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From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

India has one of the largest and well coordinated public agricultural research systems in the world. The main role of SAUs is to not only aid in state wide agricultural production and productivity, but to aid India in agricultural and rural development nationally, thereby contributing to the food security of the Nation. In this quarter, on teaching front, ANGRAU organized its 50th convocation remotely in Tirupati and Hon'ble Chancellor Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan virtually graced the occasion and delivered the Convocation address. The six- member peer review team (PRT) of the ICAR for accreditation visited the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University Campus at Guntur and Constituent Colleges in the month of September, 2021. The 106th academic council meeting was held in the month of July, 2021 and 30 agenda items were discussed in detail. Furthermore, ANGRAU bagged 2nd position in the highest number of ICAR-JRFs for the year 2020 and consecutively for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. ANGRAU-IDP organized two webinars, nine guest lectures and five training programmes in this quarter. On research front, ARS Vizianagaram under ANGRAU has bagged the highest ICAR award (Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Award for Outstanding Research in Tribal



Farming 2020) for their matchless contribution in upholding the socio-economic status of Tribal Farmers located in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh. Furthermore, ANGRAU Poshan incubator team inaugurated two

months internship programme (incubation programme) for 31 applicants of Sankalp, 2021 and 23 startups of Samriddhi, 2021 remotely in the month of August. On extension front, annual zonal workshop of Zone X was organized remotely in the month of July, 2021 at ATRAI, Hyderabad. Also, new village adoption programme was started at Tumuluru in the month of September, 2021 and drone technology was demonstrated to the farmers. KVKs of ANGRAU celebrated Poshan Vatika Maah programme and carried out 'Tree Plantation Programme' on 17th September, 2021. The teaching and non-teaching staff of ANGRAU celebrated 3rd Rythu Dinotsavam and 75th Independence Day celebrations with fervor and enthusiasm.

(A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy)

50th Convocation held at Tirupati

The 50th Convocation of ANGRAU was held at Mahati Auditorium in Tirupati. Governor and Chancellor of the University Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan virtually graced the occasion and delivered the Convocation address. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU in his speech said that the University is aiming for a higher National rank among SAUs in the coming years. A total of 796 students received their degrees, out of which 658 passed Under Graduation, 129 passed Post-Graduation and 19 passed PhD in various subjects. However, as it was a virtual ceremony, only 19 PhD students,



22 Gold-Medalists and 16 awardees have received their degree in person by the hands of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. University Officers and Members, Board of Management participated in the convocation ceremony.

ICAR Peer Review Team visited ANGRAU Constituent Colleges

The six-member peer review team (PRT) of the ICAR for accreditation visited the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University Campus at Guntur and Constituent Colleges from 3rd September to 6th September, 2021. The team interacted with the Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and University Officers on 03.9.2021 forenoon at Board Meeting Hall at Administrative Office and Dr. Vishnuvardhan Reddy presented "Overview of the University" to the team. Also, a poster session was arranged in the premises consisting of all the activities and significant achievements of ANGRAU in teaching, research and extension.

The Chairman of team Dr. Nazir Ahmad, Former Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST, Kashmir along with six members including Dr. Meenu Srivatsava, Dean, College of Community & Applied Science, MPUAT, Udaipur; Dr. A. K. Chhabra, Former Dean, HAU, Hissar; Dr. Uday Khodke, Dean, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, VNMKV, Parbhani; Dr. Roy F. Sutar, Dean, College of FPTBE, AAU, Anand; Dr.

Anita Cherian K, Former Dean, KAU, Kerala and Dr. S.K. Sarkar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore, Kolkata (Member Secretary) visited (individually or as two-member team) constituent colleges premises of Agricultural College, Naira; Agricultural College, Rajahmundry; S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati; College of Community Science, Guntur; Agricultural College, Bapatla; Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla; College of Food Science & Technology, Bapatla; Agricultural College, Bapatla; Agricultural College, Mahanandi; College of Agricultural Engineering, Madakasira; College of Food Science & Technology, Pulivendula, laboratories, health facilities, hostels, college farms, new buildings under construction, sports complexes, virtual labs, etc. The team interacted with the faculty members and students to assess the outcomes of the university as a whole. The Team also identified strengths and challenges, suggestions and prepared the report for submission to ICAR. Dr. Ch. Sreenivasa Rao, Nodal Officer, P&M Cell participated in the review.



