Approach of Government of A.P. for hassle free permissions.

Hon'ble A.P. Minister, VC, ANGRAU, and delegation visited research facilities at State Agricultural Biotechnology Centre, Centre for Crop & Food Innovation, Murdoch University and discussed possible

On 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, Prof. Kadambat Siddique, Director, UWA Institute of Agriculture organised a meeting with the Sri K. Govardhan Reddy and delegates from ANGRAU at The University of Western Australia's Crawley Campus. Participants included Mr. Naresh Sharma (Consul, Indian Consulate Perth), Dr. Anna Nowak, UWA Deputy Vice Chancellor & (Research) Professor; Dr. David Connell Global Engagement Office Associate Director, Annabel Turner, Global Engagement Office Manager; Professor Wallace Cowling; IOA Associate Director; and Professor Nanthi Bolan, Professor Shane Maloney, International Recruitment.





## POSHAN Incubator Nurtured Startups Participated at Kisan Sammela, New Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan & Agri Startup Conclave 2022 at the mela ground of Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 which is a two-day celebration of India's breakthrough innovations in agriculture. The program aimed at bringing together farmers from across the country for the Kisan Sammelan along side innovators & agri-entrepreneurs for the startup exhibition at the Conclave.



The Agri-Startup Conclave & Kisan Sammelan gave the opportunity to showcase the innovations of Agri startups nurtured and funded by "ANGRAU Poshan incubator" under RKVY - RAFTAAR scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare implemented at RARS, Tirupati. A total of 10 Agri startups [Green Gears Agro Tech, Instant Recipes Private Limited, Niveditha Motors Private Limited, Sri Janani Agro Foods, Tousha Technology Innovations, Farmitopia Private Limited, Your Farm Agri Tech, Vasuvardhini Cattle Feeds Pvt. Ltd, Guru Agriculture

Equipments & DBR Agri Mart] anchored by ANGRAU Poshan Incubator participated in the Exhibition.

Notable VIPs Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare; Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Hon'ble Minister of State (Agri. & Farmers Welfare); Sri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, Ministry of Agril & FW; Joint Secretaries of the Ministry; Sri Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Authority, IAS Officers working in various ministries, IARI Director etc., visited the stalls. A total of 15,000 farmers visited the stalls.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Cluster of Drone Pilot Training Programme Organized

APSARA Centre organized 15 days training programme between 6<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 for agriculture diploma students and rural youth who aspire to be drone pilots in near future. The inaugural function Chief Guest Dr. A.V. Ramana, Comptroller, ANGRAU said that ANGRAU is part of the team who developed SOPs for drone farming at National level and drone pilot training creates employment to the rural youth.

As the Chief Guest at the valedictory function, Sri. Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, State of Andhra Pradesh said that there are multiple uses of drone in agriculture, especially for spraying chemicals, sowing seeds and application of fertilizers. Dr. A. Sambaiah, Senior Scientist & APSARA PI said that it is a privilege to capacity build and train diploma students of agriculture background on Kisan drones. Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy said that he is happy to see that the University is at the forefront of drones research, standardization and training on drones in India. He said that APSARA will also



provide technical advice and training to the state government until these drones reach every village. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research said that till now a unique 15 days training course (in line with DGCA curriculum) for pilots is successfully organized for the first time in the country for 75 Agriculture diploma students. Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar, Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Dr. A. V. Ramana, Comptroller and Dr. A. Subbarami Reddy, Director Seeds participated.

## NSS Special Camp Organized by Agricultural College, Bapatla

As an integral part of National Service Scheme (NSS), a special camp involving 150 volunteers from B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture final year students of 2019 batch was organized by Agricultural College, Bapatla at Kankatapalem, Jammulapalem and Narsayapalem villages of Bapatla Mandal. The camp was held for seven days during 26.10.22 to 1.11.22. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Associate Dean. The volunteers actively participated in various developmental activities such as no-plastics campaign, swacchbharat, clean and green programme, parthenium eradication campaign, veterinary camp, dental camp, blood donation camp, created awareness on kitchen gardening to rural women, distributed kitchen garden kits, motivated school students in the villages, etc. The volunteers participated in the service activities fulfilling



the motto of NSS “Not Me But You” by self-less service. Staying in the village, the volunteers experienced group living, collective experience sharing and constant interaction with the community. The programme was monitored by the NSS programme officers Dr. V. PrasannaKumari, Dr. V. Jyothi, Dr. K. Ravi Babu, Dr. I. Usha Rani and Dr. Arjun Rao.

