



From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

On teaching front, 54th convocation was held at Bapatla in the month of September, 2022 and Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Governor of A.P. & Chancellor of ANGRAU presided the Convocation. virtually from Raj Bhavan, Vijayawada. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India has attended as the Chief Guest for the convocation and delivered the convocation address. Prof. Ramesh was presented the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) in this Convocation. Also, ODLN certificate courses on Organic Farming and Bee Keeping were successfully completed. Four scientists of ANGRAU successfully completed their international trainings in the U.S. and Asia as a part of IDP-NAHEP programme. Further more, IDP organized National trainings to students as a part of skill development.

On research front, 10 new varieties (rice-3; mung bean-2; foxtail millet-1; finger millet-1; groundnut-1; mungbean-1 and chickpea- 1) developed by the scientists were identified for release at State level. The inaugural function of the “Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India” (CS Scheme) and the three-day training programme for the newly recruited staff of the CS scheme was organized at Guntur.

On extension front, orientation training programme was organized for the newly recruited subject matter specialists of the KVKs. ANGRAU KVK scientific staff also participated in the Annula Zonal workshop of KVKs of Zone X organized at



Hyderabad. One day inception stakeholders meeting on agri-tourism was held at RARS, Chintapalle with an aim to promote the area for agri-tourism in near future.

On technology front, Patent (406007) for “Semi-mechanized edible film making machine for paper sweet (*Pootharekulu*)” was received by ANGRAU. It is the fourth patent received by Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology Centre, Regional Agricultural Research Station, ANGRAU, Anakapalle.

Sri. K. Govardhana Reddy, Hon’ble Minister (Agril. Cooperation, Marketing, Food Processing & Horticulture), Govt. of A.P. inaugurated 13 new buildings established by ANGRAU in a grandeur event organized at Nellore.

Important days such as Rythudinostavam (July 8th); ICAR Foundation Day (16th July) and Historic 76th Independence Day Celebrations and Poshan Maah were celebrated by ANGRAU centres in festive mode. Dr. Ch. Sreenivasa Rao, Professor, P&M Cell & Principal Investigator for Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level – ANGRAU Centre, Guntur was inducted as Member in the Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residues (SP-02) of FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), GOI, New Delhi.

(A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy)

ANGRAU's 54th Convocation was held at Bapatla

The 54th convocation of the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University was held in a festive way on 15th September, 2022 at the B.V. Nath Auditorium, Bapatla. Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Governor of A.P. & Chancellor of ANGRAU presided the Convocation proceedings. Governor has participated virtually from Raj Bhavan, Vijayawada. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India has attended as the Chief Guest for the convocation and delivered the convocation address. Prof. Ramesh was presented the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) in this Convocation. In his address, the Chief Guest narrated A.P.'s achievements in agriculture and allied sectors in recent times and its contribution to the Indian economy. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU presented the report of the university activities and the new initiatives taken up in the university in Teaching, Research and Extension activities. While speaking at the 54th convocation Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan mentioned about the Prime



Minister Narendra Modi launching 100 'Made in India drones' which was a milestone for Indian agriculture and appreciated ANGRAU's efforts in adopting the drone technology ahead of other SAUs in the country.

During the convocation 40 Ph.D, 102 M.Sc. and 727 U.G. students received their degrees, who passed in the year 2020-'21. A total of 462 students received their degrees in-absentia. In this convocation 32 Gold medals were presented to the toppers for their extraordinary performance in academics. Academic Council members, board members and University Heads of various departments participated.

New Buildings Inaugurated

ANGRAU established 13 new buildings [Seed godowns and seed processing centres at ARS Podalakur & ARS, Vizianagaram; Centenary Building at RARS, Lam; ARS Ragolu; Administrative Building at KVK, Kondempudi; ANGRAU Poshan Incubator and IABM Buildings at RARS, Tirupati; Farmers Hostel at RARS Chinatpalle] worth 36 crore rupees in eight districts. Sri. K. Govardhana Reddy, Hon'ble Minister (Agril. Cooperation, Marketing, Food Processing & Horticulture), Govt. of A.P. graced the ceremony as Chief guest at ARS, Nellore on 17th August, 2022 and inaugurated the new building in the presence of Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Sri K. V. N Chakradhar Babu IAS, District Collector and Magistrate and University Officers. Later, Hon'ble Minister virtually inaugurated the buildings from ARS, Nellore. In his speech, the Minister asked the scientists and officials to focus on alternative crops and spread awareness among the farmers in this regard.



Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor asserted that the State Govt. support helped the University to achieve 11th position at the national level from among the 74 agricultural universities in the country. Dr. Reddy also mentioned about the new high yielding varieties to be released soon by the University. University Officers participated.

On a separate occasion, on 23rd September, 2022, inauguration of Soil and Water Testing Laboratories at KVK, Kalikiri and KVK, Rastakuntubai was held in virtual mode by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy.

Rythudinostavam Celebrated

The ANGRAU RythuDinotsavam celebrations was a grandeur event on 8th July, 2022 at RARS Auditorium, Lam, Guntur to commemorate the glory of Late Chief Minister Dr. Y.S.R Birthday Anniversary. The celebration commenced with the graceful presence of Sri. Kakani Govardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister (Agril. Cooperation, Marketing, Food Processing & Horticulture), Govt. of A.P. as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Sri. Sreenath Reddy, APCOB Managing Director, Members – BoM, ANGRAU, University Officers, farmers, students, scientists and non-teaching staff participated in the celebrations.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the Chief Guest, delegates and the august gathering. He briefed the evolution of the university and highlighted its achievement with the technologies released, students' performances post bifurcation of the state. He also mentioned that the strong convergence activities between ANGRAU, Agril. Department and farmers contributed to the welfare of the agriculture and farmers of the state. He also reminisced the efforts of Dr. Y.S.R. for the growth and prosperity of farmers.

Dr. M. Chandrasekhar Reddy, Executive Member, A.P. State Agriculture Mission spoke on the occasion and elaborated on the schemes and services launched by the former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S.R. and continued by the current Chief Minister Sri. Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

The Chief Guest, Sri. K. Govardhan Reddy in his message categorized farmers' welfare in A.P. into post Y.S.R and Pre Y.S.R eras. He said that Dr. YSR started free electricity, jalayagyam, rythu bharosa, crop insurance schemes in A.P. which is lauded across the country. He congratulated the achievements of the university and expressed confidence that under the able leadership of the V-C, the University reaching the top rank is not far off. He also expressed his gratitude to the Govt. of A.P. in taking quick measures to establish the M.Gautam Reddy Agril. College at Udaigiri, Nellore district in remembrance of late Sri. Mekapati Gautam Reddy, Former Minister for Industry & IT. Later, Farmers, Scientists and students were felicitated for their achievements with awards and certificates.



Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Zone X

The Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of ATARI, Zone – X was organized from 12th to 14th July 2022 at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Chegur, Ranga Reddy district to review the achievements of 71 functional KVKs Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr.A.K.Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) in the virtual mode. Dr.J.V. Prasad, Director (A) of ICAR-ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad welcomed the August gathering and presented an overview of the Workshop and achievements of the mandated activities of the KVKs and projects during 2021-22. In his presentation, Dr. J.V.Prasad appreciated and thanked the KVKs for achieving the targets of 2021-22 and highlighted major achievements of the mandated activities and projects.

Dr. A. K. Singh emphasized that KVKs should focus on promoting high yielding varieties of oil seed crops and pulses and demonstrate advanced technologies to enhance the area and productivity, particularly of crops *i.e.* sunflower, groundnut, pigeon pea and mung bean. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellors of State Agricultural Universities, Dr.A.Vishnuvardhan Reddy (ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh), Dr. T. Janakiram (Dr.YSRHU, Andhra Pradesh), Dr. B. NeerajaPrabhakar (SKLTSHU, Telangana), Dr. V. Ravinder Reddy (PVNRVU, Telangana) and Dr.V.K. Singh, Director, CRIDA, Hyderabad were the guests of honour. Directors of Extension of State Universities, Dr. P. Rambabu (ANGRAU), Dr. V. Sudharani (PJTS AU), Dr. P.P. Murugan (TNAU), Dr. N.K.