106th Academic Council Meeting

Faculty Board meetings of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering & Technology and Community Science were held on 13.7.2021 and 106th Academic Council meeting was held on 16.7.2021. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, ANGRAU was the Chairman for the meeting. In his speech, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor said that ANGRAU has received three patents in recent times and appreciated all the teaching and non-teaching staff for their cooperation in achieving important milestones. Dr. Reddy said that research publications in high NAAS rated journals is the need of the hour to improve the University ranking and urged the academic



council members to motivate the students and scientists in this direction. A total of 30 agenda items were discussed in detail and 84 members participated in the one-day meeting.

ANGRAU Scientists Bag Prestigious ICAR Award

The Agricultural Research Station (ARS), Vizianagaram, under Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), has bagged the highest ICAR Award (Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Award for outstanding research in Tribal farming-2020) for their matchless contribution in upholding the socio-economic status of tribal farmers located in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh. Union Minister for Agriculture Sri Narendra Singh Tomar and ICAR-Director General T. Mohapatra presented the award online from the 93rd ICAR Foundation Day & Awards Ceremony organised in New Delhi on 16th July, 2021.

The scientists of the research station have been working on various tribal sub-plan projects under auspices

of AICRP on small millets, groundnut and reaching the unreached tribals by supplying bio-fortified recently released varieties in millets, groundnut, sesame and supplying millet processing units. The scientists were supporting the tribes in making neem cake, and vermicompost and other inputs to increase the production. The station has also contributed to the release of various National and State-level varieties and 80% of total millet area of the A.P. State is covered by the varieties released from the ARS. Principal Scientist T.S.S.K. Patro and his team of scientists Y. Sandhya Rani, U. Triveni, M.M.V. Srinivasa Rao and D. Anuradha received accolades from Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor for their efforts and bagging the prestigious award.

ANGRAU bagged 2nd Position in highest ICAR- JRFs

ANGRAU bagged 2nd position in the highest number of ICAR-JRFs for the year 2020 and consecutively for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor Dr.A.Vishnuvardhan Reddy received the award from Dr.Trilochan Mohapatra, ICAR- Director General & Secretary, DARE in the Annual Vice- Chancellor's Conference held at New Delhi on 28.9.2021. On this occasion, V-C stated that in the coming years, ANGRAU will stand in the first position at National level. He congratulated the students and teachers for their accomplishments.



Annual Zonal workshop of KVKs of Zone X organized

Annual Zonal workshop of KVKs of Zone X was organized remotely on 6-8th July, 2021 at ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Hyderabad. The Workshop was aimed at reviewing the achievements of 71 functioning KVKs of the Zone for the year 2020-21. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General, ICAR delivered the inaugural address. The Director General suggested the KVKs and ICAR-ATARIs for participating in all the activities planned under the "AzadiKaAmrutMahotsav" and facilitate large-scale participation of the stakeholders. He also stressed on the need for focusing on the interventions related to gender and nutrition in view of the prevalence of widespread malnutrition in the country.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR requested the Programme Coordinators of the KVKs for collecting 110 Success Stories per KVK on doubling of farmers' income by December, 2021. The DDG emphasized on the need of having the demonstration units on ITKs, IFS, soil and water conservation technologies in KVK Instructional Farms.



Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. J.V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad apprised the participants about the achievements of the KVKs of the Zone.

The ADGs (Agricultural Extension), ICAR; Vice-Chancellors & Registrars of the State Agricultural Universities in the Zone; Directors of ICAR-ATARIs and scientists of 71 KVKs also participated in the inaugural session of the Workshop. Certificates and awards were bestowed upon the best KVKs in various categories.

Village Adoption Programme at Tumuluru

The inauguration ceremony of Village Adoption Programme was held on 09.09.2021 at Marreddi Subbareddy Kalyana Mandapam, Tumuluru. Sri. A. Siva Kumar, MLA, Tenali Constituency was the Chief Guest. Dr.N.Trimurthulu, Director of Research; Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension; Dr. P. Ratna Prasad, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Lam, Guntur were the dignitaries on the dais. Sri. A. Siva Kumar, MLA emphasized the residents of Tumuluru village to utilize the Village Adoption Programme of ANGRAU. The Director of Research said that the drone technology and other advanced machinery has been deployed into agriculture in order to counter the labour shortage issues during peak seasons and said that the farmers have to come forward to manage their soils by adding bio agents. He appreciated the efforts of APSARA-ANGRAU; M/s. Vihanga Technologies, Tumuluru and M/s. Anjaneya Drones for taking drone technology at an accelerated speed to the farmers. The Director of Extension elaborated the purpose of the programme and advised the farmers to contact ANGRAU for technical information and training needs.



