



From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

ANGRAU faculty and staff celebrated its 58th Foundation Day Anniversary on 12th June, 2022 with fervor and enthusiasm. On teaching front, in this quarter, a combined convocation was held Hon'ble A.P. Governor & Chancellor Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan delivered the convocation address and bestowed academic degrees to 371 students who passed in the recent years. It is exciting for me to share that ANGRAU received the ICAR National award for achieving first position in 'P.G. Scholarships Category' and created a record by receiving the award in a row for three consecutive years (Bagged 2nd position twice in the years 2019 & 2020 and 1st position in 2021). As a part of NAHEP-IDP discussions and long term collaborations, ANGRAU had meetings with the Director of UWA Institute of Agriculture, Australia and Dean of Tennessee State University, USA and the Director General of ICRISAT, Hyderabad. New buildings were inaugurated at Agricultural College, Naira with better facilities to students and faculty. Similarly, skill development centre was inaugurated for capacity building of SC beneficiaries at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati. On research front, State Level Technical Programs (SLTP) were organized and the faculty and students will implement the action plans as per the suggestions of subject matter experts and finalized research gaps. ARS, Vizianagaram received "Best performing AICRP Small millet Centre Award" for the year 2021-22. Also, ARS, Anantapur received "Best AICRP on Dryland Centre Award" for the year 2021-22. Furthermore, ANGRAU received "A.P. State Biodiversity Conservator Award" for the year 2021-22. On extension front, Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P. Sri Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy released ANGRAU almanac for the year 2022-23 on Ugadi festival day. Hon'ble CM



also visited the Millets Exhibition Stall organized by ANGRAU at Ganapavaram village and gave his feedback on various millet products. State Level Technical Programs (SLTP) were organized and the faculty and students will implement the action plans as per the suggestions of subject matter experts. Agricultural College,

Naira organized 'Save Soil' campaign in association with Isha Foundation, Srikakulam Unit in its adopted village. Dr. A. Adivi Reddy first memorial lecture was organized in the SLTP of extension units and Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General, MANAGE delivered the address on "Rejuvenating Agricultural Extension: Opportunities for actions". ANGRAU collaborated with various institutes such as University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad; Vellore Institute of Technology, Amaravathi; Sahasra Crop Science, Hyderabad, National Institute of Design, Amaravathi, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalaya, Tirupati and executed MoUs with these institutes for better research and trainings. A 'Mega Display of Popular Rice Varieties and Parental lines of Rice Hybrids' was organized at RARS, Maruteru for various stakeholders. In this quarter, ANGRAU celebrated 114th Babu Jagjivan Ram Birth Anniversary, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar 131st Birth Anniversary and paid tributes to the great national leaders. Also, International Yoga Day and National Statistics Day were celebrated by ANGRAU centres across the state.

(A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy)

52nd and 53rd Combined Convocation Held at Tirupati

The 52nd and 53rd combined convocation ceremony was held at Mahathi Auditorium, Tirupati on 08th June 2022. The event was graced by A.P. Governor (in the capacity as Chancellor) Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan and delivered the convocation address. In his speech, Hon'ble Governor of A.P. stated that food security, crop productivity, doubling of farmers' income are the main agendas to be focused by the students and research faculty. Sri. K. Govardhana Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Cooperation, Marketing and Food Processing, Govt. of A.P. graced as Special Guest and said that the students who passed should be ready to serve the farmers with their practical knowledge and skills acquired from the colleges. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU read out the progress report of ANGRAU. Three hundred

and seventy-one (371) candidates received their degrees from the auspicious hands of the Chief Guest, Special Guest and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Reddy encouraged students to harness every opportunity available to shape their careers in agriculture sector across the nation. A total of 48 candidates opted for obtaining their degrees in-absentia. As many as 74 Ph. D. candidates, 233 Post Graduates in agriculture; 15 Ph.D. candidates, 29 Post Graduates in agricultural engineering; 20 Post Graduates in community science received their certificates in-person. The combined convocation ceremony presented degrees to the candidates who passed in the academic years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Dr. A. Satyanarayana, Ex-Director of Extension, ANGRAU received 'Dr. M.V. Reddy Memorial Award' and Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General, ICAR received 'Prof. Ramchandra Rao Memorial Award' for their contributions to the field of Agriculture. University Officers, Members, Board of Management and Academic Council Members participated.



