



ACHARYA N. G. RANGA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

1. Name of the Awards:

State Level Ugadi Puraskarams for Innovative Farmers – 2024-25

2. Sponsorship of the Awards:

Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University

3. Objective:

To recognize the outstanding contributions of innovative farmer in the state of Andhra Pradesh

4. Number of Awards and Frequency:

Three (3) Awards to recognize the outstanding contributions farmers one each representing North Coastal Region (North Coastal Zone and High Altitude Tribal Zone), South Coastal Region (Krishna Zone and Godavari Zone) and Rayalaseema Region (Southern Zone and Scarce Rainfall zone)

5. Areas of consideration for the Awards:

Contributions made by the farmers through the introduction and adoption of new practices for the first time in the areas of Integrated Farming System (IFS), Integrated Crop Management (ICM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Soil / Water Conservation Technologies, Cost Reduction Technologies, Precision Farming, Natural / Organic Farming, Fertigation, Agricultural Engineering Technologies related to Farm Mechanization (Pre - Sowing, Transplanting, Harvest, Post Harvest, Storage Technologies) and Value Addition, Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture (ex: Internet of Things and Sensors, Precision Farming etc), Utilization of Non - Conventional Wind / Solar Energy Resources, Profit Making Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITKs) of ecological engineering significance that may have significant contributions to the doubling of farmers income.

6. **Criteria for Selection:**

The contributions of the farmers should result in:

- Development of new Knowledge / Package of Practices / Management Strategies
- Additional Income either to the individual farmer or farming community
- Saving of Production Resources
- Breaking of Technological Barriers
- New Interventions for the Prevention of Disease and Pest Outbreaks
- Radical changes in management practices that improves the income from land and animals.

7. **Eligibility Criteria:**

The practicing farmers for the last **Five (5) years** known for their innovations and have the acclaimed popularity.

8. **Periodicity of the Awards:**

Once in a Year on the eve of **Ugadi Celebrations**

9. **Publicity of the Awards:**

Through the university website : [http// www.angrau.ac.in](http://www.angrau.ac.in), circular sent to all the Regional Agricultural Research Stations(RARSs), Agricultural Research Stations(ARSs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), District Agricultural Advisory and Transfer of Technology Centres (DAATTCs), Constituent Colleges (Agricultural Colleges / Agricultural Engineering Colleges / Food Science and Technology Colleges / Home Science Colleges / Advanced P. G. Centres, Dr. Y. S. R. Horticultural University, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University and all the Line Departments Agriculture / Horticulture / Animal Husbandry / Sericulture.

10. **Place of Awards:**

State Level Function on the eve of Ugadi through the Hands of Chief Minister.

11 **Submission of Applications and Nominations:**

Applications submitted by the farmers to the Heads of Agricultural Research Stations, Programme Coordinators of KVKs/ Coordinators of DAATTC. **At First Level**, five (5)

Applications each after thorough scrutiny have to be routed by the Heads of Agricultural Research Stations, Programme Coordinators of KVKs / Coordinators of DAATTCs with their Nominations after examination to the Associate Directors of Research of their respective Zones for preliminary scrutiny. **At Second Level**, the Associate Directors of Research after further scrutiny in turn has to forward three (3) Applications each to the University. **Third and Final Level** scrutiny will be done by the committee appointed for the purpose at the University Level.

12. Administration of the Awards:

The screening and scrutiny of the applications must be done by **Five Member Judgment Committee**, appointed by the **Vice Chancellor** comprising of Director of Extension, Director of Research, Comptroller, Representatives of the commissioner of Agriculture and Representative of Commissioners / Directors of allied Departments.

13. Presentation of the Awards:

The awards in the form of Citation along with a Certificate and Prize Money of **Rs. 5, 000/-** each will be presented to the winning farmers.

14. Year of Launching:

2019

15. Last Date for the Processing of Applications:

Last Date for Scrutiny and Screening of : 18th March, 2025
Applications (Associate Director of Research,
Regional Agricultural Research Station)

Last Date for Scrutiny and Screening of : 22nd March, 2025
Applications (Committee Appointed by the
University)