Dr. A. Sambaiah, Sr. Scientist (Agril.Engg.); Dr. T. Gopi Krishna, PRO; Dr.G.M.V. Prasad, PS (Cotton Entomology); Dr.J. SathishBabu, Sr.Scientist and Dr. K. Bayyapu Reddy, Associate Professor, APGC, Lam, Guntur; Sri. B. Krishna Devarajulu, ADA, Tenali, Sri. K. Radha Krishna Reddy, ADH and Smt. B.Aruna Bai, Sarpanch, Tumuluru; Sri. E. Hari Koti Reddy, Chairman, PACS; Sri.V.N.Sudheer, CEO-M/s. Vihanga Technologies, Tumuluru; CEO, M/s. Sri. V.Mahesh Reddy, Anjaneya Drones, Tumuluru; FPO's representatives from Vihanga FPO, Tumuluru and Vijayamatha FPO, Tumuluru participated. A total of 300 farmers attended the programme and 20 officers from allied departments participated.

ANGRAU Celebrated 3rd Rythu Dinotsavam



The ANGRAU celebrated 3rd Rythu Dinotsavam (Farmer's Day) on 8th July 2021, to mark the 72nd Birth Anniversary of Late Sri Y.S Rajasekhara Reddy, 14th Chief Minister of United Andhra Pradesh, who was influential for major reforms in agriculture sector and upliftment of farmers in Andhra Pradesh. On this occasion, University Officers, teaching and non-teaching staff gathered at RARS, Lam Auditorium, Guntur and garlanded the photo of the departed leader. ANGRAU staff at centres across the state also celebrated Rythu Dinotsavam with fervor and enthusiasm.

Breast Feeding Week Celebrations

Breast feeding week is observed from 1st August to 7th August every year to create awareness about the importance of breast milk and colostrum to the infant babies growth and development. The theme for the year 2021 is "Protect breast feeding: A shared responsibility". As part of this Celebrations College of Community Science, Guntur has organized orientation programme to the lactating mothers and pregnant women's about the importance and uses of breast feeding to the child as well as mothers. Information material regarding advantages of breast feeding was also distributed to the participants. The programme was conducted at Anganwadi center located in Jonnalagadda village. Teaching staff of College of Community Science, P.G. students, Anganwadi teachers and ASHA workers



participated in the programme. A rally was also conducted by the students, Anganwadi teachers and health workers in the village. A total of 28 mothers, 8 Anganwadi and health workers, and 15 students participated.

75th Independence Day Celebrations

ANGRAU celebrated 75th Independence Day at all its units with fervour and enthusiasm. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor hoisted the tri-colour flag at Administrative Office, Guntur in the presence of University Officers and Members, Board of Management duly following COVID protocol. In his speech, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Reddy suggested that as Platinum Jubilee Independence Day anniversary celebrations are taking place across India, ANGRAU teaching and non-teaching staff should wear Khadi clothing on one particular day to sustain 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' project. Also, Dr. Reddy said that wearing Khadi clothes will provide livelihood support to weavers. Teaching and non-teaching staff participated.