Vyavasaya Panchangam 2022-23 Released

ANGRAU Vyavasaya Panchangam (Farmer's Almanac) 2022-23 was released by Sri. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of A.P. on the occasion of Sri Subhakaruth Nama Ugadi Celebrations held at the CM Camp Office in Tadepalli on 2nd April, 2022 in the presence of Smt. Poonam Malakondaiah, Special Chief Secretary (Ag & Coop, Horti & AH) & Chief Commissioner, RBKS, Govt. of A.P.; Smt. Y.S. Bharathi; Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; Dr. P. Venkata Muni Reddy, Member, Board of Management & Director, IWMP, Dept. of PR&RD; Dr. T. Giridhara Krishna, Registrar; Dr. L. Prashanthi, Director of Research; Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension; Dr. M. Martin Luther, Dean, Student Affairs; Dr. K. Gurava Reddy, PS (Ag.



Extension & TS to V-C and Dr. M.V. Ramulu, Senior Scientist, AI&CC, Guntur. On the same day, in a separately held event at RARS, Lam, Guntur the V-C felicitated best scientist awardees and best farmer awardees.

A.P. CM Visits ANGRAU Millet Exhibition Stall



Faculty of Community Science, Guntur participated and arranged a 'Millet Exhibition Stall' under Millet Mission Component at Ganapavaram Village of Eluru district on 16th May 2022 on the occasion of event of launching "Dr.Y.S.R RythuBharosa" by Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. Y.S Jaganmohan Reddy. Dr.M.S.Chaitanya Kumari, Millet Coordinator interacted with Hon'ble Chief Minister and showcased value added products of millets and also explained the research and extension role of faculty of community science in promotion of millets for consumption and commercialization. Smt. Poonam Malakondaiah, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to Government of A.P. participated.

UgadiPuraskaralu 2022 for Best Scientists and Farmers

On Ugadi Day (2nd April, 2022), Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU bestowed awards to 'Best Scientists' and 'Best Farmers' in the presence of University Officers and Members, Board of Management. The awardees were selected after scrutiny by the 'award committee' for their expertise in the subject matter.

In the scientists category, Dr. B. Krishna Veni, Senior Scientist (Breeding), ARS, Bapatla; Dr. J. Manjunath, Senior Scientist (Entomology), RARS, Nandyal; and Dr. K. Lakshman, Senior Scientist & Coordinator, DAATTC, Vizianagaram received the awards. Sri P. Sreenivasulu, Raketla Village, Uravakonda Mandal, Anantapuramu district; Sri V. Naveen Reddy, Jonnalagadda Village, Guntur Rural Mandal, Guntur district; Sri M. Sriramulu, Thotapalli Village, Garugubilli Mandal, Vizianagaram district; Smt. S. Sri Devi, Nallaguttapalle Village, Ramapuram Mandal, YSR Kadapa district received best farmers awards for the year 2022.





ANGRAU Celebrates its 58th Foundation Day Anniversary

ANGRAU celebrates its 58th Foundation Day anniversary on 12th June, 2022 at RARS Auditorium, Guntur. Dr. T. Giridhara Krishna, Registrar, ANGRAU invited the dignitaries on the Dias. Delivering his inaugural address, the Special Guest, Professor Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Director, Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bengaluru spoke about the trade and commerce export opportunities for Indian farm products and gave a Power Point presentation on the topic.



The Guests of Honor, Sri M.V.S. Nagi Reddy, Vice-Chairman, A.P. State Agriculture Mission and Dr. T. Janakiram, V-C, Dr. YSRHU expressed their happiness about ANGRAU's achievements over the years. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, highlighted the Institute's major contributions during the past few years. Later, endowment awards were presented to the best scientists and best farmers. Members, Board of Management; University Officers participated. The Foundation Day Programme also received participation by both the retired and serving staff members of the institute. A display of ANGRAU technologies and seed varieties was arranged in the auditorium premises for the visitors.