Sudeep Kumar (TANUVAS), Dr.A.Kiran Kumar (SKLTSHU), Dr. M. Rajakumar (TNJFU), Dr. B. Srinivasulu (Dr.YSRHU), Dr. G. Venkat Naidu (SVVU) and Dr. Mahender Kumar (PVNRTVU) participated. Programme Coordinators / Senior Scientist and Heads or their representatives of 71 KVKs in the Zone, Scientists of Director of Extension Office, Staff of ICAR-ATARI-Zone X, Hyderabad participated in the inaugural function.

A special common session to review the activities and achievements and the action plan of KVKs was chaired by Dr.T.Janakiram. Heads of KVKs presented the achievements of mandated activities during 2021-22 and the action plan for 2022-23 in 12 parallel sessions conducted in two training halls from the afternoon of 12.7.2022 to the forenoon of 14.7.2022. Directors of Extension of State Universities and Director of ICAR-ATARI-Zone X chaired and co-chaired the sessions and conducted the proceedings. Activities of KVKs were reviewed, discussed and suggestions for further improvements were made.

ICAR Foundation Day Celebrated

KVKs of Andhra Pradesh organized 94th foundation day of the ICAR on 16th July, 2022 and live telecast of Sri. Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister, GoI was arranged to the farmers on this occasion.

Shri Tomarji stressed that although the country has achieved self-reliance in the various crops' production; but the scientists should be ready to face the newer



challenges that may occur in the due course of time. Shri Tomarji praised the KVKs role in transfer of technology across the country. The KVKs organized farmer-scientist interaction programme on this occasion. Dr. P. Ratna Prasad, ADR, RARS, Lam participated in

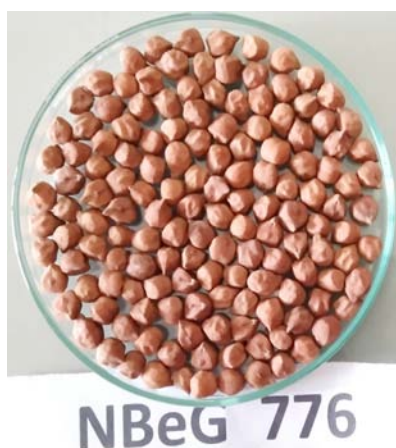
the celebrations at KVK, Darsi and responded to farmers queries. In each KVK, more than 200 farmers participated in the programme.

ANGRAU's 10 Crop Varieties Identified for Release

A.P. State Seed Sub-Committee for Varietal Release identified Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University's (ANGRAU) 10 new varieties in different crops in the 40th meeting of the sub-committee held at APIIC, Mangalagiri on 30th August, 2022 for release. Smt. Poonam Malakondaiah, IAS, Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture) & Chief Commissioner of RBKs, Govt. of A.P. approved for their release in the presence of Ch. Harikiran, IAS (Special Commissioner, Agriculture), Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU and Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research ANGRAU. These new varieties include three in rice, two in green gram and one each in finger millet, foxtail millet, chickpea, groundnut and blackgram. Addressing the press conference, the Chief Secretary



stated that the new varieties should be displayed in RBKs highlighting their salient features and it is the responsibility of the scientists and the extension personnel to create awareness among the farmers. Dr. Reddy said that, till date the University had released 469 number of varieties in different crops since inception.



ODLC Certificate Courses

Two online certificate courses on Organic farming and Bee Keeping (in Telugu) were organised by the Open and Distance Learning Centre, Guntur between July and September, 2022. A total of 80 and 30 candidates enrolled for organic farming and Bee keeping courses, respectively. The participants were oriented on the significance of organic farming, principles and practices, organic preparations, certification, procedures, marketing aspects, etc. In Bee Keeping course, technologies of rearing European and Indian bee along with good management practices were taught. A one day exposure visit to various demo units



was also organised in September month. After completion of the course, ANGRAU certificates were issued to all eligible members of organic farming and Bee Keeping courses.