IDP Organized Webinars/ Guest lectures and training programmes

Webinars

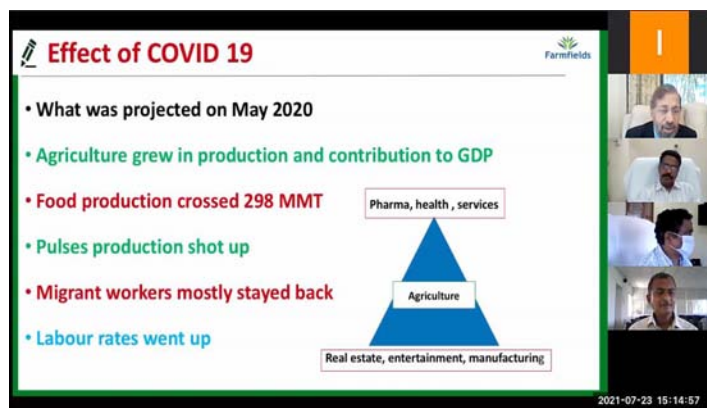
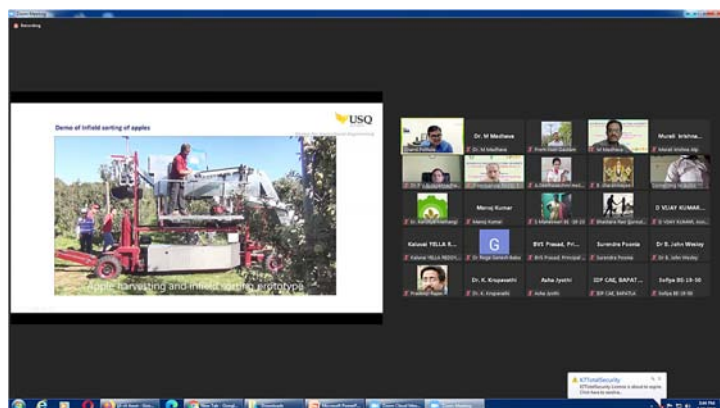
S. No.	Date	Name	Speakers
1.	09.07.2021	Scope of Cluster Analysis in Agriculture and Allied Sectors	Dr. Alka Arora, Principal Scientist, Division of Computer Applications, IASRI, New Delhi
2.	25.08.2021 to 27.08.2021	Emerging technologies in Agricultural Engineering for Food Safety and Security	Dr. N.T.R College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla

Guest lectures

S. No.	Date	Name	Speakers
1.	02 nd July, 2021	Recent advances in weed management	Dr. Murali Arthanari, Principal Investigator, AICRP on Weed Management, TNAU, Coimbatore
2.	07 th July, 2021	Land Resources Inventory for Farm Level Planning	Dr. RajendraHegde, Principal Scientist and Head, ICAR-NBSS & LUP, Bengaluru
3.	16 th July, 2021 & 30 th July, 2021	Scope of Biological Control in Organic Agriculture	Dr. A. H. Hosmani, Professor and Head (Entomology), University of Agricultural Science, Raichur, Karnataka
4.	28 th July, 2021	Biomass in liquid fuels and sustainable development	Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Professor (Microbiology), Biomass Refining Lab, Department of Renewable Energy Engineering, TNAU, Coimbatore
5.	30 th July, 2021	Weed Management in Organic Agriculture	Dr. E. Somasundaram, Professor (Agronomy) & Special Officer (WLFD), AC & RI, Killikulam
6.	30 th July, 2021	Marker Assisted Breeding in Groundnut	Dr. P. Janila, Principal Scientist (Groundnut Breeding), ICIRSAT, Patancheru, Hyderabad
7.	30 th July, 2021.	Pest Surveillance and Monitoring	Dr. S. Vennila, Principal Scientist (Entomology), ICAR-National Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi
8.	17 th September, 2021	How to study and prepare for competitive exams	Dr. Mirza Baig, Assistant Professor, (Agronomy), College of Agriculture, VasantraoNaikMarathwada Agriculture University, Parbhani
9.	17 th September, 2021	Studying abroad as an MS or MS/PhD combined program student with a full scholarship	Ms. RenukaVallarapu, Data Analyst at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Training Programmes

S. No.	Date	Name	Collaboration
1.	13 th June, 2021 to 31 st July, 2021	Summer Enrichment Course on "Developing and Teaching an online course"	National Center for student life/Magna publications, Madison, Wisconsin, USA
2.	7 th July, 2021	16-day online personality development training program	CommuniCare, Pune
3.	12 th July, 2021	Two months online training programme on "Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP)"	Smart Series, Bangalore
4.	6 th August, 2021	Online training on "Hydroponics Digital Master Class"	Kryzen Biotech Pvt. Ltd
5.	25 th August, 2021	Online 21-day skill development programme on "Effective water management"	WALAMTARI



Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary Celebrations

Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University celebrated international non-violence day on October 2, 2021. The UN declared October 2 every year as international nonviolence day since 2007, commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

While participating in the 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy garlanded the photo and paid floral tributes. In his address, the Vice- Chancellor said that Gandhiji has inspired many generations not only in India



but across the world with his ideologies. He stated that Gandhiji promoted organic farming and natural farming based foods and consumed only vegetarian food.

University Officers, Dr. D. Damodar Reddy, Director, ICAR- Central Tobacco Research Institute; Dr. P. Muthuraman,

Principal Scientist (Agril. Extension), ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Dr. R.K.D. Anuradha, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, teaching and non-teaching staff participated.