## Kisan Mela held at ARS, Vizianagaram

KisanMela programme for the year 2022-23 was organized at Agricultural Research Station, Vizianagaram on 16th December, 2022 on the theme “Rythu Aadayam Rettimpunakumariyu Aarogya jeevananiki Chirudhaanyala Sagu”. The programme was presided by Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension and the District Collector and Magistrate, Smt. A. Surya Kumari, IAS participated as Chief Guest. Sri. S. Venkatesh, District Forest Officer was the Guest of Honour and Sri. S. Nagarjuna, Assistant General Manager, NABARD and D. Srinivas, Associate Dean, Veterinary College, Garividi as Special invitees to the programme. The Welcome address was given by the Dr. P. Jagannadha Rao, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Anakapalli. Dr. N. Anuradha, Senior Scientist & Head presented the brief progress report and significant achievements of Agricultural Research Station, Vizianagaram since its inception. A total of around 1200 people have

participated in the event comprising of a large group of farmers along with other district level officers of Agriculture and allied departments, NGOs, private organizations, and students of different polytechnics, schools and colleges of the district. Several activities were organized including RythuSadassu, field visit, exhibition, Farmer- scientist-s interaction, presentation of merit awards to the progressive farmers, NGOs, etc. Exhibition stalls were arranged on various and exhibits were displayed by Agriculture and allied sectors viz., horticulture, live demonstrations of Sprinkler and Drip system of irrigation by APMIP, Sericulture, and Fisheries educating the farmers on their recent technologies which grabbed the attention of the farmers. Various private agencies like Kaveri seeds, Syngenta India Ltd, Coromandel International Ltd, Aries Agro Ltd, FMC India Pvt.Ltd, Bayer Crop Science, Corteva Agri Science India, etc. exhibited diverse range of products related to crop production,



crop protection and farm mechanization, etc. for the benefit of farming community.



## Agri-Tech 2022 Organized

Sri. K. Govardhan Reddy, Minister for Agriculture & Cooperation, Marketing, Food Processing, Govt. of A.P., Chief Guest inaugurated three-day Ag-Tech-2022 exhibition on the premises of RARS, Lam on 3rd December, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Sri. K. Govardhan Reddy urged the agriculture scientists to interact with farmers and give necessary suggestions on various modern technologies. He stressed on the need to use modern technology in agriculture to reduce cost of production and recalled that Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University developed standard operating procedure to use drone technology for 10 crops. Later, he distributed certificates to the first batch students who completed drone pilot training in the university. On the same day, Agricultural education day was celebrated in a grand manner and students of local schools visited fields of RARS, Lam and discussed with scientists about varipus crop technologies.

Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor said that the aim of conducting the AgriTech-2022 is to create awareness among farmers on the latest technology, tools and machines to be used

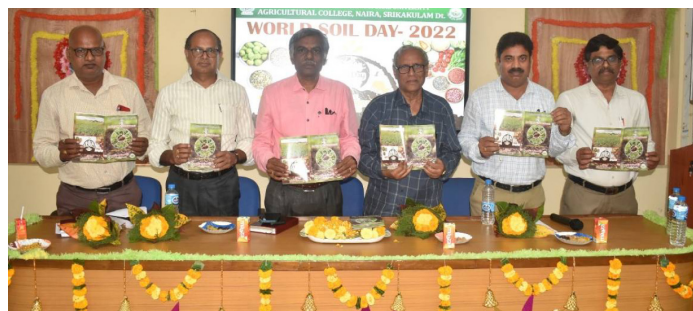


in agriculture. The university set up 60 stalls related to modern agriculture tools, machinery and equipment. Undavalli Sridevi, MLA; Sri B. Brahmananda Reddy, Adviser to the Government, Marketing & Cooperation; University Officers, University teaching and non-teaching staff participated. A total of eight technical sessions were held in the conference and experts discussed various themes. A total of 18,000 farmers and students visited the three-day conference & exhibition.

## World Soil Day Celebrated

World Soil Day-2022 was celebrated at Agricultural College, Naira with festive fervor. Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry facilitated and led the five-day events including grand celebrations on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2022. The festive mood in the campus was started by making live exhibition of World Soil Day 2022 with crop plant seedlings in front of the campus. Competitions for various literary events were organized among students.

