



From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

Acharya N.G. Ranga University (ANGRAU), Guntur, in seven decades of its glorious journey, has crossed many milestones. The first quarter of this year paved way for yet more achievements and magnanimous events. I sincerely bestow my respects to Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for releasing the ANGRAU Almanac 'Vyavasaya Panchangam' for the year 2026-27 on the festive occasion of *Ugadi*. My heartfelt gratitude to Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu garu, Hon'ble Minister for state (Agriculture, Cooperation, Marketing, Diary and Fisheries) for releasing the ANGRAU Diary and Calendar for the year 2026. I commend the efforts of the Directorate of Extension, ANGRAU for the timely release of the Diary, Calendar and Vyavasaya Panchangam 2026-27. In this quarter, it was indeed a privilege for me to represent ANGRAU and participate in the 49th All India Vice-Chancellors' Convention held at CCS HAU, Hissar. I am pleased to have welcomed dignitaries from other national institutions and renowned scientists from reputed universities who shared their views and facilitated cross learning with our faculty and students.

On the research front, the 55th Research and Extension Advisory Council meeting was held in a grand manner and concluded with fruitful outcomes. I congratulate AICRP-PHET, Anakapalle for organising the 41st Annual Workshop of AICRP on Post Harvest Engineering & Technology in a befitting manner at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam that deliberated strategies to strengthen post-harvest technologies in India. On the extension front, focussing on the empowerment of small and marginal farmers, four kisan melas on contemporary topics were organized to showcase the latest technologies and varieties to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh by RARS, Tirupati, ARS



Ananthapur, KVK Amadalavalasa and another at KVK, Rastakuntubai. The Scientific Advisory Committee, District Level Coordination Committee meetings and pre-ZREAC meetings commenced as scheduled under the guidance of the Director of Extension and Director of Research, ANGRAU.

I appreciate the teaching wing of ANGRAU for meticulous planning and execution of examinations and spot evaluations of undergraduate courses. Numerous workshops and trainings in contemporary areas such as Climate impacts on crops, Hydroponics, Start-ups immersion programmes *etc.* were successfully organised by various units of ANGRAU. During this quarter, various important events such as 77th Republic Day (26th January, 2026), National Voters' Day (24th January, 2026), International Women's Day (8th March, 2026) and other significant days were celebrated with fervour and enthusiasm by ANGRAU teaching and non-teaching staff of all units.

Our students have once again made ANGRAU proud with huge success at GATE. I congratulate the 19 students of Colleges of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla & Madakasira for their achievement. My sincere appreciation to the Scientists who have stood out and received accolades on various platforms in this quarter and hope that this momentum in Research, Teaching and Extension wings will continue in future also, to further enhance the glory and reputation of this great University.

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Vyavasaya Panchangam 2026 Released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister @ Ugadi Utsavalu 2026

Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of A.P., released the ANGRAU *Vyavasaya Panchangam 2026-27* on the occasion of Telugu New Year festival (*Ugadi*) on 19.03.2026 at Thummalapalli Kalakshetram, Vijayawada, in the presence of Ministers Anam Ramnarayana Reddy (Endowments), Kolusu Parthasarthy (Housing and I&PR) and Kandula Durgesh (Tourism and Culture). ANGRAU publishes *Vyavasaya Panchangam* (Agriculture Almanac) every year that covers updated package of practices of all crops in telugu language and the book is popular among the farming community. Dr. R.Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor, ANGRAU along with the University officers Dr. M.V.Ramana, Registrar; Dr P V Satyanarayana, Director of Research and Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension participated in the release programme at *Ugadi* celebrations. Other dignitaries present for the



(Thaggunarathi, Ananthapur dist.) were also felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

release were K.Vijayanand, Chief Secretary, Govt. of A.P; Hon'ble MLAs Mandali Budha Prasad, Yarlagadda Venkata Rao and Bonda Umamaheswara rao. *Ugadi puraskaralu* were presented to 207 eminent personalities.

