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Dear Students, Faculty Members, Scientists, Farmers, Alumni and Stakeholders,

It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as the Vice-Chancellor of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), an institution that has played a transformative role in advancing agricultural education, research, and extension services in Andhra Pradesh and across the nation.

For more than six decades, ANGRAU has been at the forefront of agricultural innovation, contributing significantly to the enhancement of crop productivity, food security, and farmers' livelihoods, that has helped establish Andhra Pradesh as one of India's leading agricultural states and a major contributor to national food production. As a scientist and rice breeder, I have dedicated my professional career to developing improved rice varieties and technologies that address the evolving challenges of agriculture. My experience in crop improvement has reinforced my belief that scientific innovation, coupled with effective technology dissemination, is the key to achieving sustainable agricultural growth and ensuring the prosperity of farming communities.

Today, agriculture faces unprecedented challenges arising from climate change, shrinking natural resources, changing consumer preferences, and increasing demand for food and nutritional security. These challenges also present opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and transformative research. At ANGRAU, we are committed to developing climate-resilient technologies, promoting sustainable farming systems, strengthening digital and precision agriculture, and empowering the next generation of agricultural professionals. Our University remains dedicated to excellence in teaching, cutting-edge research, and farmer-centric extension programmes. We strive to nurture competent graduates, innovative researchers, and responsible leaders who will contribute meaningfully to the agricultural development of our nation.

I invite students, faculty, scientists, industry partners, policymakers, and farmers to join hands with us in our mission to create a resilient, sustainable, and prosperous agricultural future. Together, with dedication and commitment, we can enhance the quality of life of our farming communities.

I extend my best wishes to all members of the ANGRAU family and look forward to your continued support in taking our university to greater heights of excellence and service.

Dr. Paladugu Venkata Satyanarayana



**From the
Vice-Chancellor's desk...**

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Distinguished Rice Breeder of National importance appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU

Dr. Paladugu Venkata Satyanarayana, an eminent agricultural scientist, a true friend of farmers, and one of India's most distinguished rice breeders, is appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Andhra Pradesh.

With more than three decades of dedicated service in agricultural research, Dr. Satyanarayana has made extraordinary contributions to rice improvement and food security. He is credited with developing and releasing numerous high-yielding rice varieties and hybrids that are cultivated across several states, benefiting millions of farmers and significantly enhancing rice production and farm incomes. A scientist deeply rooted in the field, he has always maintained close interaction with farming communities, ensuring that research reaches the farmer's doorstep. Recognised for his passion to rice research, Dr. Satyanarayana developed more than 40 high-yielding rice varieties, earning him the title of "Andhra Rice Man." His expertise spans conventional breeding, hybrid rice development, and biotechnology, making him a nationally recognized authority in rice research. Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana's outstanding achievements have earned him numerous prestigious honors, including the M.S. Swaminathan National Best Scientist Award, the Seedsmen Association Best Scientist Award, the Rythu Mitra Award, and several national and state-level recognitions for excellence in agricultural research.



Today, as the Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU, he brings a unique blend of scientific excellence, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to farmers' welfare. His journey from a field-oriented rice breeder to the head of one of India's premier agricultural universities is an inspiration to students, scientists, and farming communities alike.

Expressing delight over his appointment, the faculty and staff of administrative office, ANGRAU gathered at the Administrative office, IAB building on 01.05.26 to welcome the V- C, as it is a matter of great pride for the institution that a distinguished scientist who elevated Andhra Pradesh's rice research to international recognition is now its torchbearer.



ANGRAU heartily congratulates Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, on his new role and wish him success in leading the University to new heights.



TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL – ERUVAKA POURNAMI Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister at the ANGRAU campus on 29.06.2026

As a traditional celebration marking the beginning of the Kharif season, "Eruvaka Pournami" was celebrated grandly under the auspices of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) on June 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Lam, Guntur. The event was presided over by Sri Burla Ramanjaneyulu, Hon'ble MLA of Prattipadu.



Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation, Marketing, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh, attended as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. The guests of honour included Sri Dhulipalla Narendra Kumar, MLA, Ponnuru; Vice Chairman, AP Agri Mission Sri Maredi

Srinivasa Reddy; and Sri C.M. Saikanth Varma, IAS, District Collector of Guntur. The celebrations were jointly organized by Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU, along with the University staff and students in collaboration with Guntur District Agriculture Officer (DAO) office.

Addressing the audience, Minister stated that although the government has been working with great commitment to strengthen the agricultural sector over the past two years, new challenges continue to emerge. Therefore, farmers must be trained in modern agricultural practices. He emphasized that farming should be aligned with prevailing market conditions, and that government support alone cannot ensure farmers' prosperity if cultivation is not market-oriented. The government is making continuous efforts with interventions to ensure both higher productivity and remunerative prices, he added.



Khet Bachao Abhiyan - A Collective Drive for Soil Health, Sustainable Agriculture and Farmer Prosperity, Launched



The Nation-wide Khet Bachao Abhiyan was ceremonially launched with enthusiastic participation of all stakeholders at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (BCKV), Howrah, functioning under ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata. During the National launch event chaired by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan ji, Dr.P.V. Satyana-rayana, Vice-Chancellor, joined the interaction virtually and pledged his support to SAVE THE FARM CAMPAIGN,

emphasising the unwavering commitment of ANGRAU to farmers welfare and prosperity. The event brought together farmers, administrators, scientists, and extension functionaries, underscoring a shared commitment to soil health conservation and sustainable agricultural development. The campaign aimed to equip farmers with practical, field-based knowledge and actionable advisories to support informed and sustainable agricultural decision-making. Emphasis was placed on balanced fertilizer use, reduced dependence on chemical inputs, and promotion of eco-friendly practices such as green manuring, vermi-compost, and biofertilisers to enhance soil health, nutrient efficiency and farm profitability.

