

ANGRAU e-NEWSletter



Vol. 9(4), 2025 October-December, 2025

A Quarterly Publication

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Lam, Guntur - 522 034

From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

It is with great pride and pleasure that I present this compilation of recent achievements and initiatives from Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU). In response to the devastating Montha cyclone in Andhra Pradesh, ANGRAU stood in support of the farmers of the state by deputing teams of scientists to visit affected fields and offer support and advisories. My profound gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu who visited the University on the momentous occasion of the birth anniversary celebrations of Acharya N.G.Ranga, a great visionary. The staff and students also offered tribute to the great humanitarian and paid respects to the 150 years completion of the National song 'Vande Mataram'.

"Deeksharambh" student induction programme for a duration of two weeks was successfully conducted for new entrants in all colleges to help them acquaint with the colleges and to learn from each other's life experiences. Inter-Collegiate Sports and Cultural Meet was held for the students of ANGRAU for the year 2025 and I congratulate the students of Agricultural College, Bapatla who emerged as the champions. On a happy note, the College of Food Science and Technology (CFST), Pulivendula, marked a significant academic milestone with the formal launch of the M.Tech. (Food Technology) programme with a specialization in Food Process Engineering. Furthermore, 116th Academic Council meeting was held and few new resolutions and guidelines were undertaken for the benefit of students.

On research front, a few fruitful collaborations and interaction meets commenced. With the aim of promoting the significance of oilseeds crops in the State, a collaborative workshop was jointly organised by ANGRAU, Guntur and ICAR- Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad. IRRI scientists, Dr. Wasim Hussain and Dr. Mahendra Anumalla visited the Regional Agricultural Research Station, Maruteru to monitor the ongoing collaborative projects. Dr. Ved



Parkash Sharma, Director, ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Govt. of India, Solan, Himachal Pradesh visited RARS, Tirupati and interacted with staff and students. I am thankful to all the renowned personalities who visited different units of ANGRAU on various occasions and shared their valuable inputs. On extension front, the innovative programme branded as the *Rythanna Meekosam* focused on disseminating the State government's five developmental principles, was grandly inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu

garu and I am happy that ANGRAU scientists participated with enthusiasm. Also, it is a privilege for ANGRAU to be a part of official launch of Central programmes like Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) and Annadata Sukheebhava-PM Kisan. RAWEP Students exhibited their talent in *Rythu Sadassu* cum Exhibitions at various locations in the State during this quarter.

Important days during this period such as Gandhi Jayanti (October 2nd), World Food Day (October 16th), National Agricultural Education day (3rd December), World Soil Day (5th December), Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Death Anniversary (6th December), etc., were celebrated by all the centres of ANGRAU. As this year 2025 comes to a closure, I thank all the officers, scientists, staff and students of this University for their consistent support in all the developmental initiatives undertaken and hope that they put in sincere efforts and dedication to work in coordination towards the progress of farmers of the State in the years ahead.

*I wish all a Happy and
Splendid New Year 2026!*

Sarada

(R. SARADA JAYALAKSHMI DEVI)

Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu garu graced the 125th N G Ranga Birth anniversary celebrations



The grand 125th birth anniversary celebrations of the great parliamentarian and humanitarian Acharya N G Ranga were held in a grand manner across the State on 07.11.2025. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu paid tribute to the great personality at the mangnanimous event organised by N.G. Ranga trust at Krishna Auditorium, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Lam, Guntur. Sri. Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Hon'ble Minister for State (Agriculture,Cooperation, Marketing, Animal husbandry, Dairy development and Fisheries) and Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sri Lavu Krishnadevarayulu participated as the guests of honour. Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu offered floral tribute to the statue of the Acharya N.G.Ranga and said that the visionary is an inspiration to everyone concerned with Agriculture and farmers welfare. His vision and passion towards farmer development is unparalleled and must be taken forward with commitment and zeal. While addressing the house of scientists, farmers, students and other stakeholders, Agriculture Minister Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu stressed that concerted efforts need to be made to revive the glory of the University and the farmer- pro Government is committed to

achieve it. Sri Lavu Krishnadevarayulu spoke on the occasion and encouraged the scientists of the University to live upto the vision of the renowned personality by contributing to need based research and quality education. Students must be empowered with skills and knowledge to serve the farmers practically in the field, he added. Later,to commemorate the occasion, books on Modern constitution Institutions in telugu and english were released. Also, progressive farmers with notable progress in the field were awarded by the hands of the chief guest.Sri Burla Ramanjeneyulu, MLA Prathipadu, Sri Galla Madhavi, MLA Guntur West, Sri Naseer Ahmed, MLA Guntur East, Sri Tenali Sravan Kumar,