On the auspicious occasion Hon'ble CM felicitated best agriculture Scientists of ANGRAU with *Ugadi Puraskaralu* for the year 2026. Dr. P. Udaybabu, Scientist (Entomology), ARS, Ragolu; Dr. N. Raja Kumar, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Kondempudi and Dr. K. Lakshmi, Assistant Professor, College of Community sciences were honoured with the award. Furthermore, three progressive farmers, Sri Kilari Ramarao (Grandhasiri, Palnadu dist.); Sri Dokula Appala Naidu (Khandivaram, Anakapalle dist.) and Sri Marasu Erri Swamy

Grand release of ANGRAU Diary & Calendar for the Year 2026

Sri. Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Hon'ble Minister for State (Agriculture; Cooperation, Marketing, Animal husbandry, Dairy development and Fisheries) released the ANGRAU Diary and Calendar for the year 2026 in presence of Dr.R.Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU and other University officers. The event was organised at camp office, Irrigation guest

house, Vijayawada on 19.01.2026. In this connection, The Hon'ble Minister extended warm wishes to the Scientists and staff of ANGRAU and urged everyone to work towards the benefit of farming community. He urged the Scientists of all zones to be proactive in the present scenario of climate vagaries and deliver timely and most suitable advisories to the farmers of the state.



The 55th REAC meeting held in a befitting manner

The 55th Research and Extension Advisory Council Meeting of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University was conducted on 29th and 30th January, 2026 at Krishna auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur under the chairmanship of Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, ANGRAU. University Officers, Research and Extension Advisory Council members, innovative farmers, Associate Directors of Research of all the six zones, Principal Scientists of crops/ disciplines, University Heads of Departments and Heads of different extension units participated in the two-day programme. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, spoke on the occasion and emphasized on the immediate need to conduct crop demonstrations on *rabi* red gram. She further added that all breeders should make efforts to popularize the newly released varieties of ANGRAU and create awareness among farming community.

Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research, ANGRAU, presented the highlights of the research work conducted during the year 2024-25 in six agro climatic zones of ANGRAU along with future research strategies. Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU, presented the extension highlights for the year 2024-25 pertaining to 13 DAATTCs, 13 KVKs and Extension Specialists of Regional Agricultural Research Stations.



Dr. M.V. Ramana, Registrar; Dr.Y.Satish, Director, APSSCA, Dr. M. Krishna Reddy, Director (Retired), ICAR-IIHR; Dr. P. Rambabu, Former Director of Extension; Dr. Alapati Satyanarayana, Former Director of Research, ANGRAU; Dr.I.Srinivas, Principal Scientist, CRIDA, Dr.I.S.Rao, Retired Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and Scientists of research stations, KVKs and DAATTCs participated in the two day programme. and delivered their valuable inputs and suggestions.

To commemorate the occasion, publications developed by the Scientists of ANGRAU, were released by the dignitaries. Best RARS/ARS/DAATTC/ KVK awards were presented by the chief guest to RARS, Lam, Guntur; ARS, Ragolu; DAATTC, Kurnool and KVK, Amadalavalasa respectively. The inaugural programme concluded with felicitation of identified progressive farmers with notable contributions in agriculture during the year followed by felicitation of the guests.



“Modern Low-Cost Technologies is the need of Dryland Farmers” said the Hon’ble MLA @ Kisan Mela, Ananthapur

The Agricultural Research Station (ARS), Rekulakunta, Ananthapur, organized a Kisan Mela on 06.02.2026 with the theme “Dryland Agriculture: Improved farming practices” to disseminate the improved dryland technologies and strengthening the linkage between research and farming communities in the district. The event was graced by Sri O.Anand, I.A.S Collector & District Magistrate of Ananthapur, Sri Ambica G. Lakshminarayana Valmiki, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Ananthapur, Smt. Bandaru Sravani Sree, Hon’ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Singanamala, as distinguished guests. Others special guests participated were Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU & Chairman of the Kisan Mela.; Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research, ANGRAU, Dr. M. Johnson, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Nandyal.; Dr. M. Vijay Shankar Babu, P.S., ARS, Ananthapur; Sri. M. Ravi, District Agriculture Officer, Ananthapur; Sri G. Krishnaiah, District Agriculture Officer, Sri Satya Sai District; Smt. Umadevi, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Ananthapur; Smt. B. Padmalatha, PD ATMA, Ananthapur and REAC members.

Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research briefed on the newly released ANGRAU varieties and technologies developed in different crops and emphasized on the NDLR 7 rice variety, chickpea variety NBEG 1267, 924 (released from RARS, Nandyal), pearl millet biofortified variety- ABV-04, hybrid APHB 126 and



horse gram variety- ATPHG-11 (released from ARS, Ananthapur). Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU underlined the importance of Kisan Melas in enhancing farmer awareness and technology transfer through Research stations, KVKs and DAATTCs.

Principal Scientists of various crops/ disciplines, District Agriculture and Horticulture Officers and APCNF staff were key participants. Farmers from Ananthapur, Sri Satya Sai, Kurnool and Nandyala districts actively engaged in discussions on challenges and future prospects in rainfed and semi-arid conditions of Ananthapur district. The event served as a vital platform for knowledge exchange, innovation and collaboration in the agricultural sector. About 2500 participants including farmers, students, scientists, Agriculture department personnel, private industrial staff, press and media attended the Kisan Mela. Sixty-six exhibition stalls set up showcased the advanced agricultural technologies.



Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor participated in the All India Vice-Chancellors’ Convention

Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble V-C, ANGRAU, participated in the 49th Vice-Chancellors’ Convention held at CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar, Haryana, organized in collaboration with Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) on the 5th & 6th January. The theme of the convention was from Field to Future: Navigating New Frontiers in Agriculture.



Kisan Mela themed “Integrated Agriculture” @ Southern Zone, RARS, Tirupati

Kisan Mela of Southern zone was organized by Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Tirupati, centered on the theme of “Integrated Agriculture.” The programme was held on 12.02.2026 under the guidance of Dr. V. Sumathi, Associate Director of Research, along with Principal Scientists from various departments of RARS, Tirupati. Dr. S. Venkateswar, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate, Tirupati, attended as the chief guest of the programme. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU and Dr. J.V. Ramana, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of SVVU, Tirupati graced the occasion as guests of honour. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Former Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research, ANGRAU and Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU graced the event as special guests.

The chief guest visited the Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering and appreciated the unit for their innovation in developing the Multi Task Tool Bar, Vishnu Puddler, Shredder cum Incorporator,



Basin Lister, Single row chilli harvester and Single row cotton picker. Highlighting the importance of mechanization in modern agriculture, he encouraged the department to continue developing advanced and cost-effective agricultural technologies to further strengthen and support the farming community in future.

The Collector further emphasized the importance of crop diversification. He stated that farmers should adopt mixed farming practices or need-based intercropping systems to minimize losses arising from over production of a single crop. He also emphasized the importance of adopting drone technology in agriculture, stating that it is an effective tool to reduce the cost of production while improving efficiency and precision in farm operations.



Empowering SC Farmers : Horti-millet Processing Skill Development

The College of Food Science & Technology, Pulivendula conducted two one-day training programmes for SC farmers from Pulivendula and surrounding villages under the Horti Millet Programme, on 13th and 24th February, 2026. Dr. M. Madhava Associate Dean, College of Food Science & Technology stressed the significance of value addition and practical skill development. He encouraged farmers to utilize the training to establish small-scale millet-based enterprises for generating additional income and improving their livelihoods. The programme also included a live demonstration of millet and fruit processing machinery, explaining its utility and role in establishing small-scale enterprises. Dr. R. Nagaraju, Associate Dean, COH,



Pulivendula and Er. S. Nazma Hafeeza, Assistant Professor, Dr. M. Sai Srinivas, Teaching Associate coordinated and monitored the programme.