The **Khet Bachao Abhiyan**, an initiative to promote soil health, balanced fertilizer use, and sustainable farming, is being actively implemented by the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University by all Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and constituent Colleges across Andhra Pradesh. At Agricultural college Bapatla, an awareness campaign and rally by the students of ANGRAU on the theme "Save soil, Save future", was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor along with the Registrar Dr.A.Mani, University officers, staff and students.





An awareness workshop on “Balanced Fertilizer Use” was organized on June 5, 2026 at the Krishna Auditorium, Lam, Guntur, by ANGRAU in collaboration with Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI) Zone X as part of the “Khet Bachao Abhiyan” (Farm Conservation Campaign). The chief guest, Dr. V. Sumathi, Director of Research, remarked that while it takes nearly 500 years for one inch of soil to form, indiscriminate use of chemicals can degrade it within a very short time. She advised farmers to use fertilizers only on the basis of soil test results and scientific recommendations. The program was chaired by Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Extension. In his presidential address, he stated that the University, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and the Department

of Agriculture are jointly conducting awareness programs for farmers on soil testing, nutrient management practices, and balanced fertilizer application. He urged farmers to make effective use of these initiatives and apply fertilizers based on Soil Health Card recommendations. He appealed to farmers to adopt scientific farming practices to ensure fertile land for future generations. Dr.V.Sailaja, Principal Scientist from the Department of Soil Science, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Lam, stressed that soil-test-based fertilizer application enables farmers to provide crops with the required nutrients in appropriate quantities. The program was attended by agricultural scientists, extension officials, representatives of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, and a large number of farmers.



Participation in the International Yoga Day

The 12th International Yoga Day was celebrated at the IAB Building premises of the University Headquarters on 21st June, 2026, with the graceful participation of the Vice Chancellor and University officers. The theme of this year's celebrations was 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'. The Vice-

Chancellor's spoke on the occasion about the importance of Yoga for physical and mental health and extended gratitude to Sri Venu Madhav, Yoga Guru, who led a yoga session which was attended by the teaching and non-teaching staff of Administrative office, Lam, Guntur.





Kisan Mela at RARS Maruteru in all its Grandeur

Zonal level Kisan Mela was organised at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Maruteru on 08.04.2026 with a theme “Changing climatic and trade conditions - Sustainable agriculture”. Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu garu graced the event as chief guest. Sri. Pithani Satyanarayana garu, MLA, Achanta, was the chairman of the Kisan Mela. Paka Venkata Satyanarayana, MP (Rajya Sabha); Sri. Arimilli Radha Krishna, MLA, Tanuku; Sri Mantena Rama Raju, APIIC Chairman; Smt.C.Nagarani, Collector & District Magistrate, West Godavari; graced as the guests of honour.

The chief guest emphasized the importance of value addition in rice, modernization of agriculture and post-harvest technologies. He added that traditional rice cultivation may no longer be sufficiently profitable due to changing market conditions. Scientific interventions

like rice steaming, processing technologies, quality improvement and diversification of rice products are crucial to enhance farmer income and market competitiveness. He also emphasised the need for development of rice varieties with high nutritional values and low glycemic index to meet the changing consumer preferences. The mela saw high farmer participation, indicating growing interest in scientific cultivation, mechanization and value addition. Promotion of mini processing units, small-scale rice enterprises and skill development for rural youth and women, were identified as key for employment generation and rural livelihood in the mela. These initiatives aim to support self-employment and reduce dependence on traditional farming income alone.



Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana garu, Director of Research, briefed the chief guest on the newly developed rice varieties, advanced laboratory facilities and various ongoing research projects at Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Maruteru. He also highlighted the institution’s efforts toward promoting innovation, value addition and farmer-oriented technologies aimed at creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and reducing dependency on traditional farming practices alone. Other dignitaries were Dr.R.Sarada Jayalakshmi, Vice- Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. K. Dhanunjaya Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.YSR Horticulture University, and Dr.G.Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU. District officials of all line departments, scientists of the zone, students and farmers also attended the event.





Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Launched & Distributed

New Bt Cotton Variety Seed Developed by ANGRAU

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Agriculture Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu launched and distributed seeds of a new Bt cotton variety, **“LAM BG-II 2208 (Aditya BG-2)”**, developed by scientists at Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) on 04.06.2026. The seeds were released at the minister's camp office in Vijayawada in the presence of ANGRAU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Paladugu Venkata Satyanarayana. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Atchannaidu said that research undertaken by public-sector institutions and agricultural Universities is helping reduce farmers' dependence on expensive seeds from private companies. He noted that farmers often suffer losses due to spurious and adulterated cotton seeds, and expressed confidence that this new variety would provide a reliable alternative. Hon'ble Minister along with the Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, congratulated the team of scientists who involved and successfully completed the research.

Later, the Vice-Chancellor explained that after the expiration of Bt technology patent rights, scientists conducted nearly nine years of scientific research and nationwide trials to develop this variety. He added that the variety has been released with the approval of the National Seed Release Committee and is a matter of pride because it is the first Bt cotton variety developed in the public sector in Andhra Pradesh. The new cotton variety has been recommended for cultivation not only in Andhra Pradesh but also in the states of Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The event was attended by Dr. Yadlapalli Satish, Director of the A.P. Seed Certification Agency, Dr. V. Sumathi, Director of Research, Dr. N. V. V. S. Durga Prasad, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Lam, Principal Cotton Scientists Dr. Rajamani, Dr. N. Chamundeswari, and Dr. Chapara Rani, among others.