ANGRAU Bagged ICAR National Award for 3rd Time in a Row

Acharya N.G. Ranga agriculture university (ANGRAU) bagged the prestigious national award instituted by the Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) on 13th April, 2022. ANGRAU stood in first position in PG scholarships category (AIEEA P.G 2021) at the national level. About 58 PG scholarships have been bagged by the graduate students of ANGRAU. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor ANGRAU received the award from the auspicious hands of Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Sri Kailash Chowdary, Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in the Annual Vice-Chancellors Conference held at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. While ICAR is granting award in four separate categories, ANGRAU got the award in the key agriculture sciences (48) and Engineering & Technology (10) wings. Also, this is third consecutive term for ANGRAU to secure the all India award.



Mega Display of ANGRAU Rice Varieties

A 'Mega Display of Popular Rice Varieties and Parental lines of Rice Hybrids' developed by Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University was held on 7th April, 2022 at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Maruteru. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University Officers and the participants visited the rice varietal display plots for technical knowledge of different characters of varieties displayed. In this event, fifty high yielding rice varieties which included early, medium and late duration groups with tolerance to major biotic and

abiotic stresses with good grain quality, released from different rice research stations of the University till date were exhibited. They were displayed in the field for the benefit of officials from different seed companies. A total of 156 members from different seed companies and seed producing farmers of seven states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, seven members from APSSCA, Lam, Guntur participated in the event. Later, a meeting was organised and the Vice-Chancellor interacted with the seed company officials.



Dr. A. Adivi Reddy Memorial First Lecture - Emphasizes on Rejuvenating Ag. Extension

Directorate of Extension, ANGRAU organized the first Dr. A. Adivi Reddy memorial lecture on “Rejuvenating Agricultural Extension: Opportunities for Actions” on 28th May, 2022 at RARS Auditorium, ANGRAU, Guntur. The lecture was delivered by Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General, MANAGE. In his address, Dr. Chandra Shekara spoke about redefined agricultural extension definition and stated action points such as–revisiting job chart of extension workers; production to market-led extension; manual to ICT-led extension; revitalizing extension approaches; individual to group-led extension; meeting new challenges and broadening extension perspectives; empowering the institution of ATMA; public to partnership led extension; agripreneurship led

extension; innovations in agricultural extension management; extension through agricultural universities; and strengthening agricultural extension programmes (13 programmes), etc.

Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor and Chief Guest urged the extension scientists to disseminate good extension practices among small and marginal farmers. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension, Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, University Head(Ag. Extension), Dr. K. Gurava Reddy, TS to V-C participated in the session. The event was attended by extension fraternity of the Telugu speaking states in hybrid mode (online and offline). On same day, ANGRAU exchanged a MoU with MANAGE for promotion of Agricultural and Rural Development.



SLTP Meetings of Research Centres

The State Level Technical Programme meetings of research centres (discipline-wise) were organized online from 5th May to 29th May, 2022 [Agricultural Economics (5th May); Genetics & Plant Breeding Biotechnology, Seed Science & Technology (9th to 11th May, 2022); Agricultural Engineering & Technology (10th May); Plant Pathology (16th & 17th May); Agronomy (17th to 19th May); Soil Science, Microbiology, Bio Chemistry, Nano-Technology and Environmental Sciences & Technology (23rd to 25th May); Statistics & Computer Applications (24th May); Community Science (25th May); Entomology

(25th to 28th May) Crop Physiology (27th May); Agricultural Extension (27th to 29th May)]. In his address, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon’ble V-C, ANGRAU directed the research scientists to focus on the research gaps identified in the ZREACs in all the crops and aimed to increase farmer’s yield. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research directed the research scientists. Heads of Agricultural Research Stations and ADRs of Regional Agricultural Research Stations had presented their Work Done Reports for 2021-22 and Action Plans for 2022-23.