“Strengthen research on Indigenous Varieties” said Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU

Kisan Mela was organized in all splendour by KVK, Rastakuntubai, Parvathipuram manyam district on 07.02.2026. Smt. Toyaka Jagadeeswari, Hon’ble MLA, Kurupam and Government Whip, Andhra Pradesh, was the chief guest. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, in her address as guest of honour, appreciated the efforts of farmers in adopting chemical-free cultivation practices. She informed that the University would undertake research on indigenous (desi) varieties to identify and recommend suitable varieties for the region. She also stated that research would focus on crops suitable to the local agro-climatic conditions. She highlighted the need to promote commercial floriculture crops such as *Gladiolus*, which are highly suitable to the region. Director of Extension, ANGRAU, Dr. G. Sivanarayana presided over the event.

Smt. K. Kalavathi, Chairperson, AMC; Sri Kishore Kumar, Chairperson, PACS, Kurupam; Dr. N. Prabhakar Reddy, District Collector and Magistrate, Parvathipuram; Sri Swapnil Pawar Jagannaadh, Sub Collector, Palakonda; Dr. A. Appalawamy, Associate



Director of Research, RARS, Chintapalli and Dr. G. Jogi Naidu, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Naira attended as special guests. A farmer–scientist interaction programme was held before the inaugural session, enabling direct exchange of knowledge and field-level experiences. Later, the chief guest and other dignitaries inaugurated exhibition stalls that featured a wide range of technologies and products showcased by Research Stations, KVKs, FPOs, private companies, NGOs, Agriculture and allied departments, APCNF and students of Agricultural College, Naira.

The Principal Scientists of crops Dr. M. Girija Rani, PS (Rice), Dr. C. V. C. M. Chandra Mohan Reddy, PS (Millets), Dr. M. Mohan Reddy, PS (Pulses), Dr. P. V. K. JagannadhaRao, PS (Food Process Engineering) and Dr. N. Sathi Babu, SMS (Horticulture) interacted with farmers and enlightened them on advanced technologies in their respective fields. The programme was concluded with the felicitation of the dignitaries on the dais followed by a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Dhurua, Programme Coordinator, KVK Rastakuntubai.



77th Republic Day Celebrated with Pride and Fervour

The 77th Republic Day celebrations were held grandly at the IAB Building, Administrative Office, Lam, Guntur. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor was received with full respects by the student NCC cadets of Agricultural College, Bapatla. Later, she hoisted the tri-colour national flag and addressed the gathering, reminiscing the relentless and unparalleled sacrifices of many great personalities in pursuit of freedom to the country. Following the ceremonial flag hoisting, the Vice-Chancellor addressed the gathering and shed light on the recent strides made by the

University in teaching, research and extension. She called for unity and team spirit among the staff and encouraged everyone to put best efforts in discharge of their duties.



“Drive Agripreneurship for Sustainable Livelihoods” said Hon’ble VC

On 06.02.2026, Kisan Mela organized by KVK Amadalavalasa under the theme “Agripreneurship Development” provided a dynamic platform for farmers to gain exposure to the latest technologies, innovative practices and advancements in agricultural production, processing, and marketing. The Kisan Mela was formally inaugurated by the chief guest, Sri Gondu Shankar garu, Hon’ble MLA of Srikakulam Constituency along with the guest of honour Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi. The event also saw the graceful presence of Sri Farhan Ahmad Khan, I.A.S., Joint Collector, Srikakulam; Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension; Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research; Dr. A. V. Ramana, Dean of PG Studies; Sri K. Trinadha Swamy garu, District Agricultural Officer, Srikakulam; Sri Srinivasa Rao, Project Director, APMIP; Sri R. Prasad, District Horticulture Officer and Sri Y. Satyanarayana, District Fisheries Officer as special guests. Dr.Ch.Mukunda Rao, Associate Director of Research, RARS Anakapalle, Dr.Jogi Naidu, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Naira, Dr.K.Bhagyalakshmi, P.C., KVK, Amadalavalasa , Principal Scientists of various crops, Scientists from KVK, DAATTC and Agricultural Research Stations, along with officials from the Department of Agriculture, also graced the occasion.