ANGRAU 63rd Foundation day celebrated Jubilantly

The 63rd Foundation Day celebrations were held at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Lam on 12th June, 2026 in a grandiose manner in the presidency of Dr.P.V.Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Sri Chintala Govindarajulu, ex-Chairman of NABARD and Chairman of the Board at IIFL Samasta Finance, graced the occasion as the chief guest and delivered the foundation day lecture. Sri C.M. Sai Kanth Varma, District Collector & Magistrate, Guntur district, was the guest of honour. Dr.A.Mani Registrar welcomed the dignitaries and invited them for the lamp lighting.

Addressing the occasion in his foundation lecture, the esteemed chief guest Sri Chintala Govindarajulu, a proud alumnus of Bapatla agricultural college, said that Indian Agriculture is a gamble with monsoon and efforts of any premier institution should focus on how to make Agriculture more remunerative, technology oriented, eco-friendly and low cost. Infrastructure development, Institution development and credit approach are crucial growth factors, he added. NABARD made a marvellous intervention of Rs.28 lakh crores in these areas and also instituted farmers involvement and resilience building through PACs and FPOs.

Dr.P.V.Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor and President of the celebrations, enlightened the University achievement's over the past 60 years. He said that the country has achieved food security today because of the earnest efforts of agricultural Universities among which

ANGRAU is a pioneer. He elaborated on the focus areas and key future strategies of ANGRAU like crop diversification, cropping pattern, biofortified varieties, climate resilience technologies, artificial intelligence, farm mechanization, low cost technologies, agri-tech skill and incubation centres at all KVKs, Agri bio-input centres, organic farming, natural farming, and capacity building of farm mechanisation and food processing technicians.

The guest of honour Sri C.M. Sai Kanth Varma, congratulated ANGRAU for its 63 years legacy and said that ANGRAU is a institute of national importance which has rendered continued efforts towards farmers welfare and food security. He appreciated the new milestone of ANGRAU-BT variety 2208, which will be beneficial to all the cotton farmers in the country. Further, he called for the collaboration with ANGRAU in three crucial areas-increasing farmers income, quality food production and developing climate resilient strategies to combat the predicted El nino effect.





University Officers, teaching, non-teaching staff, students, press and farmers participated. To commemorate this event four publications in varied subjects were released by the guests. Outstanding Scientists were presented with various endowment awards, while ten farmers who rendered



distinguished services to the agricultural sector were honoured with the 'Best Farmer' awards. Appreciating the earnest efforts of the University for farmers welfare, the chief guest Govindarajulu garu donated a cheque for Rs. Three lakhs towards University development.

Annual Action Plan Meeting of the KVKs

Annual Action Plan of the KVKs of Andhra Pradesh was held between 3-5 June, 2026 at RARS, Lam, Krishna auditorium, Guntur, in the august presence of Dr. S. N. Meera, Director, ATARI, Zone X and Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Extension, ANGRAU. In the inaugural address, the DE welcomed the scientists of 72 KVKs of zone X and requested the KVKs to aim for holistic development of the farmers by acting as strong link between Research and farming community. He hoped that the KVKs would evolve as scientific hubs of the district. He also stressed on the need for strengthening the core mandate of the KVKs i.e. OFTs and FLDs based on the actual field problems and extensive farmer interaction. Dr. S. N. Meera, Director, ATARI, Zone X presented the keynote address and elaborated the focus and action points for KVKs like innovative demonstrations, capacity building of rural youth towards entrepreneurship, increased income and employability. Other dignitaries participated were Dr. V.Sumathi, Director of Research; Dr.Ch.Ruth,



Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU; Dr.Shobhamani, Director of Extension, S.V.V.U; Prof. T.Suguna, OSD,APFU; Dr.T.Neeraja, Dean Community science, ANGRAU ; Dr.G. Jayasree, UHOD(SS&AC), PJTAU; Dr. J.V. Prasad, Principal Scientist (Extension), ATARI Zone X, University officers of ANGRAU, Scientists and farmers.

Later, publications were released by the dignitaries from ANGRAU-ATARI Zone X, KVK Ghantasala, KVK Kalikiri and KVK Guntur. During the three-day program. Programme coordinators of the KVKs presented the overview of their action plans to be implemented for the year 2026-27 for their respective KVKs. Concurrent sessions were held in various subject matters such as crop production, crop protection, agriculture extension, farm mechanization, animal husbandry, and home science and revised action plans for 2026-27 were prepared in consultation with the experts.





“Channelling Scientific Efforts Towards AI Driven Digital Agriculture is on the cards” said Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU



agricultural scenario a paradigm shift towards digitilisation is the need of the hour.

Dr.B.Rajasekhar, Ex-officio Principal Secretary, D.A.C., A.P., graced the event as the chief guest and said that AI can be the future of Indian Agriculture if delivered in a farmer centric manner, especially to benefit small and marginal farmers. Dr. Rabi Narayan Sahu, Principal Scientist and Project leader, ICAR Network Program on Precision Agriculture (NePPA), delivered the key note address on Data Driven Digital Innovation for transforming Agri Food Systems. He elaborated on the initiatives undertaken by the project to utilise Artificial intelligence in Agriculture from the lab to the farmers fields and suggested a way forward with the farmer centric digital innovations. Later, Dr.Shaik N.Meera spoke on how to harness AI for small haolder farmers by connecting the mobile and cloud technologies. He stressed on the need for capacity building of stake holder, if AI should be effectively blended into agriculture technologies.