76th Foundation Day of Agricultural College, Bapatla

The 76th Foundation day of Agricultural College, Bapatla was celebrated on 16th July, 2021. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Hon'ble Board members - Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao and Dr. J. Lakshmi; Dr. M. Martin Luther, Dean of Student Affairs also participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Reddy said that the college has international reputation and recorded remarkable achievements human resource development and academic performance goals. Also, he said that BPT-5204, a popular rice variety is the brain child of this college. Dr. Reddy reiterated that virtual teaching/learning is a challenge and students and faculty members should update ourselves with all the required digital competencies. Dr. M. Martin Luther, Dean of Student Affairs recollected the developments made in the college and farm. Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Associate Dean stated the achievements of the students in competitive exams. He said that 55 B.Sc.(Ag.)



students secured ranks in ICAR -AIEEA (PG)-2020 exam and enrolled in M.Sc.(Ag.) courses in various SAUs across India; Thirteen M.Sc.(Ag.) students secured SRF ranks in ICAR -AIEEA (Ph.D)-2020 Exam for Ph.D admissions in various SAUs and seven students secured seats premier institutes such as IIMs(2), NAARM (2), IRMA (2) and MANAGE through good CAT scores. Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao and Dr. J. Lakshmi, Hon'ble Board Members expressed their happiness in being a part of this college and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The celebration was graced by the retired Associate Deans, Professors of the college, alumni, students and staff.

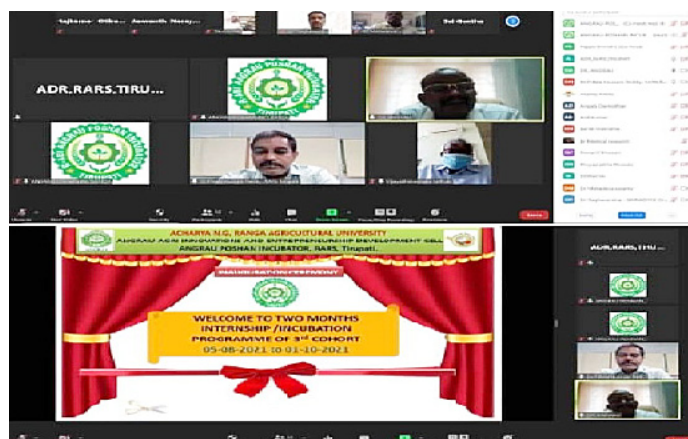
Externally Funded Project Sanctioned

ICRISAT collaborative project on 'Diffusion of machine harvestable chickpeas and implications for labour markets in India' is accepted for funding by Alliance of Biodiversity International. The project will be jointly implemented by ICRISAT, J-PAL South Asia, New Delhi; University of

Berkely, California, USA and RARS, Nandyal, ANGRAU. RARS Nandyal will facilitate the support for ground level execution of the project in Kurnool district and other districts of A.P. state. A total of 10,000 USD is allocated as funds for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

ANGRAU Poshan Incubator internship programme

ANGRAU Poshan incubator team inaugurated two months internship programme (incubation programme) for 31 applicants of Sankalp, 2021 and 23 startups of Samriddhi, 2021 separately on 5th, August 2021 virtually through Zoom platform. Dr. N. Trimurtulu, Director of Research, ANGRAU graced the occasion and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Tirupati presided the programme and Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, Professor & University Head (Agricultural Extension) participated in the meeting.



ANGRAU Centres organized Poshan Vatika Maah Abhiyan Program

KVKs, DAATTCs and RARSs organized “Poshan Vatika Maah Abhiyan and Tree Plantation drive” onas a part of Azadi Ka Amruth Mahotsav and curtain raiser for the ‘International year of Millets 2023’. On this occasion, KVK staff arranged live telecast of Inauguration of ‘Nutri Cereals multi-stakeholders mega Convention 3.0’ by the Union minister for Agriculture and farmers welfare. In her address at RARS, Lam, Dr. J. Lakshmi, Associate Dean, College of Homescience and



Member, Board of Management, ANGRAU apprised about the importance of Poshan Month and the Millets’ role in providing nutritional security. KVKs supplied vegetable seed kits to farmers and farm women. All the participants were provided with millet based food and food products.

Also, the staff of KVK planted seedlings at the KVK farm. Pamphlets on 'Value added products with millets' were distributed. KVK scientists, CDPO farmers, anganwadi staff, RAWEP and polytechnic students were participated.