Sri Gondu Shankar garu, urged the University to actively promote group-based approaches among farmers to enhance collective production, processing and marketing of agricultural produce. He highlighted that the agriculture sector is receiving special focus from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, with strategic plans aimed at improving farmers’ income through low-investment and high-returns. Sri Farhan Ahmad Khan, I.A.S., Joint Collector of Srikakulam, emphasized the critical importance of skill development and retention of youth in the agricultural sector. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi presided over the sessions and urged the scientific community to promote the concept of “one enterprise per farm family” in the North Coastal districts to enhance income generation from agriculture and allied sectors.



ANGRAU inked MoU with FIREPT, Tirupati



ANGRAU entered an agreement with FIREPT (Financial Inclusion and Rural Entrepreneurship Development & Promotion Trust), a non-profit Trust, Tirupati on 27.01.2026 to foster long term collaboration in common research interests and other allied activities pertaining to student training, sustainable agriculture and farmer empowerment. The MoU was signed and exchanged by the Registrar, ANGRAU, Dr. M.V. Ramana in the presence of Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU. Dr. Ch.Sreenivasa Rao, Dean of Agriculture; Dr. A.V. Ramana, Dean of P.G. Studies, Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Dean of Student Affairs, Dr.B.V.S.Prasad, Comptroller, Dr. P. Sudhakar, along with the Trust members of FIREPT were also present.

Vibrant Celebrations of International Women’s Day

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) enlivened with the celebrations of International Women’s Day with the theme “GIVE TO GAIN”. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, extended warm wishes to all the women employees of the University and enthusiastically joined in the Walkathon programme organized to commemorate the day. In her address, she stressed that change in the mind set of society is the immediate need for women to progress, especially rural women. Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology and Chairman, Women protection cell, ANGRAU motivated the gathering with inspiring speech. Teaching, non-teaching staff members and students joined hands to participate in the walkathon from University headquarters premises to the College of Community Science, Lam, Guntur. The theme of the day resonated deeply, highlighting the contributions of women in various fields. Earlier, fun creative games were organised to make the event joyful and memorable.



At the College of Food Science & Technology, Pulivendula, International Women’s Day 2026 was celebrated with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty and staff. The chief guest, Smt. A.V. Rathamma, founder of Vedhik Food Enterprises, Kolar, Karnataka, delivered a powerful message on women’s entrepreneurship, quoting real-life examples and national initiatives like *Startup India*. KVK Ghantasala also celebrated the Women’s day by honouring women farmers with mementoes and motivating women participants with inspiring speeches. The spirit of International Women’s day was felt across all units of ANGRAU.



Webinar on “PlantwisePlus Digital Tools”

Webinar on “PlantwisePlus Digital tools” was organised by Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in collaboration with Centre for Agricultural and Bio-resource International on 09.02.2026 at Krishna auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur. Dr. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU participated as the chief guest and in her opening remarks emphasized the importance of digital tools and AI in crop improvement and progress of Agriculture. Other dignitaries participated were Dr. Malvika Chaudhary, Global Leader along with Dr. Madhu Manjari, Team lead, and presented the details pertaining to MAX Course for the undergraduation programme. Dr. Ch. Sreenivasa Rao, Dean of Agriculture, ANGRAU; Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology; Dr. A.V. Ramana, Dean of P.G. Studies, Dr. P. Sampath Kumar, Controller of

Examinations, Dr. P. Sambasivarao, Dean of Community Sciences, Dr. N. Karuna Sagar, University Librarian, Scientists and students participated in the webinar along with virtual participation from the teaching staff and students of all ANGRAU colleges in the state. The Hon’ble V-C said that two certificate courses on Crop Pest Diagnosis and Crop Pest Management were being considered to be introduced in the graduation programme shortly.