Historic 76th Independence Day Celebrations at ANGRAU

India's 76th Independence Day celebrations were celebrated at all the centres of ANGRAU with high spirit and reverence. The campus buildings were illuminated with tricolour lights. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU was the Chief Guest of the programme at Guntur. On the occasion, he paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation and unfurled the National flag at Faculty Block building. Dr. Reddy led the procession held at the Guntur campus from administrative office to RARS



Auditorium and the students and faculty staff offered salutations to the tri-colour flag. Later, while addressing on the occasion, he extended greetings to all, on the eve of 76th Independence Day celebrations, stated that, the freedom we are enjoying is the sacrifice by many of those who wanted to see India, a raising Nation. He also briefed about the progress of the India in agriculture sector, A.P.'s agricultural growth and ANGRAU's milestones achieved in this journey towards food security. He appreciated the efforts of University's teaching, research and extension scientists in developing

varieties, agricultural technologies for transfer of technology and suggested the way forward. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appreciated the efforts non-teaching employees for keeping the spirit high in all aspects and wished on the occasion, to continue with the same spirit. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various events held in the previous week. Incentive cash prizes were distributed to non-teaching employees for best performances at work. Teaching faculty at Guntur, non-teaching staff, and students of college of community science participated in the 76th Independence Day celebrations.

Training Programme Organized for New Staff of KVKs

The three-day programme Orientation cum Refresher training programme was organized from 16th to 18th August, 2022 at RARS Auditorium, Lam, Guntur. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor served as the Chairman and Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension presided the programme. A total of 60 newly recruited SMSs from 13 KVKs, Farm Managers and Programme Coordinators of KVKs participated in this programme. A total of 23 presentations were delivered by the experts and scientists from different subject matters of agriculture, horticulture and veterinary sciences. Dr. B. Mukunda Rao, DDE (Agril. Extension) welcomed the delegates and participants to the programme.

Dr. P. Raghava Reddy, Former Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU; Dr. J. V. Prasad, Director, ATARI, Zone X; Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, CICR, Nagpur; Dr. D. Jagannadha Raju, Retd. Registrar, ANGRAU; Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension, ANGRAU; University Officers and Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, University Head (Agril. Extension) graced the inaugural session. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy spoke about the progress of Indian agriculture in terms of exports, its contribution to GDP, and self-sufficiency in several food grains. He stated that Andhra Pradesh state had excellent

agriculture and horticulture technologies, and farmers are not aware of many of these technologies. It is the responsibility of the front-line extension system and staff to deliver these technologies to the unreached, he added. Dr. Reddy advised newly recruited SMSs to acquire more knowledge from research stations. Dr. P. Raghava Reddy advised to give skill-oriented trainings, and organize need-based extension activities. He explained the roles of KVKs in efficient ToT. He also advised to have first-hand information about their operational areas. Dr. J. V. Prasad, spoke about information related to history, mandate, rules, roles, important programmes to be executed by the KVKs. He advised the SMSs to focus on limited and specialized activities instead of opting for multiple tasks. He asked to maintain modern instructional farm and also demo plots on organic/natural farming. Dr. Y. G. Prasad inspired trainees by sharing different success stories of KVKs. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension, advised trainees to make use of this three-day orientation programme to perform their job chart. University Officers delivered their messages. On 18th August 2022, participation certificates were distributed to participants and the programme by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. T. Gopikrishna, DDE (Agril. Extension).



IDP Workshop on ‘Increasing Research Visibility’

The two-day workshop on increasing “Increasing research visibility - use of reference manager tools and softwares for publishing in Scopus indexed journals” was organized in three spells in three zones with the funds from NAHEP-IDP of ANGRAU. Dr. M. Suresh, Associate Professor & Technical Secretary (Projects) to V-C served as the workshop coordinator. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy participated in the workshop inaugural session held at Guntur as Chief Guest and offered valuable suggestions. At RARS, Tirupati it was organized on 2nd and 3rd September; 5th & 6th September, 2022 at RARS, Lam; and 8th & 9th September, 2022 at RARS, Anakapalle. The objectives of the workshop were to educate and impart hands-on-training for the participants regarding use of popular user-friendly reference manager softwares/ tools by interacting with the speakers, who enable participants to save, manage and cite research articles/ literatures/publications as per the



criteria or journal of their interest. In this workshop, Mendeley, EndNote, Zotero and LaTeX were discussed in detail. Dr. Sridhar Gutam, Senior Scientist (Crop Physiology), ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru; Dr. Vinod S. Kukanur, Senior Research Scientist (Entomology), NPPL, UPL Ltd., Bengaluru; Dr. Sharan Bhoopal Reddy, Assistant Professor (SS & AC), College of Agriculture, Bheemarayanagudi and Dr. M. Suresh and served as resource persons. A total of 405 participants benefitted from the workshop.