The students' rally and farmer- scientist interaction meeting was organised in the adopted village of the college 'Bhyri' in the forenoon of 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. The grand function was organized in the afternoon in virtual class room. Dr. P. Gurumurthy, President gave elaborate information on how Agricultural college, Naira was conducting awareness programmes on the previous seven World Soil Days starting from 2015 in a befitting manner which included spreading awareness on soil health, soil conservation, soil biodiversity preservation, reducing soil pollution and this year's agenda.



The Chief Guest of the function Dr.D.Srinivas, Associate Dean in his message elaborated the functions of soil performing for human activities such as producing food, mitigating climate change, preserving biodiversity, filtering rain water, etc. The guest speaker Dr. D.K. Sarkar delivered lecture on Soils for Food security and Environment safety. The dignitaries released a booklet on the topic 'BhooArogya Parirakshanaku Apraala pantalasagu'. Appreciation certificates and prizes were distributed to the student winners of various literary competitions. Similarly, 13 KVKs and 13 DAATTCs celebrated the day in their respective districts.

## S.V. Ag. College Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

S. V. Agricultural College established in the year 1961 organized Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at SV Veterinary University Auditorium, Tirupati. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor who presided the grand event recalled the University standing in the 11th position among the SAUs at the national level in 2022 and announced to develop it as a 'model institution' in the ensuing years. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) former Director-General Shri Rajendra Singh Paroda, who attended as the chief guest, spoke about the imminent goal to attract youth into agriculture and turn the farmers into entrepreneurs to combat climate instability and achieve sustainable development. R.P. Vasanthi, SVAC Associate Dean read out the achievements of the college



in its 60 years of existence while the guests released a souvenir and the diamond jubilee logo. Notable alumni of the college such as Dr. P. Raghava Reddy, former V-C, ANGRAU; T. MadhaviLatha, IAS, District Collector & Magistrate, East Godavari dist. participated in the mega event. More than 600 alumni participated (online and offline) in the celebrations being organized jointly by the Alumni Association and S.V. Agricultural College.

### Best CeRA Usage Award

The ICAR in collaboration with J-Gate awarded Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University the "Best CeRA Usage Award" for the year 2021. This award was presented at the 'CeRA (Consortium for e-resources in Agriculture) National workshop-Cultural awareness program' on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 at NASC Complex in New Delhi. Dr. R.C. Agarwal, DDG

(Education), ICAR congratulated the award winners for their high achievements. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appreciated U.G., P.G and Ph.D students, scientists, teachers and research faculty at ANGRAU colleges, research stations, polytechnic colleges, DAATT centres, and KVKs for their active use of library e-resources in 2021.

### NAHEP-IDP Activities Organized

| S.No.  | Particulars   | Host Institute                                   | No of participants | Duration                 |
|--|---|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Trainings/Skill development Programme to Undergraduate Students</b> |   |  |                    |                          |
| 1.   | Export Import of Agricultural Commodities           | Lime Institute of Export-Import, Rajkot, Gujarat | 25                 | 03.10.2022 to 23.10.2022 |
| 2.   | High-Tech Agriculture                               | Kerala Agricultural University                   | 30                 | 03.10.2022 to 01.11.2022 |
| 3.   | Agri Start-ups and Entrepreneurship                 | NIFTEM, Haryana                                  | 30                 | 01.11.2022 to 30.11.2022 |
| 4.   | Robotics and Artificial Intelligence                | IIITDM, Jabalpur                                 | 100                | Started from 20.12.2022  |
| <b>Seminars/Workshops/Webinars</b>                                     |   |  |                    |                          |
| 5.   | Smart Agriculture with Artificial Intelligence (AI) | S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati              | 30                 | 28.10.2022               |



## A.P. Higher Education Planning Board Meeting held at ANGRAU

The 4<sup>th</sup> A.P. Higher Education Planning Board meeting was held at the Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University auditorium in Lam on 29th December, 2022. The theme for the meeting was 'Social responsibility of Higher Education institutions'. Prof. Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman of A.P. State Higher Education Planning Board presided the meeting. Sri. D. Satish Reddy, Scientific Adviser, Ministry of Defense, Government of India participated virtually in the inaugural session as Guest of Honor. Sri Reddy said that it is the responsibility of educational institutions to prepare students to play a vital role in the development of the country. As part of the social service programs for the students, they should be involved in the formulation of village comprehensive development plans, he added. Prof. Hemachandra Reddy said that the State Board of Higher Education is working hard for increasing the quality standards in higher education in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU



said that a lot of progress is made in agriculture related fields and the growth in food grain production of A.P. is higher than other states. After the inaugural function, the display of varieties and technologies of ANGRAU arranged in the university premises was visited. Sri. Pola Bhaskar, State College Education Department Commissioner, Govt. of A.P.; Sri D.N. Reddy, Former V-C, JNTU, Hyderabad and Vice-Chancellors of various universities of A.P. participated.