Other dignitaries participtated were Dr.M.V.Ramana, Dean (AE&T),Dr. A.V.M. Subbarao, Principal Scientist, CRIDA., Dr. M. Rajendra, Professor, IIT, Kharagpur, NABARD DGM Sri D. Tripati,

Presiding over the National workshop on “AI for Agriculture” organised by ANGRAU in collaboration with ICRISAT, Dr.P.V. Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor said that drawing on the inspiration given by the GoAP to digitalise Agriculture, efforts are being put in to adopt AI for enhancing farmers income through labour reduction, other costs reduction, drudgery reduction and post-harvest technologies. Dr.A.Mani, Registrar and presiding officer of the workshop, enlightened the house on the importance of the workshop and said that in the present



Dr. V. Sumathi, Director of Research, ANGRAU, Dr.G. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Extension, ANGRAU, Dr.V.M. Chowdhary, ISRO, Scientists, students and industry personnel. The workshop saw the participation and interaction of over 200 scientists from all over the country who discussed and deliberated on various sub themes and presented their recommendations.

ANGRAU Vice-Chancellor Emphasized Skill-Based and Quality Education for Every Agriculture Student during....

National Conference (APGSNC-2026)

Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), stated that the University is moving forward with a comprehensive plan to provide every agriculture student with both skill-based and quality education, while striving to ensure employment opportunities for every graduate. He addressed the inaugural session of the Annual Post Graduate Students' National Conference – 2026 held at the Agricultural College, Bapatla, on the theme “Bridging Research and Reality: Smart Innovations for Sustainable Farmers, Food Systems, and Societal Well-being” hosted by Agricultural College, Bapatla on 28th and 29th April, 2026. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Satyanarayana stressed the importance of



achievements of 2026 were formally released by the chief guest, Dr. Surapaneni Koteswara Rao, Professor of Practice at PJTSAU and former Vice-Chancellor of RVSKVV, Gwalior. Postgraduate students presented their research papers and displayed scientific posters related to their work.



agricultural students understanding real-world data and field-level realities to effectively address farmers' challenges. Referring to traditional agricultural practices, he observed that earlier generations benefited from organic farming systems that contributed to better nutritional quality in food. In contrast, he expressed concern that excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides has reduced nutritional value while placing considerable stress on soil resources. He also called for intensified research efforts aimed at developing high-yielding crop varieties. During the conference, the conference compendium and a publication highlighting the major research

Several university officials addressed the gathering and outlined the objectives of the conference, including Dr. A.V. Ramana, Dean of Postgraduate Studies; Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. D. Sampath Kumar, Controller of Examinations; and Dr. P. Prasoon Rani, Associate Dean of Agricultural College, Bapatla. The event was attended by Dr. D.D. Smith, Associate Dean of Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering; Dr. M. Sardar Baig, Associate Dean of Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology; Dr. Lal Ahmed Mohammad; Dr. T.V. Sreedhar; student organizing secretaries; and a large number of postgraduate students and faculty members.





SLTP Meetings of Research and Extension Centres 2025- 26 Held

The State Level Technical Programme (SLTP) 2025-26 of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University Research & Extension Centres was held at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Guntur between 05th May, 2026 and 31st May, 2026. Dr.P.V.Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU participated as chief guest for various disciplines inaugural session. Faculty Deans, Directors, University Heads and Principal Scientists participated. As a part of the SLTP programme, an exclusive workshop on Seed Production was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor. Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Satyanarayana said that production of good quality seed by ANGRAU scientists is the biggest service to the farming community. He urged all the coordinating departments to extend their support for good quality and timely seed production. The workshop was also graced by the Director of Research (i/c) Dr.Ch.Sreenivasa Rao; Joint Director of Agriculture from Commissionerate of Agriculture Sri Krishna Das; Director, APSCCA Dr. Y. Satish; Associate Director of Research N.V.V.S.Durga Prasad and all Scientists of Krishna zone. SLTP programme for all disciplines was followed by P.G. Research programme discussion and suggestions.

The State Level Technical Program (SLTP) of Extension units of ANGRAU commenced at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur from 29th-31st May, 2026. P.V.Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU participated as the chief guest for the inaugural program. While addressing the meet, V-C advised the extension scientists to formulate

OFTs and FLDs that are useful to the farmers in real-time and improve their profitability. He gave a call to strive hard to increase the production & productivity in different crops and ensure higher income to the farmers. Dr.G.Sivanarayana, University Head (Ag. Extension) presented the detailed technical report on extension activities of various extension units of ANGRAU. Dr.G. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Extension suggested to adopt the digital extension and communication services for wider outreach and asked for developing strategic and innovative action plans based on the needs of farmers. PCs of Krishi Vignan Kendras (KVKs), Coordinators of District Agricultural Advisory and Transfer of Technology Centers (DAATTCs), Extension Specialists, Scientists of Agricultural Information & Communication Center participated in the 3-day program and presented their respective work done reports for the year 2025-26 and action plan programme for the year 2026-27. Dr. V. Sudha Rani, Director of Extension (Retd.), PJTAU, Hyderabad; Dr. M. Muthuraman, Head (Extension) ICAR-IIIR, Hyderabad and Dr. V.K. Jayaraghavendra Rao, Principal Scientist (Extension), (Retd.), ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, participated as experts for the technical sessions.



At RARS, Lam, Guntur, the Zonal level Research and Extension Advisory Council (ZREAC) meeting of Krishna zone was meticulously presided over by the Associate Director of Research, Dr.N.V.V.S.Durga Prasad focused on identifying field-level agricultural problems and formulating fruitful research and extension strategies in the zone for the year 2026–27. The meeting witnessed the graceful presence of the Vice-



ZREAC Meetings for the year 2026 – 27 commenced from 13.04.26 to 28.04.26

Chancellor Dr.P.V.Satyanarayana who was the chief guest. He urged for coordinated efforts of various departments for developing strategic action plans targeting the welfare of the farmers of the zone. Dr.Y.Satish, Director, APSSCA, was among the

distinguished guests. University officers, Principal scientists of crops, Scientists of the zone, farmers and officials of the Department of Agriculture participated in the interaction..