Inception Stakeholders Meeting on Agri-Tourism

One day inception stakeholders meeting on agri-tourism was held at RARS, Chintapalle on September 23rd, 2022. Dr. A. Vishnu vardhan Reddy, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU was the Chief Guest. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research and Director of Extension *i/c*, Dr. G. Rama Rao (Dean P.G. Studies and Registrar *i/c*) and Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, District Development Manager, NABARD were the guests of honour. The topic of agri-tourism and its relevance to augment the incomes of tribal farmers was introduced by Dr. M. Suresh Kumar, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Chintapalle.

Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy suggested to develop SOPs for the floriculture and vegetables (organic) in HAT Zone, development of a tulip garden in the araku valley, market linkage and expansion of floriculture at tribal places. A documentary was played about RARS, Chintapalle and its features that made it a model for



agritourism spot. Dr. K. Mohan, Scientist (Agril. Extension) made a powerpoint presentation on agri-tourism. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research, ANGRAU spoke about creating awareness among the farmers regarding processing facilities at RARS, Chintapalle. Dr. G. Rama Rao said that

Chintapalle can be developed as a special economic zone for floriculture. Sri. S. Srinivasa Rao said that NABARD will provide funds for flower production for a pilot project. Brochures on agri-tourism and the value addition opportunities of major agricultural crops of HAT Zone were released by the dignitaries.

Sri K. Vijay Mohan, President of Tourism Travels Association, Andhra Pradesh; Mrs. Y. Geetha Srikanth, A.P. Chambers, Visakhapatnam; Scientists working in KVKs and DAATTCs of NCZ & HAT Zones of ANGRAU; Scientists from Dr. YSRHU; N.G.Os staff; agriculture and line department officials, and farmers participated in the meeting.

Patent received for Mechanized System for Preparing Paper Sweet

Semi-mechanized edible film making machine

Patent for “Semi-mechanized edible film making machine for paper sweet (*Pootharekulu*)” was received on 07th September, 2022 (406007) by ANGRAU. It is the fourth patent received by Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology Centre, Regional Agricultural Research Station, ANGRAU, Anakapalle.

Dr. P.V.K. Jagannadha Rao (Associate Director of Research), Anakapalle & PI and Dr. P. Sreedevi, Co-investigator at AICRP on Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology Centre, RARS, Anakapalle were the scientists involved in designing and developing a semi-mechanized system that works on electricity for the production of rice starch based edible films to prepare paper sweet (*Pootharekulu*). The machine was evaluated at



Chandravaram village in Andhra Pradesh, which is a popular place for the production of paper sweet. It was observed that it was able to produce 1000-1200

edible films per day, whereas, only 400 edible films are prepared using hot pot in traditional method. The advantage of the developed semi-mechanized edible film making machine is that the produced films length is double the size of sheets made in traditional method. A net profit of Rs. 1700 to 2000 per day can be obtained using semi-mechanized edible film making machine, while 450 per day is obtained with traditional method.

Inaugural function of the CS Scheme & 3 Days Training Programme

The inaugural function of the “Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India” (CS Scheme) and the three-day training programme for the newly recruited staff of the CS scheme was organized at APGC Seminar Hall, Lam, Guntur. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor was the Chief Guest of the meeting. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research presided the meeting. Mrs. Ruchika Gupta, Adviser, DES, M/o Agri. & FW, Govt. of India; Mrs. Ch. Honey, Adviser (CS), DES, M/o Agri. & FW, Govt. of India; Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar were the Guests of Honour. Sri. Vindji Talashi, Additional Economic Advisor, DES, New Delhi; Sri. R.K. Thapliyal, Assistant Economic Advisor, DES, New Delhi; Mrs. Vandana Khullar, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, New Delhi; Dr. K. Suhasini, Honorary Director, CS scheme, PJTASU, Telangana; Sri. M. B. Khandare, Assistant Director, CS, DES, New Delhi; Sri D.C. Joshi, DEO, CS, DES, New Delhi, University Officers, participated in the meeting. Also, Technical Officers to the University Officers of ANGRAU, newly engaged Field Supervisors, computers, JACT, and Field Investigators under CS scheme of ANGRAU along with regular AEOs and AROs of CS scheme, PJTASU, Telangana have participated in the program.