N.G. Ranga Trust Chairman Sri R. Kishore babu and family members, University officers, scientists , farmers, students and press participated in the event. Earlier, ANGRAU paid tribute to the great visionary Acharya N G Ranga by organising the 125th birth anniversary celebrations with staff and students at the IAB, Administrative office, Lam,Guntur. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr.R.Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi along with the University officers, staff and students bestowed floral tribute to the statue of Acharya N G Ranga in the building premises and also offered salutation to the completion of 150 years of the National song *Vande Mataram*. Later, she spoke on the significance of the day and stressed that concerted efforts need to be made to revive the glory of the University and everyone should work in coordination and spirit to achieve this. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to deserving non teaching staff of the Administrative office.



ANGRAU Participated in *Rythanna meekosam* programme Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister

The innovative programme branded as the *Rythanna Meekosam* focused on disseminating the Government's five developmental principles: water security, demand-driven cropping, agri-tech adoption, food processing expansion, and targeted government support, commenced grandly on 03.12.2025. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu inaugurated the programme at Nallajerla, East Godavari district on a large scale. While addressing the huge gathering of farmers, scientists, department officials, industry personnel and other stakeholders, the CM stressed on the role of the scientific community to ensure farmers understand the cropping pattern, government initiatives in water management, soil testing, food processing and market linkages. The goal of the

programme was to translate the scientific interventions into higher incomes through better crop choices and modern

practices, he added. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. P. V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research ANGRAU, scientists and students of ANGRAU participated in the event. Earlier, Hon'ble Minister Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu and Dr. Mandali Buddha Prasad, MLA participated in the event meet of the programme at Ghantasala village, Krishna district on 24.11.2025 organised by KVK, Ghantasala and interacted with the farmers who attended in large numbers. In his address, the Minister said that the farmer-pro government in the State is focused on farmer welfare initiatives, input cost reduction, extending minimum support prices, mitigating climate hazards, mechanization and need-based training and skill development to ensure sustainable income to farmers. Sri B. Rajasekhar, Ex-officio Principal Secretary (DAC), Dr. S. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS, Director of Agriculture, A.P., Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, ANGRAU, Dr. N. V. V. S. Durgaprasad, A.D.R, Regional agricultural research station, Lam, Guntur and other scientists of the zone participated.



Deeksharambh -2025 Conducted in all ANGRAU Colleges in Full Spirit

“Deeksharambh” programme was introduced as per the recommendations of the Sixth Deans Committee in all colleges of ANGRAU in the first semester for a duration of two weeks to help students acquaint with the college, to learn from each other’s life experiences, to avoid cultural and regional differences among the students and it was successfully conducted in ANGRAU during 2025-26 academic year in all Colleges. The Inaugural programme of *Deeksharambh* – 2025 at Agricultural College, Bapatla was graced by Dean of Agriculture, Dr.Cherukuri Srinivasa Rao and Dean of Student Affairs,Dr. G.Ramachandra Rao and was conducted successfully for two weeks with various programmes viz, Institute orientation, Yoga/fitness activities, Orientation of Departments, visits to Departments, College farm, other ANGRAU Colleges, motivational lectures by eminent alumni, cultural and literary activities, sports and games etc.

Inaugural function of Deeksharambh - 2025 at S.V. Agricultural college Tirupati for newly admitted students was held on 11.11.2025. Dr. M. Reddi Sekhar, Associate



Dean, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati addressed newly joined students and enlightened them on the significance of the programme to be conducted from 11.11.2025 to 22.11.2025 and all first year students actively participated in the programme.

Dr.P.Sambasiva Rao, Dean of Community Science participated as the chief guest for Deeksharambh- 2025 programme at College of Community Science, Lam, Guntur, interacted with the students and oriented them on institution and department’s vision and mission along with introduction of the faculty. Lectures by eminent personalities were invited and motivational visits were arranged. As part of valedictory programme of Deeksharambh on 23.11.2025, Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Dean of Student Affairs, ANGRAU and Dr. G. Kishore Babu, Associate Dean, College of Community Science, attended the programme and interacted with the students.