ZREAC for the North Coastal Zone was held at A.R.S.Ragolu on 15th and 16th, April in the chairmanship of Dr.P.V.Satyanarayana, who graced the inaugural event as the chief guest and highlighted

the opportunities available in the zone for enhancing productivity and farmers income. He stressed on the need to create awareness among the farming community on the modern technologies and latest interventions of ANGRAU, suitable to the zone. Dr.A.V.Ramana, who was the D.E representative for the event, stressed on the need for enhancing soil fertility and crop diversification in the zone. NABARD AGM Sri Ravi Kishore, District Agriculture officer Sri Y.V.Murali Krishna, Associate Director of Research Dr. Ch. Mukunda Rao, Scientists of the zone and department officials participated.





At RARS, Nandyal, The Zonal Research and Extension Advisory Council (ZREAC) meeting for Scarce rainfall zone was inaugurated by Smt. Rajakumari Ganiya, District Collector and Magistrate, Nandyal on 29.04.2026 at YSR Centenary Auditorium, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Nandyal. The ZREAC meeting was jointly organized by Regional Agricultural Research Station, Nandyal and Department of Agriculture for two days on 29th and 30th April, 2026 in the chairmanship of Dr. CH. Sreenivasa Rao, Director of Research i/c, ANGRAU. The chief guest Smt. Rajakumari Ganiya, emphasized soil health improvement, crop diversification, balanced fertilizer use, and promotion of short-duration, low-input crops for sustainable and profitable agriculture in the scarce rainfall zone. She also stressed convergence among stakeholders, capacity building of farmers through trainings and demonstrations, and bringing fallow lands under cultivation based on crop suitability in the zone.

During the meeting, crop situation, crop management and performance of minikits in different districts of the zone and action plans for the coming year were discussed. Later, Publications and QR codes by different research stations and KVKs of the zone were released by the chief guest. The dignitaries present were Dr. M. Johnson, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Nandyal, Coordinators of KVKs and DAATTCs, Divisional and Mandal Agricultural officers from four districts, three Agricultural Research Stations, six extension centres, Principal Scientists of different crops, REAC members and Progressive farmers from four districts.



At RARS, Chintapalli, The Zonal Research and Extension Advisory Council (ZREAC) meeting of High Altitude and Tribal zone for *Kharif and Rabi 2026-27* was held at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Chintapalli on 13th April, 2026, in the esteemed presence of the President of the meeting Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana. The chief guest



Sri. T. Babu Rao Naidu, Executive Director, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha, Govt. of A.P and the guest of honour Sri P. Devullu, Ex-Board member, ANGRAU, addressed the house. Dr.A.V.Ramana, Director of Extension (i/c), ANGRAU, Guntur; Sri Vandalam Balaiah, REAC member and other Scientists of the zone participated.



At RARS, Maruteru, The Zonal level Research and Extension Advisory Council (ZREAC) meeting of Godavari zone held at Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Maruteru on 27th and 28th of April, 2026, focused on identifying field-level agricultural problems and formulating research and extension strategies for the year 2026–27. The meeting highlighted the growing need for farmer-oriented technological interventions, value addition, mechanization, and climate-resilient agricultural practices.

The Director of Research i/c, Dr.Ch.Sreenivas Rao, emphasized the importance of rice steaming technology to reduce rice broken, improve milling recovery and enhance nutritional quality. The process was reduced the glycemic index of rice, making it more suitable for diabetic patients. This indicates an increasing institutional focus on integrating post-harvest processing technologies with nutrition-sensitive agriculture, he added. The meetings also stressed the necessity of developing medium-duration, non-lodging, fine-grain rice varieties that meet changing consumer preferences. Scientists



were advised to focus research on nano fertilizers, drone technology, organic farming, nutritional enhancement in rice and pest and disease management. Additionally, the need for impact assessment studies of rice varieties released from Maruteru, which are cultivated across 13 states of India, was strongly emphasized to understand their socio-economic impact.

ATIC Inaugurated

The inauguration of the Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) building at the Agricultural College, Bapatla, was conducted in an auspicious manner on 10-04-2026. The building was constructed with a generous donation from the college alumnus Sri Sunku Venkata Hari Prasad. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated Mr. Hari Prasad for creating history by donating Rs. 50 lakh to his alma mater as a gesture of gratitude for the education he received there, reflecting his commitment to agricultural development. Mr. Sunku Venkata Hari Prasad said that he felt privileged to



contribute to the institution where he studied by establishing a facility that would directly benefit farmers. He also expressed his willingness to continue supporting the development of infrastructure at the college and noted that many alumni are ready to participate in the institution's future growth and development.



The meeting was presided over by P. Prasoon Rani, Associate Dean, who delivered the welcome address and congratulated Mr. Hari Prasad on his generous contribution. University officers, alumni of the 1980 batch, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students participated in the event.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr.P. V.Satyanarayana, graced the **81st college day celebrations at Agricultural college Bapatla** on 15th May,2026 at the college campus. Dr.G.Sekharbabu, CEO, A.P. Food Processing Society, Industries & Commerce Department,Govt. of A.P., and Dr. S. N. Meera, Director, ATARI, Zone X participated as the distinguished guests.The V-C addressed the college students and faculty and acknowledged the contributions of College alumni in glorifying the college at National and International platforms. He motivated the students to work hard with discipline and dedication to achieve their dreams.



