

From Vice- Chancellor's Desk

Dr. K. Gopal assumed charge as new Vice-Chancellor of Dr. YSRHU on 15.08.2024 on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day and greeted all the teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as students from various institutes under Dr. YSRHU. Hoisted the National flag and delivered a message highlighting the University's significant accomplishments. He expressed his gratitude to all the staff and students for their dedication and hard work, which has contributed to the University's prominent national recognition in all the three spheres of Teaching, Research and Extension.

Dr. K. Gopal worked as Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Estate Officer, Comptroller, Associate Dean, Zonal Research Head (Rayalaseema Zone), HOD, Principal Scientist, Senior Scientist since 1993 – 2024. Developed many Horticultural Technologies in Sweet orange, Acid lime, Turmeric, Onion, Knol khol, Coriander, Capsicum, etc. Established Molecular diagnosis laboratory for indexing of Sweet orange scion mother trees for supply of virus free planting material to the orchardists in the country. Developed protection technologies in Sweet orange and Acid lime. Associated in release of Balaji Acid lime, Vakula Acidlime, Sweta Til, KRG–2 and KRG – 3. Published research papers in 127 national, 16 international research journals. Received many awards and recognitions viz; Dr.B.Vasantharaj David Award, Paramount Achievement Award-2018, Shri V.P. Gokhale Prize, Dr. Shyam Singh Best Citrus Scientist Award, Prof. H.C. Dube Outstanding Young Scientist Award, Sardar Patel Award, Talented Scientist Award, Distinguished Faculty Award, A.V. Krishnaiah memorial award, Sri Veerapaneni Narasimham Memorial Gold Medal for out-standing Scientist.

Focusing on overall development of university set the high target to achieve in academics, research and extension. The technology enabled solutions for revolutionizing the horticultural sector, offering solutions for improved efficiency, productivity, and sustainability are the major concern. These advancements include precision irrigation, robotics, drones, and the use of sensors, AI, and IoT, leading to better resource management, early disease detection, and optimized crop growth. I strongly believe that the present day challenges from farmer's in various horticultural crops like quality produce, marketing, processing and value addition can be addressed though the farmer centric approach i.e. FPOs and CBOs. The effective convergence of the Department of Horticulture and farmers aim to create a collaborative ecosystem that enhances knowledge sharing and technological advancements in horticulture. This involves integrating research findings from universities into practical farming techniques, providing farmers with access to expertise, and fostering a cycle of innovations.

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The Events

78thIndependence Day Celebrations

On the occasion of the 78th Independence Day, celebrated on August 15, 2024, all the teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as students from various institutes under Dr. YSRHU, participated in the national festivities. The event was marked by the presence of the new Vice-Chancellor, Dr. K. Gopal garu, who joined the celebrations at the Administrative Office in VR Gudem. Dr. K. Gopal garu hoisted the flag and delivered a message highlighting the University's significant accomplishments. He expressed his gratitude to all the staff and students for their dedication and hard work, which has contributed to the University's prominent national recognition.



Golden jubilee celebrations of KVKs at Dr. YSRHU

On 02.07.2024, Dr. YSRHU – KVK, Vonipenta conducted Golden Jubilee Celebrations by receiving Golden Jubilee torch of KVKs from Dr. Harini, SMS (Veterinary Science), KVK, Kalyanadurgam. Dr. E. Karuna Sree, Director of Extension, Dr. YSRHU participated as Chief Guest and spoke on KVK system origin, spread and mandatory activities over past 50 years since establishment of first KVK at Pudichery by the ICAR. On this occasion, two days district level training programme on chilli cultivation also organized. Resource persons from Dr. YSRHU – HRS, Lam, Guntur attended and delivered lectures on chilli cultivation and post-harvest management. Dr. M. Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Vonipenta explained about INM in chillies. Department officials and progressive farmers shared their

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views and clarified their doubts from the experts. Battery sprayers and tarpaulins distributed to the selected SC farmers and drums and Biofertilizers for preparation of natural concoction to the selected natural farming practitioners.



Dr.YSRHU -KVK NELLORE 2 (Periyavaram) as part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of ICAR - KVKs - Torch relay programme was inaugurated by Dr. E. Karuna Sree, Director of extension Dr. YS-RHU on 10.09.2024 at KVK,Periyavaram.On 12-08-2024 conducted Rally programme by carrying torch along with students of PM-Shree Kendriya Vidyalaya , Venkatagiri, KVK Scientists, staff & SHG women. Dr. B.Govinda Rajulu, Principal Scientist& Head explained to the participants about the significance of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of ICAR - KVKs- Torch relay programme and different activities of KVKs to the farming community. In this programme, Dr.P.Nagarjuna Reddy, Scientist (Agril.Extension), Dr.D.Thirupal, Scientist (Horticulture), , Dr.I.Rajeevana, Scientist (Soil Science) and 52 students, SHG women and KVK staff participated. This programme was coordinated by Dr. B. Vijayasree, Scientist (Home Science), KVK,Periyavaram.