Dr. G. Raghunadha Reddy, Honorary Director, CSS, ANGRAU said that DES officials were in continuous correspondence with the Cost Study unit



of ANGRAU and instrumental in guiding the scheme proceedings and structuring the separate scheme for Andhra Pradesh. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research, ANGRAU briefly explained about the CS scheme to be implemented by ANGRAU. TDr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy discussed about the significance of e-cropping in A.P. state agriculture. He urged the newly recruited staff to follow the guidelines and regulations of the CS scheme and strictly adhere to their work schedule.

Mrs. Ruchika Gupta delivered the keynote address for the function. She explained the administrative and policy level aspects of the CS scheme. Mrs. Honey explained the guidelines in collecting the data and maintaining the data accuracy. Dr. G. Rama Rao briefed about the importance of MSP and data accuracy and reminded the gathering about the problems faced by the farmers regarding the remunerative prices for their produce. On 22nd September 2022, the three-day training program was ended by concluding the total proceedings of the whole program by the Honorary Director, CS scheme, ANGRAU.

Awards

Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research, ANGRAU received the ‘Seedsmen Annual Awards 2022’ under the ”Seed Scientist Category” for her valuable contributions to the farming community and in particular to the seed industry in the 27th Annual General meeting held on 15th September, 2022 at Red Hills, Hyderabad. The award is bestowed by the Seedsmen Association, Hyderabad in the presence of Sri. S.Niranjana Reddy, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, Telangana.



On September 5th 2022, Hon’ble Chief Minister of A.P. Sri Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy presented “Best Teacher Award” for Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, University Head (Agril. Extension), working at Agricultural College, Bapatla; Dr. Madhava, Professor & Head (Dept. of Processing & Food Engineering) working at Dr. NTR College of Agril. Engineering, Bapatla and Dr. Manjula, Professor & Head (Agril. Entomology) working at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati at the State-level Teachers Day Celebrations held at A- plus Convention Centre, Vijayawada. The teachers received awards in higher education category in the presence of Sri B. Satyanarayana, Minister for Education; B. Rajsekhar, Special Chief Secretary



(School Education); J. Syamala Rao, IAS, Principal Secretary(Higher Education); Dr. K. Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education.

Poshan Maah 2.0 Celebrated

The Department of Food Science and Nutrition, College of Community Science, Guntur organized the fifth “Rashtriya Poshan Maah” celebrations on 20th and 21st September, 2022. The theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is “Maahilaur Swasthya” and “Bacchaaur Shiksha”. Various activities such as nutrition quiz for school children; nutrition games for school children; exhibition on nutrition for different age groups – display of charts and models; display of health foods and junk foods by RAWEP students; Recipe competition for school children on healthy snacks; poshan pledge; rally by P.G students and skit by P.G & RAWEP students for creating nutrition awareness were conducted. The celebrations were held at Zilla Parishad Upper Primary School, located at Venigandla, which is the adopted



village of College of Community Science, Guntur. Dr. J. Lakshmi, Professor & HoD, Dr. K. Lakshmi, Assistant Professor, Dr. G. Nirmala Devi, Assistant Professor, P.G. students and RAWEP students participated in the event. Similarly, all the KVKs under administrative control of ANGRAU also celebrated Poshan Maah 2.0 in their respective districts.

International Trainings under IDP-NAHEP



Dr. Lakshmi Narayana R. Vemireddy, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, S.V. Agricultural College Tirupati participated in an International training for a period of three months between 30th May and September 2nd, 2022. He worked on the research project titled “*De novo* domestication of Australian wild rice (*Oryza australiensis*) using CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing approach” in the laboratory of Dr. Robert Henry, Professor of Innovation in Agriculture

Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, The University of Queensland, Australia.