Festive mood at ANGRAU Colleges - College Day Celebrations held in full spirit



Dr.Chelukuri Sreenivasa Rao, Dean of Agriculture , who presided over the function explained the opportunities for agricultural graduates for a bright future. Dr.P. Prasoon Rani, Associate Dean presented the college highlights of the year. Later, the winners of the sports and cultural programmes organised from 17-30 April at the college campus, were presented awards by the chief guest. The event came live with the vibrant performances of the students. Teaching and non-teaching staff of the college also participated along with the students in a big way.

On 16th May, 2026, the **10th College Day of College of Community Science, ANGRAU**, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and spirit. The programme was attended by several distinguished dignitaries, including the Vice Chancellor, Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, chief guest Dr. K. Madhu Murthy, Chairman, APSCHE, and guest of honour Dr. A. Mani, Registrar.

Other dignitaries, Dr.Sambasiva Rao, Dean of Community Science; Dr. P. Kishore babu, Associate Dean, College of Community Science; Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Extension and Dr. V. Sumathi, Director of Research, also graced the occasion. The chief guest encouraged students to focus on academic excellence, leadership, and social responsibility. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized that students could achieve success at national and international levels by combining intellectual knowledge with personality development and communication skills. He advised students to move forward with dedication and social awareness. During the programme, Dr. Kishore Babu and Dr. P. Aparna presented the Academic Report and Student Activities Report for June 2025 to May 2026. Prizes were awarded for academic excellence, Best outgoing student, Best NSS Volunteer award, sports, athletics, and other achievements. The celebrations concluded with colourful cultural performances, making the event memorable and inspiring for all.





The College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Bapatla, celebrated its College and Hostel Day with great enthusiasm on 21st May, 2026. In his address, the chief guest Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, said that the college established in 1945 is a pioneer in the discipline and has delivered eminent engineers who are extending outstanding contributions in the area of National food security. Modern technology and Farm Mechanisation and research in these areas will change the face of Agriculture in years ahead, he remarked. Dr. A. Mani, Registrar, ANGRAU, lauded the remarkable achievements of the students, including their success in securing a significant number of GATE and ICAR ranks, and said that the

future of Indian Agriculture relied heavily on the Engineering students. She said that along with academics, students should strive to excel in shaping their personalities and also should protect the image of the University through conduct and discipline. Dr.M.V.Ramana, Dean of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, presided over the function. Dr.Y.Yella Reddy, Former Dean, Agricultural Engineering, attended the celebration as the special guest. The event was further enriched by the presence of esteemed guests including Dr.P.Sampath Kumar, DSA,ANGRAU and Dr.SardarBaig, Associate Dean, Agricultural College addressed and motivated the students and encouraged them to explore innovative career opportunities in the food industry.

The College and Hostel Day celebrations were organized on 15.06.2026 at the **College of Food Science and Technology, Pulivendula.** The event was presided over by Dr. M.V. Ramana, Dean of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur, who appreciated the dedicated efforts



of the faculty and students in securing State Ranks in AP PGECET 2026 and nine GATE ranks. Sri Ramesh Anandaramaiah, Director, Indus VegPro, Bangalore and Sri V. Siva Teja, Food Safety Officer, Ongole, and alumnus of CFST, Pulivendula, attended as distinguished guests.



Alumni Home-SVAGAAT BHAVAN Inaugurated @ S.V. Agricultural College Tirupati



Dr.P.V. Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU inaugurated the **Alumni Home-SVAGAAT BHAVAN** on 27th June 2026 at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati in the presence of Executive Committee, SVAGAAT. Dr.N.V. Naidu, Founder President SVAGAAT addressed the gathering about the journey of SVAGAAT Bhavan from foundation stone to inaugural opening of the Alumni Home. Sri.I.Ramachandra Reddy, General Secretary, SVAGAAT presented the details of the construction. The event saw the graceful presence of Dr.Cherukuri Sreenivasa Rao, Dean of Agriculture; Dr.A.Mani, Registrar; Dr.V. Sumathi, Director of Research; Dr. M.V. Ramana, Dean of Agricultural Agricultural Engineering and Technology; Dr.D.Sampath Kumar, Dean of Students Affairs; Dr.V. Chandrika, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Tirupati and other teaching, non-teaching staff and students of the S.V. Agricultural College and RARS Tirupati. Later, Dr.P.V.



Satyanarayana, laid the foundation stone for construction of girls hostel building with an outlay of Rs. 4.00 Crores at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati.

The **Kheth Bachao Mega Rally** was flagged off by the V-C from the main gate of S.V. Agricultural College to Cherlopalli circle, Tirupati, with the participation of University Officers of ANGRAU, Dr.S. Hemaltha, Associate Dean, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati, Dr.V. Chandrika, ADR, RARS, Tirupati and other teaching, non-teaching staff of S.V. Agricultural College, RARS, Tirupati, ARS, Perumallipalli and DAATTC, Chittoor and students of S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati.



Pond inaugurated at the STRPC godown site – Pond will support the rainfed crop research and water conservation, said the V-C.



A pond will be developed to support rainfed crop research and water conservation at the university premises said the V-C during the bhoomi pooja ceremony for pond inauguration at the STRPC site in the University premises on 17.06.2026. The initiative aims to enhance sustainable agricultural practices by improving water availability for rainfed farming, promoting efficient rainwater harvesting, and strengthening research and demonstration activities for farmers and students. University officials and faculty members attended the inauguration ceremony, highlighting the institution's commitment to effective water resource management.

Refresher course organised on Recent advances in agriculture and allied sectors



A refresher course was conducted for the staff of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Andhra Pradesh from 2-4 June, to strengthen their technical knowledge and extension skills. The programme focused on recent advances in agriculture, effective technology dissemination, farmer advisory services, and the role of KVKs in

promoting sustainable farming practices. Experts interacted with the participants and emphasized the importance of delivering need-based technologies to farmers. The training aimed to enhance the professional competence of the newly appointed KVK staff and improve the quality of agricultural extension services.