MoU Executed Between ANGRAU, IOPR and CTRI

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was executed between Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur; ICAR- Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi and ICAR- Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry on October 1, 2021 at Board Meeting Hall, ANGRAU, Guntur.



The objectives defined in the Memorandum of Understanding are training and skill development of

M.Sc, M.Tech and Ph.D students in various emerging areas and research in identified areas. Dr.T. Girdhar Krishna, Registrar, ANGRAU; Dr. K. Mathur, ICAR-IOPR and Dr. D. Damodara Reddy, CTRI Signed on the MoU in the presence of Hon’ble Vice-

Chancellor ANGRAU Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy. University officers participated in the MoU ceremony.

Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Visits VVIPs at New Delhi

Hon’ble Vice- Chancellor Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy visited ICID international Headquarters at New Delhi along with Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Honorary Vice-President ICID and discussed about ICID activities in general and specifically about the forthcoming 25th ICID scheduled to be held at Visakhapatnam in 2023 where ANGRAU is a key partner. Dr. Reddy is elated that ICID congress is happening in India after 57 years and congratulated the team for the efforts to bring the mega event to India.

Also, Dr. Reddy visited Dr. Neelam Patel, Senior Advisor (Agriculture), NITI AAYOG and discussed about potential collaboration/ partnership with NITI AAYOG and ANGRAU for the welfare of the farming community.

Dr. Reddy visited Dr. R.C. Agrawal, ICAR- DDG (Agricultural Education) and elaborated on ANGRAU’s plans in near future.



He also made a courtesy visit to Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority office and discussed with Dr. K.V. Prabhu, Chair Person, PPV&FR about various activities of both the institutes.

Retirements

Dr.M.Subba Rao working as Principal Scientist (Groundnut) at RARS, Tirupati retired from his position on 31.7.2021. He served the University for 38.4 years and worked in various capacities at ARSs of Pulla, Utukur, Perumallapalle and Nellore; RARSs of Maruteru, Nandyala & Tirupati and Agricultural College of Mahanandi.

Dr.M.Adinarayana working as Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) & Head, RRU Pathology at RARS, Lam retired from his position on 31.07.2021. He served the University for 27 years in various capacities and worked at places viz., ARSs of Maruteru and Amaravathi and RARS, Lam.

Dr.T.V.Satyanarayana working as Nodal Officer (Bifurcation) at Administrative Office, Guntur retired from his position on 31.8.2021. He served the University for 35 years in various capacities and worked at places viz., Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla; Indo-Dutch Network Project on Drainage and Water Management and A.P. Water Management Project, Bapatla; Administrative Offices of Hyderabad and Guntur and College of Agricultural Engineering, Madakasira. Dr.Satyanarayana is widely recognized for his research work in the field of on-farm irrigation and drainage water management. The results of his research work led to some important recommendations to reclaim salt affected lands and to increase the crop yields and cropping intensities.

Dr. D. Balaguravaiah working as Dean, P.G. Studies at Administrative Office, Guntur retired from his position on 30.9.2021. He served the University for more than 38 years in various capacities and worked at places, Bapatla, Lam, Rajendranagar, Ananthapuramu, Garikapadu, Hyderabad, Tirupati, Mahanadi and Guntur. Dr.Balaguravaiah as Dean of P.G. Studies was instrumental in introduction of new admission policy in P.G. education; admission through ICAR exam; introduction of common comprehensive qualifying examination; adopting anti-plagiarism measures; organizing annual national conference for P.G. students; printing theses on both sides of paper (a green initiative); new revised guidelines for thesis submission; mandatory publication of research papers prior to thesis submission by Ph.D students; introduction of online admissions in Masters and Doctoral program, and introduction of NRI sponsored seats in Masters programme, etc.

Dr. D. V. Ramana Reddy working as Special Officer, Advanced Post Graduate Centre, Guntur retired from his position on 30.9.2021. He served the University for 36 years in various capacities and worked at places, RARSs of Chintapalle and Anakapalle; ARS of Amaravathi; Agricultural College, Bapatla, ARI, Rajendranagar and APGC, Lam, Guntur.

Postings

Dr. A. V. Ramana, Director(Polytechnics), Administrative Office, Lam, Guntur

Dr. V. Padma, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Naira

Dr. V. Satya Priya Lalitha, PS & Head, Agricultural Research Station, Ghantasala

Dr. K. Nagendra Rao, PS & Head, Agricultural Research Station, Vuyyuru

Dr. M.K. Jyothsna, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Kalikiri