SLTP Meetings of Extension Centres

The State level Technical Programme meeting of DAATTCs, KVKs, Extension Units and AI&CC was organized at RARS Auditorium, Lam, Guntur from 27th May to 29th May, 2022. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble V-C, ANGRAU in his address stated that the extension gaps identified during ZREACs should be addressed and farmers' income should be doubled in 26 districts. He advised that DAATTC and KVK scientists should produce short videos in local language for dissemination of latest technologies to small and marginal farmers. Dr. L. Prashanthi, Director of Research stated that already proven technologies should be demonstrated as FLDs instead of OFTs from this year onwards, so that farmers can adopt the proven technologies fast in their own fields. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension spoke about the new districts formed in the state of A.P. and strategies to be followed for transfer of technology in these districts.

Heads of DAATTCs, KVKs, Extension Specialists and PAIO presented their work done for the year 2021-22 and action plan for 2022-23. Also, Dr. V. Jyothi, Senior



Scientist, Bapatla Agricultural College and Dr. S.V. Prasad, Head of Department of Agril. Extension of Agricultural College, Tirupati presented the P.G. Research and Doctoral Research proposals. Dr. G. Rama Rao, Dean of P.G. Studies; Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, Principal Scientist & University Head (Ag. Extension); Expert Scientists - Dr. I. Srinivas Rao, PS, EEI, PJTSAU; Dr. Muthuraman, PS & Head, Transfer of Technology, ICAR-IIRR; Dr. S.N. Meera, PS (Extension) and Consulatnt, IFAD, Egypt; Associate Directors of Research, Programme Coordinators of KVKs and DAATTCs, Extension Specialists, Principal Agricultural Information Officer (FAC) participated.

TSU, USA Dean Visits ANGRAU, Guntur Campus

ANGRAU and TSU, Nashville, USA is contemplating to enter into a collaborative agreement to establish a long-term relationship to promote and accelerate breakthrough research, faculty and student exchange. In this context, Dr. Chandra Reddy, Dean, College of Agriculture, TSU visited ANGRAU on 16th May, 2022 and discussed with Vice-Chancellor and University Officers at Administrative Office, Guntur.

Dr. Chandra Reddy briefed about the TSU's College of Agriculture mandate and international collaborations being carried out by the Tennessee state University under



his leadership. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU stated that the MOU to be inked in July, 2022 shall translate into quick action in the areas of break through research, faculty and student exchange through joint action.

ANGRAU V-C Visits ICRISAT, Hyderabad

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy made a brief visit to ICRISAT, Hyderabad on 25th May 2022 to invite the Director General Dr. Jacqueline D'Arros Hughes, as Chief Guest to the ensuing 58th ANGRAU Foundation Day. The DG, ICRSAT received the V-C and had a meeting to discuss about various activities in both institutes. During the interaction, several issues related to collaborative research between ANGRAU



and ICRISAT in various aspects were discussed. Dr. Jacqueline presented a memento to the Hon'ble VC. Later, V-C visited the rapid generation breeding facility, advanced seed processing facility established at ICRISAT campus. ICRISAT scientists -Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Janeela, Dr. Harikishan Sudhini and Dr. M. Suresh from ANGRAU participated.

NAHEP-IDP International and National Trainings

S. No.	Particulars	Name of the University/Institute	Dates
Faculty International Training Programme			
1	Dr. G. Fareeda, Assistant Professor (Bio-Chemistry) & OAM (U.G.), Agricultural College, Mahanandi	Bio-molecular NMR Center, Kansas State University, USA	11 th April 2022 to 09 th July, 2022
2	Dr. V. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati	University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	27 th May 2022 to 04 th September, 2022
Students Training Programme - National			
3	Export and Import of Agricultural Commodities	Lime Institute of Export Import training, Rajkot, Gujarat, Telangana	14 th March to 13 th May 2022
4	Agro-based Entrepreneurship	National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Yousufguda, Hyderabad	21 st March to 16 th April, 2022
5	Effective Water Management for Precision Farming	ICAR – Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation (CSWCRTI), Dehradun	9 th May to 4 th June, 2022
6	Agro-based Entrepreneurship	National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Yousufguda, Hyderabad	16 th May to 11 th June, 2022
7	Precision Farming and Water Management	WALAMTARI, Hyderabad	18 th May to 7 th June, 2022
8	On campus Personality Development and Soft Skills Training	Communi Care, Pune	14 th June 2022 to 21 st June 2022