ANGRAU Hosted the 41st Annual Workshop of AICRP on Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology

The 41st Annual Workshop of the ICAR–All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (PHET) was successfully organized from 24th to 26th February, 2026 at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam. The workshop brought together around 100 scientists and researchers from different AICRP-PHET centres across the country to review research progress and discuss future strategies for strengthening post-harvest technologies in India.

The workshop was graced by eminent dignitaries including Dr. S. N. Jha, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Engineering), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, who attended as the Chairman of the meeting. In his address, he emphasized the critical role of post-harvest engineering in reducing post-harvest losses, enhancing value addition and improving farmers' income. He highlighted the need for developing affordable and scalable technologies for farmers, entrepreneurs, and agri-startups. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, who was the chief guest, lauded the significant contributions of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (AICRP–PHET) in addressing post-harvest losses and promoting value addition in agriculture. Dr. K. Narsaiah, Assistant Director General (Processing & Food Engineering), ICAR, stressed the importance of strengthening collaborative research among AICRP centres and accelerating technology transfer to the farming community and agro-processing industries.

Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research, ANGRAU, who graced the workshop along with Dr. A.Mani, Dean (AE & T), emphasized the critical role of mechanization in advancing post-harvest technologies and



enhancing value addition in agricultural produce. He said that the development and dissemination of post-harvest technologies for agricultural and horticultural commodities remain key priority areas for focus of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Nachiket Kotaiwale, Director of ICAR–Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, highlighted the need for innovations in post-harvest handling, processing, storage and value addition of agricultural produce, particularly in emerging areas such as millets, fruits and agro-industrial by-products. During the three-day workshop, Scientists presented research findings, reviewed ongoing projects, and formulated future action plans aimed at strengthening post-harvest infrastructure, improving processing technologies, and promoting sustainable utilization of agricultural residues. The event also provided a platform for technical discussions, experience sharing and strategic planning to enhance the impact of research under the AICRP-PHET network.



Workshop on “Hydroponics”-an Efficient and Sustainable Enterprise

A two-day training program on “Hydroponics: A Smart and Sustainable Enterprise Pathway for Enhancement of Farmers’ Income” was organized for the Scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University on 18th and 19th February, 2026 at Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, graced the event as the chief guest and inaugurated the program. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. A. Mani, Dean (AE & T), ANGRAU. Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU, attended the occasion as guest of honour. In her inaugural address, the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor emphasized the growing importance of hydroponics and vertical farming. She also called for the establishment of hydroponic units across all 18 colleges and 33 research stations under ANGRAU.

Dr. D. D. Smith, Associate Dean, Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla, welcomed the gathering and provided an overview of the hydroponics Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) setup and its functioning at the college premises. The inaugural session was attended by Dr. P. Prasuna Rani, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Bapatla; Dr. G. Ravi Babu,



Professor and Head (SWCE); Dr. K. Krupavathi, Associate Professor and Training Coordinator along with the faculty and staff of the college. Scientists from 12 KVKs participated in the training program. The sessions were designed to provide both theoretical knowledge and practical exposure.