## Visitors

Dr. Jitender Loura, Deputy Director, DGCA visited Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University's Agricultural Drone Research Establishment Centre for APSARA at Lam, Guntur on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022. He learnt about the activities of the centre including the curriculum and inspected the centre for authorizing a Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) for conducting a DGCA approved Drone Training Programme. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jitender said that ANGRAU initiated a special course of Agricultural Drone Pilot Training of 12 days duration and is the first DGCA approved RPTO in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research, ANGRAU appreciated DGCA efforts and guidance in

authorizing the RPTO. Dr. A. Sambaiah, Senior Scientist & RPTO Chief Pilot Trainer, Dr. P. Maheswara Reddy, Senior Scientist, Dr. G. Subba Rao, ADR, RARS, Lam participated in the RPTO authorization inspection at ANGRAU Lam, Guntur. ANGRAU received authorization approval for RPTO on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

Dr. Vijay Gopal Kakani, Professor & Dept. Chair, Dept. of Agronomy, Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida visited ANGRAU to enhance opportunities for faculty and students exchange at University of Florida, USA. He addressed the training participants of Cost of Cultivation Scheme headed by Dr. G. Raghunatha Reddy at ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur.







## ANGRAU Diaries, Calendars 2023 Released

Sri K. Govardhana Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, food Processing & Cooperation released ANGRAU Diaries and Calendars 2023 on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 at his residence in Nellore in the presence of Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor and Sri N. Ramkumar, Chairman, Board for Community Development through Education, A.P.

## ANGRAU Students top at ICAR- AIEEA (PG) Entrance Test

K. Victor Paul from the Agricultural College, Naira obtained All-India First Rank in ICAR – AIEEA (PG) in Plant Sciences category. Also, K. Suhas from Agricultural College, Rajahmundry and V. Samantha Reddy from S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati got AIR -12 and AIR-15 in the same category. In case of entomology discipline, G. Pradeep Raja and M. KomalPriya who studied at Agricultural College, Mahanandi obtained AIR - 6 and 27,



respectively. P. Hemanth (AIR- 42 in Biotechnology and 1<sup>st</sup> rank in SC category); S. Ashwini (AIR-18 in Ag. statistics); B. Siva Teja (AIR-8 in ABM) and D. Surendhar (AIR- 16 and 1<sup>st</sup> rank in SC) also passed from Agricultural College, Mahanandi. S. Poojith, who studied from Dr. NTR College of Ag. Engineering, Bapatla obtained AIR-19 in Agril. Engineering subject matter.

## Mekapati Goutham Reddy Agricultural College Enrolled Students

Mekapati Rajamohan Reddy Charitable Trust donated 106 acres and 270 crores worth buildings to Govt. of A.P. to start a new Agricultural College at Udayagiri, Nellore district. The newly formed agricultural college is named after the late Sri Goutham Reddy who was Minister for Industries, Commerce and IT in the Govt. of A.P. On 28<sup>th</sup> November, G. Karuna Sagar, Associate Dean, Mekapati Goutham Reddy Agricultural College assumed charge at Udayagiri as its first principal. A total of 15 teaching staff were posted for the academic year 2022-23 and 177 students who already enrolled will be divided into two groups for theory and four groups for practical classes. Classes started on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for the registered students.

## ANGRAU Wins SKOCH Silver Award- 2022

Acharya N.G. Ranga agricultural University bagged prestigious 'SKOCH-SILVER Award -2022' under Agriculture Research and Education category in the 84<sup>th</sup> SKOCH Summit and SKOCH Awards & Virtual Exhibition held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022. More than 500 participants across the country under different categories, including around 60 participants under Agriculture Research and Education participated in this mega event. ANGRAU also received SKOCH Order-of-Merit certificate during the virtual summit. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy and Dr. L.



Prashanthi, Director of Research, ANGRAU served as the panelists for the Final selection process during the summit. Dr.L.Prashanthi presented the achievements of ANGRAU and responded to the queries made by fellow panelists and jury members. The award process was initiated in September, 2022 and a series of presentations and votings were made to make it to the final list. Dr.L.Prashanthi, Director of Research received the SKOCH-SILVER award in the event organized at New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.