RAWEP Students exhibit talent in *Rythu Sadassu* cum Exhibitions

As a part of the RAWEP, students of Agricultural College, Bapatla in coordination with DAATTC, Guntur, organised *Rythu Sadassu* cum Exhibition in Kolakaluru village, Tenali mandal, Guntur district on 17.12.2025. Dr. G.Sivanarayana, Director of Extension, was the chief guest. Students displayed various cost reduction technologies in the Exhibition for the benefit of the farmers respective to their village.



Farmer-scientist interaction was also held on integrated crop management of Rabi crops especially on Pulses, Maize & Jowar. Other dignitaries participated were Dr. NVVS Durga Prasad, Associate Director of Research RARS, Lam; Dr. Krishna Reddy, Associate Dean, Ag.college, Udaygiri; Dr. RVSK. Reddy, Associate Dean, NS Ag. college, Markapuram; Dr. S. R. Koteswararao, Professor, Agricultural college, Bapatla; Dr. P.Gopikrishna, UHOD, Extension, ANGRAU; Dr.D.Mohan Reddy, Princial Scientist,

Pulses, RARS, Lam; Dr. P. Srilathavani, Principal Scientist (Extension); Dr.A.Manoj ,Coordinator, DAATTC, Guntur and other scientists of the zone along with students and farmers.

MLA, Pamarru, Sri Varla Kumar Raja participated as the chief guest of the *Rythu Sadassu* organised by the students undergoing RAWEP at Agricultural college Bapatla in coordination with KVK,Ghantasala at Muvva Sri Mandapa Janakirammaiah Sulochana Kshetraiah kalyana mandapam on 18.12.2025. Sri Varla Kumar Raja addressed the gathering and highlighted the initiatives undertaken by the State government for farmer welfare.



Later, he visited the stalls and appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to work for the farmer welfare in future. Agriculture department officials, University officials, scientists, farmers and students participated.

ANGRAU & ICAR-IIOR Collaborative workshop held

With the aim of promoting the significance of oilseeds crops in the state, a collaborative workshop was jointly organised by ANGRAU, Guntur and ICAR- Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad at Lam, Guntur on 18.12.2025 under the SC Sub Plan. Dr. R.Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble VC said that owing to the increasing demand for pure and good quality oil, efforts are being streamlined towards enhancing the production and productivity of sesame and groundnut oilseed crops in the State through research and trainings. Farmers in the State should be encouraged to consider the value of these crops, she added. Dr. G.Sivanarayana, Director of Extension also addressed the workshop on the best management practices in these crops. Dr.R.K.Mathur , Director,ICAR-IIOR along with his team of scientists



participated in the workshop. Pest and Disease management, Climate mitigation measures and other aspects pertaining to oilseed crops were discussed in the workshop. Scientists of the zone and farmers participated. Biofertilizers were distributed to the farmers by the hands of the VC.

IRRI Team Visited RARS, Maruteru



IRRI Scientists Dr. Wasim Hussain and Dr. Mahendra Anumalla visited the Regional Agricultural Research Station, Maruteru on 24.10.2025 to monitor the ongoing collaborative project “Regional Breeding Pipeline (TLaSF/S-I: MS Grain Type) & One IRRI–NARES Breeding Network (TLaSF-R) ANGRAU–IRRI–2024 (AGGRi2: Accelerating Genetic Gain and Varietal Replacement in Rice – Phase 2)” under the BMGF-funded programme.

Dr. Wasim Hussain provided a detailed roadmap for strengthening the Regional Breeding Pipeline (TLaSF/S-I: MS Grain Type) aimed at developing replacements for *Swarna* and *Samba Mahsuri* with improved traits. He also advised maintaining separate elite crossing pools for *Swarna* and *Samba Mahsuri*, and recommended elite × elite crosses focusing on high yield and key adaptive traits. He further suggested the establishment of a greenhouse facility at RARS,

Maruteru to enable rapid generation advancement (RGA) and phenotypic selection for key traits. Genotyping of elite lines under the One CGIAR Genotyping Platform (4K RICEA panel).

Later, the team monitored the performance of submergence-tolerant lines under both flash flood and stagnant flood conditions, and reviewed the joint crossing blocks (F1s and F2 materials). Dr. Wasim Hussain, Dr. Mahendra Anumalla and Dr. M. Girija Rani jointly identified the best-performing submergence-tolerant lines for further advancement. The team comprised Dr. M. Girija Rani, Principal Scientist (Rice); Dr. Y. Suneetha, Senior Scientist (GPBR); Dr. P. V. Ramana Rao, Principal Scientist (GPBR); Dr. J. Dayal Babu, Principal Scientist (GPBR); Dr. V. Roja, Scientist (MB); Dr. V. Bhuvaneswari, Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology); and Dr. A. D. V. S. L. V. P. Anand Kumar, Scientist (Entomology).

Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) launched Countrywide - Agriculture Minister graced the event at ANGRAU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially launched PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana on 11.10.2025 at a special agriculture programme held at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi. The launch also included the Dalhan Atmanirbharta Mission (Pulses Self-Reliance Mission) with other agricultural and allied sector infrastructure projects. Participating in the live telecast of the launch held at Krishna auditorium, ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu garu said that boosting agricultural productivity and farmers welfare is the priority of the Government. Under this scheme, sustainable farming practices, irrigation facilities, crop diversification, productivity and post-harvest storage infrastructure will be promoted in the four selected districts of the State, he added. Other dignitaries present



in the event were Sri Burla Ramanjeyulu, MLA, Pratipadu, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, Sri B. Rajasekhar, Ex-Officio Principal Secretary (DAC), Dr. S. Manajir Jeelani Samoon, Director of Agriculture, A.P. and Sri S. Dilli Rao, IAS. Officials of Department of Agriculture, University officers, scientists, farmers and students participated in the virtual address by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

ANGRAU Stands in Support of Cyclone - Hit Farmers

The Government of Andhra Pradesh extended unparalleled support and assistance to the cyclone hit farmers of the State. Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu, Hon'ble Chief Minister personally monitored the situation and farmers distress in the State by inspecting the damaged fields and interacting with farmers in Bendamurlanka, Allavaram mandal, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District. Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research, ANGRAU along with the Scientists of KVK, Undi and Department officials were also present during the CM's visit.

University officers and Scientists of ANGRAU along with experts from the Department of Agriculture visited in teams to inspect the fields affected by the cyclone Montha throughout the State. They assessed the field conditions, crop losses due to the cyclone and advised the farmers on the remedial measures and precautionary steps to minimize further damage. Dr.R.Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU along with Dr.G.Sivanarayana,



Director of Extension visited along with the team led by Minister of Mines and Geology, Sri Kollu Ravindra and V. Balashowry, M.P., to Krishnapuram Village, Kovvuru Mandal on 31.10.25 and rendered advice and support to the farmers. Also, a central team led by Dr.K.Ponnuswamy, Director, Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) along with Dr. P.V.Satyanarayana, Director of Research and his team, Director of Agriculture S. Dilli Rao, District Collector D.K.Balaji and Joint collector M.Naveen, visited Punadipadu village in Kankipadu mandal and interacted with the affected farmers and rendered support. Farmers were advised on immediate remedial measures.

Hon'ble VC Participated in the Official Fund Release of *Annadata Sukheebhava– PM Kisan*

Annadata Sukheebava-PM Kisan second installment official release programme was held at the Krishna auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur on 19.11.25. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modiji and Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh virtually attended the programme. The District Collector Sri Thameem Ansaria along with Pratipadu MLA Sri. B. Ramanjaneyulu and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi devi released the cheque for disbursement in presence of stakeholders and allied department officials. The district Collector spoke on the occasion and said that Rs. 70 crores were deposited in the accounts of 1,06,329 farmers of the State and urged the farmers to make timely and best use of the amount to enhance their income levels.



MLA Sri B.Ramanjaneyulu also stressed on the earnest efforts of the State government to enhance the livelihoods of the farmers. The meet also saw the presence of J.C. Ashutosh Srivastava, Joint Collector, University officials, department officials, Scientists and farmers.

M.Tech. (Food Technology) Programme with Specialization in Food Process Engineering

The College of Food Science and Technology (CFST), Pulivendula, marked a significant academic milestone with the formal launch of the M.Tech. (Food Technology) programme with a specialization in Food Process Engineering on 24-11-2025. This new postgraduate programme represents a major step toward strengthening advanced education and research capabilities in food engineering—an area of growing national and global importance due to rapid developments in processing technologies, automation, sustainability, and value addition. The inaugural ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries from Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in her address emphasized the rising demand for skilled professionals in food processing, value addition, and emerging industry technologies. The programme was presided over by Dr. A.V. Ramana, Dean of Post Graduate Studies, ANGRAU, who highlighted the importance of advanced academic training in enhancing students' employability and research potential in the food processing sector. Dr. M.V. Ramana, Registrar, ANGRAU, attended the event as the



distinguished guest and appreciated CFST, Pulivendula, for its consistent academic progress and infrastructure development. Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, ANGRAU, commended the initiative and underscored the crucial role of Food Process Engineering in addressing national priorities related to food security, sustainability, and industrial modernization. Dr. M. Madhava, Associate Dean, expressed his gratitude to the university leadership for approving and launching the postgraduate programme.