ANGRAU Signs MoUs for Community Science Development

Faculty of Community Science, ANGRAU, Guntur entered into Memorandum of Understanding with UAS, Dharwad on 4th of January, 2022 and National Institute of Design (NID), Amaravati on 24th February, 2022 and Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalam on 18th May, 2022. The objectives of MoUs are to collaborate in teaching, research and extension with special reference to student research and staff research tasks. MoUs are also aimed at the exchange of resources between the institutes to enhance the quality of teaching, research and long term collaboration for promotion of student training and quality postgraduate research in emerging research areas.



College Day Celebrations

College of Community Science (CCSc), Guntur, Celebrated College Day on 28th April, 2022 at Auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur. Similarly, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati celebrated college day on 14th May, 2022. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor presided the college day celebration at Guntur. The chief guest was Dr. U. Sridevi, MLA, Tadikonda constituency of the A.P. State Legislative Assembly delivered speech and encouraged the

students to excel both in Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities. Sri Ramesh Sonti, Professor and Chair (Biology) and Dean Faculty, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati delivered the Chief Guest address and Sri. T.V. Muralinatha Reddy, Member, BOM participated in the celebrations held at Tirupati. Academic Awards and Certificates were distributed to the winning students.



ANGRAU and Sahasra Crop Science Comes Together for Nano Technology Research

ANGRAU, Guntur and Sahasra Crop Science Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad inked an MoU on 28th May, 2022 with the objectives of collaboration in Nano-Technology Research, Bio Fertilizers, Organic Farming, Micro Nutrients, etc for eco-friendly and sustainable agriculture. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. N. Srirama Reddi, Director (Technical) of Sahasra Crop Science Pvt. Ltd. exchanged MoUs in the presence of University Officers and S. Chandra Mohan, Managing Director, Sahasra Crop Science Ltd.



ANGRAU inks MoU with VIT, Amaravathi



ANGRAU signed MoU with Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)-A.P., Amaravathi for promotion of Agriculture and Rural Development on 27th April, 2022 at Administrative Office, ANGRAU. The objective of the MoU is to provide teaching, research and training in emerging technologies that can be applied to agriculture and rural development and jointly mentor students in the projects/research works/ internships. The MoU also outlined about permission grants to utilize each other's research labs; faculty development programs, jointly organizing conferences; and providing mutual assistance in conducting specialized training programmes. Later, the MoU was exchanged by Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU and Dr. S. V. Kota Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, VIT-A.P., Amaravathi. University officers of ANGRAU and VIT-A.P. participated.

Babu Jagjivan Ram Remembered on his Birth Anniversary

Babu Jagjivan Ram 114th Birth Anniversary was celebrated by ANGRAU with the participation of University Officers, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff on 5th April, 2022 at Administrative Office, Guntur. Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice- Chancellor graced the occasion and garlanded freedom fighter Babu Jagjivan Ram photo and paid floral tributes. Dr. Reddy said that Babu Jagjivan Ram is multi-faceted parliamentarian and fought for the rights of downtrodden sections of the society. Later, floral tributes were paid by the teaching and non-teaching staff.



ANGRAU celebrates Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi

ANGRAU teaching and non-teaching staff of various units celebrated the 131st Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Architect of the Indian Constitution, on 14th April, 2022. In a function held at Administrative Office, Guntur, Dr. T. Giridhara Krishna, Registrar graced the occasion and garlanded Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's photo and paid floral tributes. University Officers, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff paid their salutations.