Dr. G. Fareeda, Assistant Professor (Biochemistry), Agricultural College, Mahanandi participated in the international training programme at Kansas State University, USA for a period of three months between 11.04.2022 and 09.07.2022.

Dr. Ch. Sreenivasa Rao, Professor (Entomology), Planning & Monitoring Cell, ANGRAU participated in the visiting researcher programme at Asian Development Bank, Thailand for a period of 15 days between 26.06.2022 to 10.07.2022..

Dr. M. Rajasri, Professor (Entomology), S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati participated in the international training on “Stored product pest management” at Kansas State University, USA in the laboratory of Dr. Bhadriraju Subramanyam for a period of 15 days between 12.09.2022 to 27.09.2022.



Dr. B. M. K. Reddy, A.P. State Bio Diversity Chairman, Guntur had given the Red Tamarind variety ‘AnanthaRudhira’ plants for cultivation at KVK, Utukur farm in September, 2021. The red tamarind plants have grown vigorously after one year of planting. During his visit to KVK, Utukur on 28.9.2022 to check the growth of the plant and overall performance, Dr. B. M. K. Reddy said that the Red tamarind ‘AnanthaRudhira’ released by Horticultural Research Station, Dr. Y.S.R Horticultural Research Station, Anantapur is performing well in Kadapa district. ‘AnanthaRudhira’ Tamarind variety is rich source of antioxidants and it removes the



free radicals from the body, he added. Dr. A. Veeraiah, Programme Coordinator and scientists of KVK, Utukur participated.

Recognition

Dr. Ch. Sreenivasa Rao, Professor, P&M Cell & Principal Investigator for Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level – ANGRAU Centre, Guntur was inducted as Member in the Scientific Panel on

Pesticide Residues (SP-02) of FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), GOI from 23rd June, 2022. SP-02 is a 12 member committee for reviewing and fixing of pesticide residue MRLs in food commodities in India.

New Postings

Dr. P. Sambasiva Rao, Dean of Student Affairs, Guntur

Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Guntur

Dr. M. Suresh Kumar, Associate Director of Research, Chintapalle

Dr. Ch. Syamraj Naik, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Rajamahendravaram

Dr. P. Venkata Subbaiah, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Garikapadu

Dr. T.S.S.K Patro, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Rastakuntubai

Dr. T. Murali Krishna, Coordinator, DAATTC, Utukur

Dr. Ch. V. Narasimha Rao, Coordinator, DAATTC, East Godavari

Retirements

Dr. K. Yella Reddy working as Dean, Agricultural Engineering & Technology and Comptroller at Administrative Office, Guntur retired from his position on 31.7.2022. He served the University for 36 years in various capacities and worked at APWAM of Bapatla, WALAMTARI, Hyderabad and Administrative Office, Guntur. Dr. Reddy was Vice-President for the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) from 2017 to 2020. He is the Organizing Secretary for conducting 25th ICID Congress and 75th IEC meeting in Visakhapatnam in 2023.

Dr. T. Giridhara Krishna working as OSD to Vice-Chancellor, Administrative Office, Guntur retired from his position on 30.9.2022. He served the University for almost 37 years in various capacities including Registrar, Director of Research and Associate Director of Research and worked at RARSs of Tirupati and Nandyal;

Agricultural College, Tirupati and N.D. Scheme, Anantapur. He was Visiting Scientist for USDA, ARS at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center-West, Beltsville, Maryland, USA.

Dr. M. Martin Luther working as Dean of Student Affairs, Administrative Office, Guntur retired from his position on 30.9.2022. He served the University for 36.2 years in various capacities and worked at Colleges of Bapatla and Rajahmundry.

Dr. P. Ratna Prasad working as Associate Director of Research at RARS, Lam, Guntur retired from his position on 31.8.2022. He served the University for 36 years in various capacities and worked at RARS of Maruteru; ARSs of Amadalavalasa & Garikapadu; Agricultural College of Bapatla and Polytechnic of Garikapadu; APWAM Scheme and Saline Water Scheme of Bapatla.

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