Interaction meet with Director, ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan

An Interaction meeting of teaching staff of RARS, Tirupati, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati and ELP students with Dr. Ved Parkash Sharma, Director, ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Govt. of India, Solan, Himachal Pradesh and Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur was held at Seminar Hall, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati on 23.10.2025. Dr. Ved

Parkash Sharma delivered a Guest Lecture to staff and students and later along with Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU and Dr. M. Reddi Sekhar, Associate Dean, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati participated and planted the sapling *Radormachera* in the college main building. Later, he also visited AICRP Mushroom Unit at the campus and interacted with the scientists.



ANGRAU participated in the Maha Kisan Mela @ Kanha, Shantivanam, Hyderabad



The Maha Kisan Mela was a two-day national agricultural fair organized at Kanha, Shanti Vanam Heartfulness Centre in Hyderabad held on 3rd and 4th December, 2025. It was jointly organised by the Asian PGPR Society for Sustainable Agriculture, the Government of Telangana, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, and the Heartfulness Institute – Kanha Shanti Vanam to promote sustainable and climate-smart farming practices. Sri Tummala Nageshwara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Telangana, inaugurated the event. The mela aimed to accelerate the transition towards biological, regenerative, and climate-smart agriculture, providing farmers with practical solutions, scientific guidance, and exposure to innovations in modern farming. The event was seen as a major platform for farmer empowerment, fostering innovation and community engagement in agriculture. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi along with Dr. A. V. Ramana, Dean of P.G. Studies, Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural

Engineering and Technology and Director of Extension, Dr. G. Sivanarayana graced the event. The V-C addressed the interactive session and spoke on the importance of soil health and the need to protect it with sustainable environment friendly practices. Later, she visited the stalls and interacted with the scientists and farmers in the ANGRAU stall. Over 100+ exhibition stalls showcasing cutting-edge agricultural technologies and tools were exhibited. Dr. B. Govindarajulu, Director of Extension, YSRHU, visited ANGRAU stall and interacted with the scientists. Live demonstrations and interactive expert sessions connecting farmers with scientists and industry leaders were organised. Knowledge-sharing training workshops, panel discussions, and awards recognising farmer excellence were conducted. Thousands of participants attended, including progressive farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), University scientists, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), agri-startups, NGOs, scientists, industry leaders, and policymakers from across India.

116th Meeting of the Academic Council Commenced

The 116th meeting of the Academic Council of ANGRAU was held on 29.12.2025 at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU presided over the meeting as its Chairman. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor said that ANGRAU is following recommendations of 6th Dean Committee guidelines and has incorporated the syllabus and standards of teaching prescribed by the committee. Dr. M. V. Ramana, Registrar, elaborated about the progress on the decisions taken in the 115th academic council meeting and put forth the agenda items of the 116th 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 and Dr. Gururaj Sunkad, Dean of P.G. Studies, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur participated as experts. Dr. Rabindranaiik, Professor and Head, Dept. of Soil Science, OUAT, Bhubaneswar and Dr. D. Suresh Kumar, Dean P.G. Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore, participated online as experts. A total of 103 members of the academic council participated.

Build friendship, unity and institutional bonding through Sports, Cultural and Literary meet said Hon'ble V-C



The College of Food Science and Technology (CFST), Pulivendula, successfully hosted the ANGRAU First Phase Inter-Collegiate Sports, Games, Cultural and Literary Meet from 24.11.25 to 26.11.25. A total of 430 male students representing 19 constituent and affiliated colleges of ANGRAU participated in a wide range of events, including Volley ball, Ball Badminton, Shuttle Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Carroms, and Chess. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, graced the inaugural event as the chief guest on 24th November. In her address, she urged students to embrace sportsmanship and physical fitness as essential components of a successful and meaningful life. She stressed that the meet plays a vital role in strengthening friendship, unity and institutional bonding across the university. Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao, Dean of Student Affairs, ANGRAU, presided over the programme, underscoring the University's continued commitment to nurturing student talent through sports, cultural activities, and holistic development initiatives. Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, ANGRAU, emphasized the role of sports in fostering discipline, teamwork, resilience, fair play, and overall character building. Special Guest Sri Sk. Ghous Basha, District Sports Development Officer, Kadapa, highlighted the importance of participation beyond competition and commended the organizers for conducting the event smoothly. Dr. M. Madhava, Associate Dean, CFST, Pulivendula, expressed gratitude to the