International Yoga Day Celebrations

ANGRAU organized yoga training programmes on 18.5.2022 and 03.6.2022 for its teaching and non-teaching staff and Sri Venu Madhav and Smt. Sravanthi served as resource persons. University Officers, teaching and non-teaching staff participated for the two training programmes. On 21.6.2022, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor participated in the 8th edition of International Yoga Day Celebrations in the open lawn premises at Faculty block along with University Officers and practiced Yoga under Guru Sri Venu Madhav guidance. The programmes are well received by the staff. ANGRAU centres celebrated International Yoga Day across the



state with enthusiasm. College of Community Science, Guntur arranged the program in their premises for their students and staff.



V-C Meets Director, UWA Institute of Agriculture

Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice chancellor, ANGRAU and Prof. Kadambot H. M. Siddique, Director, University of Western Australia Institute of Agriculture, Perth met at New Delhi on April 12th 2022. In the meeting, discussion was held about the possible collaborative agreement between the two organizations in the near future and student and academia exchange programmes with IDP-NAHEP funds and University funds.

Inauguration of Colleges, Research Stations and KVKs

Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor virtually inaugurated eight new buildings-Main Building (Right Wing, first floor), Dept. of Genetics & Plant Breeding and Girls Hostel first floor & second floors at Agricultural College, Naira; Skill Development/ Training Centre for SC beneficiaries at S. V. Agricultural College, Tirupati; Seed Godown and

Seed Processing Unit at ARS, Amadalavalasa; Seed Storage Godown at ARS, Vizianagaram; Dissemination Centre at RARS, Chintapalle and Seed Godown and Seed Processing Unit at KVK, Amadalavalasa in the presence of Dr. J.V. Prasad, Director, ATARI-Zone X, Hyderabad and University Officers



'Save- Soil' Campaign in Collaboration with Isha Foundation

'Save-Soil' campaign was organized at Agricultural College, Naira on 28.05.2022. The campaign was organized in association with Srikakulam unit of – "Isha foundation". A rally was conducted in adopted village 'Byri' by the students and faculty of Agricultural College, Naira. Dr. M. Suresh Kumar, Associate Dean (FAC) presided the programme. In his address, Dr. M. Suresh Kumar explained the importance of soil in view of rapidly changing land degradation, climate change and food crisis in the world. The students and faculty conducted a rally and created awareness to farmers pertaining to burning of crop residues, stop polluting the soil by plastics and control soil erosion.



National Statistics Day Celebrations

The Department of Statistics and Mathematics, Agricultural College, Bapatla observed "National Statistics Day" at the campus on 29th June, 2022 to commemorate the Birthday event of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, Father of modern statistics. Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao, University Head (Statistics & Computer Applications) organized this event and presided over the function and narrated the contributions of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis. Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Associate Dean emphasized the importance of Statistics in agricultural research and allied areas. On this occasion, an invited guest lecture by Dr. V. Ramasubramanian, PS, ICAR-IASRI on "Application of Classification and Regression Tree (CART) models and Self-Organizing Map (SOM) to agriculture. A total of 150 faculty and staff participated.



Felicitation to the Vice-Chancellor

‘Simhapuri Rythu’ Telugu magazine celebrated Silver Jubilee and released a special issue on 30.6.2022 at Town Hall, Nellore. For this occasion, Sri. K. Govardhana Reddy, the Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture & Cooperation, Marketing and Food Processing, Govt. of A.P. was the Chief Guest. Sri M.V.S.Nagi Reddy, Vice-Chairman, A.P. State Agricultural Mission; Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor; Sri K.V.N Chakradhar Babu, IAS, District Collector & Magistrate; Sri M.N. Harendhira Prasad, IAS, Joint Collector (Revenue); Sri P. Chengal Reddy, Hon’rary President, Farmers Groups Federation served as Special Guests for the celebrations along with dignitaries of the Nellore district.