SAC and DLCC meetings of KVK’s & DAATTCs commenced

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and District level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meetings were organised for the Krishi Vigyana Kendras and District Agricultural Advisory Transfer of Technology Centres of ANGRAU including the NGO KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU in a befitting manner. Dr. B. Mukunda Rao, Principal Scientist (Extension) and Dr. V. Visalakshmi, Principal Scientist (Entomology), O/o Director of Extension, Administrative office, ANGRAU, participated in the meetings along with the Director of Extension and

reviewed the progress of activities, monitored the action plans and provided technical and management guidance for effective functioning of the centres. The meetings were organised in all the zones viz; North Coastal zone and HAT zone, Godavari zone, Krishna zone, Southern zone and Scarce Rainfall zone of the state during the months of February and March, 2026 in phased manner and were well coordinated by the respective Heads of the centres along with their team of scientists. At KVK Kalikiri, the SAC meeting was presided over by Dr. V. Sumathi, A.D.R., RARS, Tirupati along with Dr. V. Visalakshmi, Principal Scientist (Entomology).



@ KVK, Kalikiri



@ DAATTC, Rajamahendravaram

GKMS - Farmers awarness programme (FAP) @ Hat Zone, Chintapalli

A Farmers Awareness Programme was organized under the *Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS-AMFU)* scheme of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences. The programme focused on the theme “*Climate Impacts on Crops in Hilly Tribal Areas and Advisories for Higher Productivity*”. The event was attended by Dr. A. Appalaswamy, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Chintapalle, along with Dr. S. V. J. Kumar and Dr. Chandra Hasan, Meteorologists from the IMD Cyclone Warning Centre, Visakhapatnam.

Dr. S. V. J. Kumar delivered a lecture on climate variability and climate change, highlighting their impact on agricultural production in vulnerable hill regions. Dr. Chandra Hasan discussed the weather-based risk management strategies and explained the use of the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for drought monitoring and early warning. The programme enhanced farmers’ awareness on importance of utilizing agrometeorological advisories to improve crop productivity and resilience under changing climatic conditions.



Significant Events @ College of Community Science, Guntur

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Community Science celebrated National Science Day on 28-02-2026. B.Sc. (Hons) 3rd year elective students and 2nd year SEC (Skill Enhancement Course) students organized Science exhibition at Government School, Lam, Guntur to create awareness on importance of Science day and motivated students towards STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. The students demonstrated simple science experiments like seed germination, Kaleidoscope, Rain water harvesting, pH indicator, Density of liquids, Human digestive system and Hydrolysis experiments to the young children to inculcate scientific temper, curiosity and innovation in young minds.



The staff and students of College of Community Science attended the Agriculture exhibition and seminar at AIKS (All India Kisan Sabha), National Council meetings held at Venkateswara Vignana Mandir, Guntur on 30.01.2026. The competitions on poster presentation, Essay writing and Elocution (Telugu and English) were organised by AIKS. The students of I, II and IV years participated in the competitions, won prizes and received certificates.



ANGRAU Poshan Incubator conducted one-month Incubation Training for 8th Cohort



The one-month incubation training program for the 8th cohort was inaugurated on 15th December, 2025 by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, who presided over the opening session as the chief guest. A total of 27 incubatees participated in the program. The training sessions aimed at strengthening entrepreneurial competencies and preparedness for the agri-startup ecosystem were delivered by 21 resource persons, who covered a comprehensive range of topics designed to equip participants with essential knowledge and practical skills

for agri-startup development. The total duration of the training program was 95 hours, conducted from 15th December, 2025 to 9th January, 2026. The program concluded with a valedictory on 9th January, 2026 that was graced by Dr. Bhavya Manjeera Patruni, Scientist & DM, Head (In-charge), NRDC, Vishakapatnam, as the chief guest, along with Dr. V. Sumathi, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Tirupati, Dr. Kadiri Mohan, PI and other Scientists. The training successfully provided incubatees with practical knowledge, strategic insights and entrepreneurial skills.