University authorities for their support and reaffirmed the college dedication to cultivate a vibrant campus environment that promotes discipline, teamwork, and student excellence. Dr. R. Ravikanth, Professor and University observer, presented the Sports Report for 2025–26.

The valedictory programme saw the presence of Dr. G. Ramachandra Rao as the chief guest. In his address, he emphasized that sports instill discipline, perseverance, and time management—skills that are indispensable in academic pursuits and professional life. He encouraged students to celebrate achievements with humility and face setbacks with resilience. Dr. M. Madhava, Associate Dean, CFST, Pulivendula and Dr. K. Vijaya Gopal, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Pulivendula, acknowledged the outstanding enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and discipline displayed by the participants. The meet concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners and runners-up across all net games, marking a fitting culmination to three days of spirited competition and camaraderie.



“Healthy soil is the responsibility of all” said Hon’ble V-C

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) regularly celebrated World Soil Day on December 5th across its various colleges, Research Stations, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). Addressing the gathering at Krishna auditorium, RARS, Lam, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi said that it is the responsibility of every individual to protect our nature, especially the soil. This World Soil Day-2025 focuses on urban landscapes with the theme “Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities.” Therefore, this day invites everyone—from policymakers to citizens—to rethink urban spaces from the ground up, to build greener, more resilient, and healthier cities, she added. The event also saw the presence of University officers Dr. A. V. Ramana, Dean of Post Graduate Studies; Dr. M. V. Ramana, Registrar, ANGRAU; Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Director of Extension and Dr. NVVS Durgaprasad, A.D.R., RARS, Lam, Guntur. At RARS, Nandyal also Dr. M. Johnson, A.D.R., honoured the day in a befitting manner.



Inauguration of SC Sub-Plan Project at the CFST, Pulivendula

The College of Food Science and Technology, Pulivendula, successfully inaugurated the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan project titled “Skill Development on Tomato Processing, Value Addition through Powder and Pulp Production, and Capacity Building for Marketing, Agro-Entrepreneurship, and Employment Opportunities” on 24.11.25. The project was sanctioned a financial allocation of Rs. 14.5 lakhs under the Education Division Plan Scheme “Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India” from the Dean of Agriculture, ANGRAU.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by distinguished dignitaries from Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, who formally inaugurated the

project, emphasizing its importance in fostering entrepreneurship and improving livelihood opportunities among marginalized communities. She highlighted the increasing national demand for trained manpower in food processing and the role of such programmes in bridging skill gaps. The event witnessed the presence of Dr. A. Mani, Dean of Agricultural Engineering & Technology; Dr. A. V. Ramana, Dean of Post Graduate Studies and Dr. M. V. Ramana, Registrar, ANGRAU. The dignitaries appreciated this initiative and noted its potential to enhance rural development and strengthen value-addition chains in the agricultural sector. Dr. M. Madhava, Associate Dean, welcomed the gathering and reiterated CFST’s commitment to skill-based education and community-oriented programmes.



“World Food Day Celebrations”

Hand in hand for better food and a better future



World Food Day was celebrated at Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla on 16-10-2025 under the presidency of Dr. M. Sardar Baig, Associate Dean of Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla. Dr. M. Sardar Baig presided over the program and highlighted that “World Food Day” is observed every year on 16th October across the globe to promote awareness about food security, nutrition, and sustainable agricultural practices. He emphasized the need to prevent food wastage and urged everyone to contribute to achieving global food security. Students actively participated in the program and presented insightful speeches on the importance and relevance of World Food Day in today’s world. Mr. P. Venkataram Reddy, Vice President, ITC Limited, ABD Division graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and encouraged students to contribute to building sustainable and secure food systems for the future. As part of the celebrations, several competitions were organized to promote awareness and creativity among students. Dr. P. Prasuna

Rani, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Bapatla, Dr. D.D. Smith, Associate Dean, Dr N.T.R College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla and Dr. L. Edukonadulu, Principal Scientist, Post-Harvest Technology & Engineering Centre participated and interacted with the students.