ARS, Anantapur receives ICAR Award

Dr. B. Sahadeva Reddy, PS & Head, Agricultural Research Station, Anantapur and his team of scientists received “Best AICRP on Dryland Centre Award” for the year 2021-22 during the 31st Annual Group Review Meeting of AICRP on Dryland Agriculture held at ICAR-Central Research Institute on Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) on 2nd - 4th June, 2022. The Award was bestowed by Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the presence of Dr. V. K. Singh, Director, CRIDA and Dr. G. Ravindrachary, Coordinator, AICRP on Dryland.

ARS, Vizianagaram received ICAR Award

Agricultural Research Station, Vizianagaram received “Best performing AICRP Small millet Centre Award” for the year 2021-22 during the 33rd Annual Group Meeting of AICRPs on Small Millets held by ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research on 28-29th April, 2022 through virtual mode. The Award was bestowed by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research. The station has also compiled and released three publications viz., “Natural Farming in Millets – A Revolution in Indian Agriculture”, “Protocols for making of Ragi laddu and Korra cake” in the Annual Group Meeting.



ICAR-DGR collaborates with ANGRAU for Groundnut Research

The ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research (DGR), Junagadh, Gujarat signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the form of lease deed with the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh on 28th April, 2022.

Dr. C.S. Praharaj, Director, ICAR-DGR, Junagadh and Dr. Yella Reddy, Comptroller of ANGRAU, Guntur signed the MoU on the behalf of their respective Organizations in the presence of Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, Guntur.

Dr. T. Girdhar Krishna, Registrar; Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Comptroller and Dr.(Smt.) T. Neeraja, Dean, Community



Sciences represented the ANGRAU, Guntur. Dr. C.S. Praharaj, Director, ICAR-DGR; Dr. Harish G, Nodal Officer, RRS, ICAR-DGR, Ananthapur; Dr. Ajay B.C., In-charge and Dr. G.A. Rajanna, Scientist, RRS, ICAR-DGR, Ananthapur

represented the ICAR-DGR.

The MoU was signed for leasing out 44.9 acres of land of ANGRAU to ICAR-DGR for the establishment of the Regional Research Station of ICAR-DGR at Ananthapur for 99 years to conduct Groundnut related Research and Extension.



ANGRAU Receives A.P. State Biodiversity Conserver Award

Andhra Pradesh state biodiversity board (APSBB), Guntur organized International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2022 at Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa with the objective of spreading awareness on biodiversity in the state. On behalf of ANGRAU, Dr. A. Subbarami Reddy, PS & Director (Seeds) and Dr. K. Gurava Reddy, PS & TS to V-C received the “A.P State Biodiversity Conserver Award” for preserving various agricultural varieties/crops from the auspicious hands of Sri Amzad Basha, Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of A.P.; Sri A. Amaranadha Reddy, Z.P. Chairman and Dr. B.M.K Reddy, APSSB Chairman, Govt. of A.P.

New Postings

Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar, ANGRAU

Dr. Ch. Chiranjeevi, Dean of Community Science, ANGRAU

Dr. P.V.K. Jagannadha Rao, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Anakapalle

Dr. B. Pramila Rani, Associate Dean, College of Community Science, Guntur

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

Dr. D. Srinivas, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Naira

Dr. K. Bayyapu Reddy, Technical Officer to Registrar

Retirements

Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji who is working as Professor and Head, Department of Plant Pathology at Agricultural College, Rajamahendravaram retired from that position on 30.6.2022. He served the University for 37 years in various capacities and worked at Colleges of Bapatla, Tirupati and Rajamahendravaram; Research Stations of Kovvur and Ambajipet, and RARS of Maruteru. Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji served as Dean of Agriculture for a period of one year in 2018-2019.

Dr. T. Neeraja who is working as Dean, Community Science retired from that position on 31.05.2022. She

served the University for 34 years in various capacities and worked at colleges of Bapatla, Hyderabad and Guntur. Dr. T. Neeraja has vast expertise in ergonomics and occupational health research, consumer protection and guidance and served as member for two committees formed by GoI, New Delhi on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Dr. K. Jhansi, who is working as Programme Coordinator at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ghantasala retired from that position on 30.4.2022. She served the University for 35.5 years in various capacities and worked at research stations of Bapatla, and Ghantasala.