Education

National Anti-ragging Day celebration

National Anti-ragging Day was observed on 12th August 2024 at COH VRGudem followed by inauguration of Antiragging week. On this occasion, Dr. M. Madhavi, Associate Dean addressed the students on ill effects of ragging. An interactive lecture "Say good bye to Ragging" was delivered by Sri Ch. Ganesh, Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. A video on "Anti ragging" pre-



pared by third year B.Sc (Hons.) Horticulture students was played. All the teaching, non teaching staff and students have participated the program.

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Campus Placement

Campus recruitment drive for the post of Sales officers was conducted at College of Horticulture, Venkataramannagudem on 13-08-2024 under the support and guidance of Dr. M. Madhavi, Associate Dean, College of Horticulture, Venkataramannagudem with well renowned company - Godrej Agrovet Ltd., Secunderabad to recruit the final year B. Sc (Hons) Horticulture students. The company Human Resources Manager –Ms. T. Sirisha; Area Field





Marketing Manager –Ms. V. Mounica; Business Lead –Sri M. Nageswara Rao and Territory Sales Officer –Mr. G. Ashok conducted the written examination for 39 students and selected 11 best scored students for the personal interview. Dean of Student Affairs Dr. D. R. Salomi Suneetha also participated in the programme. This programme was coordinated by the Placement cell incharge, Dr. P. Vinaya Kumar Reddy, Associate Professor, College of Horticulture, Venkataramannagudem.

Career Guidance Programme

Dr YSRHU-College of Horticulture, VR Gudem organized a career guidance program on 03.08.2024. Dr. R. Selvakumar, Scientist, IARI and Mr. Y. Vamsi, Grade A Assistant Manager, NABARD, Alumnus of Dr YSRHU-COH, Parvatipuram delivered a guest lecture on "Preparation for competitive exams in both banking and Horticulture sectors". The speakers motivated and enlightened the students about various opportunities in different areas and gave tips for preparation for competitive exams. Dr. K UshaKumari, Assoc. prof. and OSA and Dr.P.GangadharRao, Asst. prof. have co-ordinated the programme.



NSS Activities

Swachhata Hi Seva programme was conducted on 03.08.2024 at COH, Anantharajupeta. During



this programme cleaning activities like weeding, removal of plastic waste etc., in and around the campus were done. Dr. K. Gopal, Associate Dean, NSS programme Officers, Dr.Y. Deepti Kiran and Dr. A. Nischala, teaching, non-teaching staff and NSS volunteers were actively involved.

As a part of **Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign**, the NSS cell of Dr.YSRHU-College of Horticulture, Anantharajupeta conducted a rally on importance of National Flag at Anantharajupeta and Y. Kota village, Annamayya district on 14-08-2024. In addition to this, all the NSS volunteers took a pledge on Har Ghar Tiranga. Dr. Ch. Ruth, In-charge Associate Dean, Dr. K. Swarajya Lakshmi, Professor, Dr. M. Harshitha, Assistant Professor, NSS programme offi-



cers, Dr. Y. DeepthiKiran, Dr. A. Nischala and NSS volunteers actively participated in the programme.

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Extension

Formation of New Women FPO at Venkatagiri, Tirupathi District:

Dr. B.Vijayasree, Scientist (Home science), Dr.YSRHU-KVK, Nellore-2 (Periyavaram) facilitated "Formation of New Women FPO" under MACS Act 1995 by SHG women in convergence with SERP at Mahila Sthree Shakthi Bhavan, MMS Office, Venkatagiri on 2.08.2024. In this program explained about the guidelines for formation of New FPO, nurturing and capacity



building. After that elected Board of Directors, EC members and created awareness on their roles and responsibilities. In this program Sri.B.Singanna, SERP - DPM (Livelihoods), Tirupathi, Smt.Jamuna, APM, SERP, Venkatagiri , Community Coordinators of Venkatagirimandal, MMS president, Venkatagiri , MMS Treasurer, Venkatagiri& SHG women & VOAs (150 No.) participated.

Micro Enterprise Development Program on Moringa and Millet based Biscuits to SHG women funded by NABARD:

On 9.8.2024, Dr. YSRHU-KVK, Nellore-2 (Periyavaram), Dept. of Home Science inaugurated Micro Enterprise Development Program on Moringa and Millet based Biscuits to SHG women funded by NABARD. The Director of Extension Dr.E.Karuna Sree, Dr. YSRHU participated as Chief Guest and addressed the participants on significance of entrepreneurship development activities for income generation and employment generation for youth and SHG women. NABARD – AGM, Tirupathi District Sri.C. Sunil, participated as Special guest and explained about the different schemes of Govt.& Banks like PMFME for promoting food based micro enterprises for SHG women. Project Director, MEPMA,Tirupathi, Smt. A.Radhamma explained about women empowerment for taking up group activities for income generation and livelihood promotion. Principal Scientist& Head, KVK, Periyavaram, Dr.B.Govinda Rajulu, addressed participants on Self-employment – Scope for income generation and need for marketing of the value added products.