At the College of Food Science and Technology, Pulivendula, a Food Expo was organized wherein B.Tech (Food Technology) students showcased innovative food products developed under various processing modules—spice, dairy, meat, cereal, millet, fruit and vegetable processing. They also demonstrated simple food adulteration detection techniques for milk, ghee, curd, butter, honey, chilli powder and green peas. The expo was inaugurated by Sri G.V.P. Chandra Mohan, DGM – Supplier Quality & Food Safety (India), Global Green Company Ltd., Bengaluru, and Sri J. Chandrasekhar, Head, Quality Assurance, Srinidhi Dairy, Proddatur along with Dr. M. Madhava, Associate Dean, CFST, Pulivendula.



RARS, Nandyal Honours World Cotton Day



World Cotton Day is celebrated annually on 7.10.25 to raise awareness about cotton's vital role in economic development, international trade, and poverty alleviation. In view of this, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Nandyal organised 'World cotton day' and conducted a training programme on best management practices in cotton for enhancing productivity and quality in cotton. The Associate Director of Research, RARS,



Nandyal, Dr. M. Johnson explained the farmers about the importance of the day and the theme for 2025 as 'The Fabric of Our Lives'. Two successful cotton growing farmers *i.e.*, Sri C. Nazeer Ahmed and Sri C. Venkateswarlu from Usenapuram village of Orvakal mandal, Kurnool district were felicitated on the occasion by RARS, Nandyal. Scientists of AICRP on cotton and scientists of RARS, Nandyal has participated.

Agricultural College, Bapatla bagged overall Championship trophy

The second and final phase of ANGRAU Inter-Collegiate Sports, Games, Cultural and Literary Meet was held at S.V.Agricultural college, Tirupati in a grand manner. The four days event commenced from 5th to 8th December and Agricultural college, Bapatla was declared as the winner and overall championship of the event. The valedictory programme held on 8.12.25 was graced by Dr.J.V.Ramana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, S.V.Veterinary University, Tirupati and presided over by Dr.G.Ramachandra Rao, Dean of Student Affairs, ANGRAU. The chief guest spoke on the occasion and said that participating in sports and cultural activities must be encouraged as it increases self-confidence of the students. Other dignitaries present were



Dr.M.V.Ramana, Registrar, ANGRAU, Dr. Reddi Sekhar, Associate Dean, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati, Dr. Jagapatiramaiah, Associate Dean, Veterinary college, Tirupati and Sri R. Ravikanth Reddy, Physical Director.

Agricultural College, Bapatla student shines at National level

T. Varshitha, an NCC cadet from Agricultural College, Bapatla, ANGRAU demonstrated her talent at the *Special National Integration Camp* held for 13 days in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The camp was attended by selected NCC cadets from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana



Directorates under the 22 (A) Battalion, Tenali Unit. As part of the Integration Awareness Programme, Varshitha actively participated in various competitions and showcased her abilities. On this occasion, the Associate Dean of the college, Dr. P. Prasuna Rani, and the Associate NCC Officer, Dr. Vinay Kumar, congratulated Varshitha for her achievement. Varshitha stated that attending the camp helped her learn many new things and gave her the opportunity to visit new places and understand their unique significance.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT DAYS CELEBRATED IN ALL UNITS OF ANGRAU



Acharya N.G. Ranga Jayanthi @
Dr. NTR CFST, Bapatla



Gandhi Jayanthi @ S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati



Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti @ IAB,
Administrative office, Lam, Guntur



Janab Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad birth anniversary @
IAB, Administrative office, Lam, Guntur



Sri Viswakarma Jayanthi @ IAB,
Administrative office, Lam, Guntur



Death Anniversary of Amarajeevi Sri Potti Sreeramulu,
observed as *Atmarpana Day* @ IAB,
Administrative office, Lam, Guntur



Staff and Students of RARS, Chintapalli take pledge on
National Constitution day



Death anniversary of B.R. Ambedkar observed as
Mahaparinirvan Diwas @ at RARS, Chintapalli

Chief Editor : Dr. O. Sarada, Editor : Dr. K.S. Purnima

*Published by: Principal Agricultural Information Officer, Agricultural Information and Communication
Centre (AI&CC) on behalf of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Lam, Guntur - 522 034
E-mail: enewsletter@angrau.ac.in*