9th Grant-in-Aid Distribution organised by ANGRAU Poshan Incubator

9th grant-in-aid distribution program for agricultural startups supporting new innovations in agriculture and allied sectors was successfully conducted by ANGRAU Poshan Incubator, Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Tirupati. On the occasion, the entire grant-in-aid was disbursed in a single installment to the 7th cohort (Pre-Seed Category) and the second installment of the grant-in-aid was given to the 5th batch (Seed Category). A total of 11 startups have been awarded grants under the program, with a cumulative funding of Rs. 55 lakhs, supporting their growth and development. As an important part of the program, ANGRAU Incubation Center has signed Memoranda of Agreement (MoAs) with the 7th cohort of pre-seed startups and supplementary MoAs with the

5th cohort of seed-stage incubatees in the presence of the esteemed Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of ANGRAU, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi who was the chief guest. Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU, Guntur, Dr. A.V. Ramana, Dean of Postgraduate Studies, ANGRAU, Guntur, Dr. M. Johnson, Associate Director of Research, RARS Nandyal, Dr. V. Sumathi, Assistant Director of Research, RARS, Tirupati, Dr. Kadiri Mohan, Principal Investigator of the ANGRAU Poshan Incubator and Scientists from various departments of RARS were present. In this program, 11 startup founders from various batches of the incubator participated and detailed how the grant would be used for their innovations and development.



Significant days celebrated at all units of ANGRAU



Birth Anniversary of Kaviraju Sri Tripuraneni Ramaswamy Chowdary garu on 15th January, 2026



Birth Anniversary of Yogi Vemana garu on 19th January, 2026



Fifteenth National Voters Day was organized on 25th January, 2026



Republic day was celebrated on 26th January, 2026



Vardhanthi of Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy garu on 22nd February, 2026



Birth Anniversary of Kavayatri Mollamamba garu on March 13th, 2026



Birth Anniversary of Sri Damodaram Sanjeevaiah garu on 14th February, 2026



Birth Anniversary of Sri Potti Sriramulu garu on March 16th, 2026.



Birth Anniversary of Sri Dommeti Venkata Reddy garu on March 23rd, 2026.



Birth Anniversary of Sri Puttaparthi Narayanacharyulu garu on 28th March, 2026

Pledge taken on 16th National Voters' Day

The theme for national voters' day "My India, My Vote" with a tagline of citizen at the heart of Indian democracy was imbibed in full spirit at all units of ANGRAU on 24.01.2026. The day underscores the importance of voters' participation in a democracy. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of ANGRAU, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi said that the day was meant to encourage civic responsibility among staff and students. She said that it is the responsibility of every citizen of India to vote without any bias towards caste or creed. All the



University officers, teaching and non-teaching staff took the voters' pledge administered by Dr. M.V.Ramana, Registrar, ANGRAU.

Awards and Honours



On the auspicious occasion of Telugu New Year (Ugadi), Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated best agriculture Scientists of ANGRAU with *Ugadi Puraskaralu* for the year 2026. Dr. P. Udaybabu, Scientist (Entomology), ARS, Ragolu; Dr. N. Raja Kumar, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Kondempudi and Dr. K. Lakshmi, Assistant Professor (Foods & Nutrition), College of Community Science, Guntur, were honoured with the prestigious award.

ANGRAU Engineering Students win big at GATE

Students from Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla and College of Agricultural Engineering, Madakasira have secured commendable ranks in **GATE – 2026**. Out of the 19 students who secured the ranks, four students ranked below 50. Prakash Kumar (AIR 2) , Deepthi (AIR 16) and Gulshan Kumar (AIR 29) from Dr. NTR CAE, Bapatla; Guru Prakesh (AIR 16) from CAE, Madakasira bagged top ranks. Other outstanding students are Uzma Anjum (AIR 83), Vishal Kumar (AIR 83), Anjani

Pasumarthi (AIR 117), Stella Prasanthi (AIR 151), Yamuna G (AIR 169), Durganand Yadav (AIR 179), Vijay Shankar (AIR 185), Ramya Sri (AIR 222) and Hussain (AIR 532). Their achievement stands as a source of pride for the institution and an inspiration to fellow students.

Dr. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU and Dr.A.Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering extended their best wishes to all the achievers.

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