117th Academic Council Meeting Organized

ANGRAU Organized 117th Academic Council Meeting on 24.6.2026 at IAB, Administrative office, Guntur presided by Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, V-C, ANGRAU. In his address, V-C appreciated all the faculties for meticulous action on the agenda items of the previous council meeting and welcomed fruitful discussion on the current agenda. Vice-Chancellor said that ANGRAU is implementing the recommendations of 6th Dean Committee guidelines and has incorporated the syllabus and standards of the teaching prescribed by the committee. Dr.A.Mani, Registrar, elaborated about the progress on the decisions taken in the 116th academic council meeting and put forth the agenda items of the 117th meeting for discussion. The agenda items were discussed thoroughly and approvals were given for few resolutions. Dr.Shamarao Jahagirdar, Dean (Agri.), University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, D.Suresh Kumar, Director, CARDS, TNAU, Dr. Rabindra Naik,



Professor & Head (Soil Science),OUAT and Dr. Gururaj Sunkad, Dean of P.G.Studies, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur participated as external Co-opted members virtually along with other coopted members and University officers. A total of 103 members of the academic council participated virtually in the meeting.



Educational Tour Motivated the students of Community Science College

As part of the COCA 300 Educational Tour, the B.Sc. (Hons.) III-year Community Science students visited various institutions related to their respective departments to gain practical exposure and field-based learning experiences. At Sangam Dairy, Vadlamudi, they were oriented on various milk processing and production techniques, as well as the manufacture of different milk products. Students visited a Kalamkari block printing unit at Pedana. They were exposed to the block-making unit, printing unit, dyeing unit and Kalamkari painting unit. Students learned about exquisite works, some of which required the use of over 200–300 blocks for a

single artwork. At National Institute of Design, Amaravati, and School of Planning & Architecture, Vijayawada, students were exposed to the Industrial Design Workshop, a workspace designed to simulate a real-world design environment and encourage innovation and creativity. Students also visited Happy Child Development and Rehabilitation Centre and INDLAS Shanthivan De-addiction Rehabilitation Centre. The visit provided valuable learning experiences and enhanced students understanding of child development, rehabilitation services and social welfare initiatives, while also fostering creativity, empathy and awareness. At the visit to





Ritunestham Foundation, Guntur, where they observed natural farming practices, food processing unit and printing press. Overall, the educational tour provided students with practical exposure, enhanced



their subject knowledge, and bridged the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications across various disciplines of Community Science.

World Environment Day

World Environment Day with the theme “Inspired by nature. For climate. For our future” was celebrated at all units of ANGRAU in all gaiety on 05th June 2026. World Environment Day, celebrated every year on June 5th, was started by the United Nations in 1972, and since then, it has become a global movement to raise awareness and inspire action for a cleaner, greener, and healthier Earth.



Faculty Board Meeting Held

ANGRAU conducted faculty board meeting with three faculties on 19.6.2026 at Lam, Guntur Dr. Ch.Sreenivasa Rao, Dean of Agriculture, presided the meeting. Discussions were held on knowledge and skill upgradation, academic curriculum, new courses to be started in the year, admissions, etc. Dr. P.Muniratnam, Dean of P.G. Studies; Dr. M.V.Ramana, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology and Dr. P.Sambasivarao, Dean of Home Science along with expert members from outside the state participated in the discussions and deliberations.

CFST Pulivendula students at Nari Shakti – Youth Parliament 2026



The students of College of Food Science and Technology, Pulivendula, proudly participated in the Nari Shakti – Youth Parliament 2026, organized by MY Bharat at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, on 12–13 April 2026. Ms. A. Chandana (PF/23 004), represented the college in the prestigious MY Bharat Budget Quest 2026 – a National Level Dialogue with the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. Ms. Chandana actively contributed to panel discussions on women’s leadership and youth empowerment, showcasing the vision and aspirations of young voices in shaping India’s future.

ANGRAU pays tribute to Acharya N.G. Ranga

Acharya N.G. Ranga, was an eminent Indian freedom fighter, classical liberal, parliamentarian, and a pioneering leader of the Indian peasant movement and celebrated as the “Father of the Indian Kisan Movement” as he dedicated six decades of his life to fighting for farmers’ rights and agrarian reforms, said the Vice-Chancellor during a meeting organized by the ANGRAU at the IAB building, Administrative office, ANGRAU to commemorate and pay tribute to Acharya N.G. Ranga on his death anniversary. Earlier, Floral tributes were offered to his portrait and statue in



the IAB premises. The event was attended by Scientists and staff of Administrative office, RARS, Lam, APGC and Community Science College. Several dignitaries, intellectuals and members of the trust participated.



Honouring the Great Alluri Seetharamaraju

Acclaimed freedom fighter and the pride of our state, Alluri Seetharamaraju was remembered and honoured in full spirit on his death anniversary on 07.05.2026. Dr.P.V.Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, participated in the ceremony and offered floral tribute to the great leader. In his address to the teaching and non-teaching staff of the administrative staff of ANGRAU, he remembered the sacrifices made by Alluri and the unparalleled fight against the atrocities of the British empire. He added that Alluri Seetharamaraju is a true leader who had inspired thousands towards freedom struggle. The University officers along with teaching and non-teaching staff participated in the event and offered tribute.

ANGRAU offers respect to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

ANGRAU Administrative Office and centres celebrated 136th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R Ambedkar's on 14th April, 2026 with gusto. At Administrative Office, Guntur Bharatratna photo was garlanded and floral tributes were paid by the teaching and non-teaching staff. Addressing the staff, V-C said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is

instrumental in restructuring of the problems of the Indian society in his times. Later, teaching and non-teaching staff remembered the leader's contributions to the Indian society as architect of the Indian constitution.



Remembering Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu on his death anniversary

Dr M. Sardar Baig, Associate Dean addressing students on death anniversary of freedom fighter and former Chief Minister of Andhra State, Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu which was jointly organized with Forum for Better Bapatla at Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla on 20.05.2026 in which Sri P.Trivikrama Rao, Chairman, AP State Official Language Board attended as chief guest. The great personality was honoured in all units of ANGRAU.



Birth Anniversary Celebrations



Sri Raja Vasireddy Venkatadri Naidu

The birth anniversary of Sri Raja Vasireddy Venkatadri Naidu was observed with reverence and pride at all units of ANGRAU on 27.04.2026. At RARS, Chintapalli, floral tributes to his portrait, followed by a brief address highlighting his remarkable contributions as a visionary ruler and patron of agriculture, culture, and public welfare in the Amaravati region.

Babu Jagjivan Ram

119th Birth Anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram was celebrated on 5th April, 2026 to honour his legacy and promote inclusive equality. His potrait was garlanded and floral tributes were paid by the teaching and non-teaching staff. At the University Headquarters, the teaching and non-teaching staff spoke on the occasion and remembered that the leader was not just a politician but a social reformer who dedicated his life to the oppressed castes of the society.



Birth Anniversary Celebrations of N.T.R



The Birth Anniversary celebration of Dr.Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao, Former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh State, at Adminstrative office,Lam,Guntur on 28-05-2026.Dr.A.Mani, Registrar, ANGRAU on the occasion, elaborated the biography of Dr. Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao garu, and said that he is a great personality who created history not only in the film industry but also in the political field, a leader who enhanced the respect of the Telugu people to the world. During his rule, he made many welfare schemes available to the poor and made an everlasting impression on the minds of the people.

Accolades

College of Food Science & Technology, Pulivendula Students Shine in AP PGECET-2026.

The College of Food Science & Technology, Pulivendula final year students have excelled in the AP PGECET 2026 examination conducted by the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education. In the Food Technology subject, Ms. J. Supriya (PF/2022 025) secured the State 1st Rank, while Ms. A. Kavya Priya (PF/2022 007) achieved the State 2nd Rank, bringing laurels to the institution. In addition, in the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) conducted by the National Testing Agency, two students Ms. A. Kavya Priya (PF/2022 007) and Mr. R. Raj Kumar (PF/2022 019) qualified, thereby becoming eligible for admission into postgraduate courses in central universities.

Dr.V.Prasuna, Assistant Professor achieved Guinness world Record Certificate

and Medal at Guinness World Record Achievers meet at Vijayawada on 8.05.2026 in Hallel Music School Campus near Loyola College. Dr.V. Prasuna took part in the largest electronic keyboard ensemble consists of 2000 participants on 2.2.2026 at Zoroastrian Club Hall, Sardar Patel Road Secunderabad and out of which 777 participants received Medal and certificate from Guinness World Records, London and certificates distributed by Director of Music School Sri. Dandigi Venugopal, Hallel Music School, Vijayawada.



ARS, Bapatla received Best AICRP Centre (Voluntary) in Entomology discipline for their performance in conducting AICRP trials and rice research activities during 2025 as recognized in the 61st Annual Rice Group Meeting held at ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack from 17-04-26 to 20-04-26. the award is presented by Padmasri .Dr. A K Singh, Former Director, ICAR-IARI & Chairperson, PAMC in the presence of Dr. R M Sundaram, Director, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad, Dr. S K Pradhan, ADG (FFC), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. G A K Kumar, Director, ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack. Dr. N. Kamakshi received the award in person. **ARS, Nellore also received Best AICRP Centre (Voluntary) in Pathology discipline** for their performance in conducting AICRP trials by the esteemed the Chief guest, Padmasri Dr. A K Singh. Later, the award was handed over to Dr. P. Madhusudhan, Scientist, A.R.S. Nellore from the hands of our Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU..

The College of Food Technology, Pulivendula, successfully organized a series of skill development programs and exposure visits on *Tomato Processing and*

Skill Development Training & Exposure Visits on Tomato Processing and Value Addition

Value Addition under ICAR Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SC SP) project. On campus training program was conducted for women, youth, and farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes from Pulivendula Mandal and nearby areas on April 30, 2026. The program was presided over by Dr. M. Madhava, Associate Dean, CFST Pulivendula, with Dr. G. Rama Rao, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pulivendula. As part of the project, an exposure visit was organized on April 25, 2026, to Ramadevi Foods Industry, Proddatur, where CEO Ms. Sirisha trained participants in scientific methods of tomato pickle preparation, solar tunnel drying, curing, preservation, packaging, and marketing strategies.



Awards and Honours

Scientists felicitated with various Endowment awards during the 63rd Foundation day celebrations of ANGRAU.



Dr. U. TRIVENI, Principal Scientist(Agronomy),
ARS, Vizianagaram



Dr. RANI CHAPARA, Scientist (PI.Br.),
RARS, Lam,



Dr. B. V. RAVI PRAKASH REDDY,
Scientist (PI. Br.), RARS, Nandyal



Dr. J. SATEESH BABU
Principal Scientist (PI. Br.), RARS, Lam



Dr. V. GOURI, Principal Scientist
(Agronomy). RARS, Anakapalli



Dr. B. SAHADEVA REDDY, Principal
Scientist (Agronomy), RARS, Maruteru



Dr. P. NAGA MANI, Scientist
(PI.Pathology), ARS, Perumallapalli



Dr. J. SAILAJA RANI, Assistant Professor
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