World Tribal Day (Adivasidinotsavam celebrations at ITDA, Rampachodavaram)

On 09.08.2024, Dr. R.Praveen Babu, Scientist (Agricultural Extension) and S.Adarsha, Scientist (Entomology) and i/c Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi attended the World Adivasi Day celebrations at ITDA, Rampachodavaram. Exhibited technologies in the exhibition. Scientists interacted with farmers and explained about role of KVK in empowerment of tribal farmers and explained about the products displayed.



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Training programmes conducted

Dr. YSRHU-KVK, Vonipenta conducted a two days training programme on Chilli cultivation under CSS-MIDH project from 2-3 August, 2024. Dr. E. Karuna Sree, Director of Extension, Dr. YSRHU inaugurated the programme and explained about important key points about chilli cultivation and insisted to follow Integrated Pest Management practices for effective crop management and reduction in cost of cultivation. Dr. Nagalakshmi, Senior Scientist and Dr. Rajani, Scientist HRS-Lam, Dr.Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head explained about Integrated





Crop Management strategies and also uses of Biofertilizers, Dr. B. Nagendra Reddy, Scientist Scientist(Ento), BRS, Pulivendula shared complete note on Pests and disease management in chillies, Dr. Firoz Hussain, Scientist(Hort) explained about problems in chilli cultivation and also onimportance of seed treatment. Dr. B. S. Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science) given lecture on value addition in chillies, As part of the training programme conducted field visits in Chillies, Onion, Tuberose, Banana at Sunkulugaripalle, Machuvaripalle and Mittamanupalle villages.

On 03 August 2024, Dr.D.Thirupal, Scientist (Horticulture), Dr.YSRHU-KVK, Periyavaram conducted Training programmes on "Flower Regulation in Acid lime for getting higher yields during summer" as a part of Impactful interventions in Acid lime program for the year 2024-25 at RythuSeva Kendra (RSK), Chaganam, Sydapurammandal&Rapuru village



&mandal, Nellore District. Dr. B.Govinda Rajulu, Principal Scientist & Head, enlightened importance & role of GA3 growth hormone in Acid lime flower regulation for getting higher yields during summer and distributed the Telugu Pamphlet on "Nimmaloputhaniyanthrana" to the farmers.Scientists and Horticulture officers were interacted with farmers on different problems in Acid lime cultivation.Dr.I.Rajeevana, Scientist (Soil Science), KVK, Periyavaram and Horticulture officers Mr. E. Anand,HO (Podalakuru) & U.S.L. Mithila, HO (Rapuru), Farmers were participated.



A one-day training program on Backyard poultry farming was conducted by Dr.A.Devivaraprasad Reddy, Scientist (Vety Science) on 6th August 2024 at Dr. YSRHU-KVK, VR Gudem. Dr.E.Karuna Sree, Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU, VRGudem has participated as Chief Guest and highlighted the importance of Backyard poultry rearing in rural areas especially for women.

On 08.08.2024, Dr. M. Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Vonipenta conducted a training programme on green manuring and fertilizer use efficiency at KVK, Vonipenta. Farmers were explained about green manuring and its importance for increase in soil fertilityand four R'S technique in fertilizer use efficiency. Discussed about kharif crops operational activities and distributed battery sprayers and tarpaulins to the 35 SC



farmers from seven villages under SC Sub Plan.Dr.B.S.Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science) and Dr. S. Firoz Hussain, Scientist (Hort.) co-ordinated the event.

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On 08/08/2024, Dr.B.S.Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science) has conducted training programme on 'Drudgery reduction technologies in Pre and Post harvest Management'. Explained about the need and different types of Drudgery reduction technologies developed by ICAR Research units and allied institutes. Also ex-



plained about drudgery index, body postures and impact of repeated bending and prolonged work postures.Dr.M. Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head(Soil Science), and Dr. S. Firoz Hussain, Scientist (Hort) also participated in the session.



On 09.08.2024, Dr.A.Devivaraprasad Reddy, Scientist (Vety Science), Dr.YSRHU-KVK, VRGudem has conducted one day training program on deworming in small ruminants. In this program, Dr. Sumanthi, Principal, Dr. Rama, Lecturer, Veterinary Polytechnic college, SVVU, VRGudem has acted the resource person and ex-

plained the importance of deworming in small ruminants.

On 13.08.2024, Dr. M. Raghavendra Reddy, Scientist (SS&AC), Dr YSRHU-KVK, Venkataramannagudem conducted awareness programme on preparation of various natural farming concoctions, demonstrated the preparation of Brahmastram and explained



participants about the method of application of various concoctions in Arrayagudem Village, Buttayigudem Mandal.



On 14.08.2024, Dr.V.Deepthi, Scientist (Agricultural Extension) KVK, Venkataramannagudem conducted training program on "vegetables cultivation" to the farmers at Bandarlagudem, Munagalagudem and Lankalapalli villages under TSP and then distributed vegetable kitchen

garden kits to farmers, school children under FLD on "kitchen gardening " for the year 2024-2025.

On 14.08.2024,Dr.M.Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head, had conducted training programme on Natural Farming, explained about different methods of Natural Farming and several models with examples, discussed about natural concoctions like Dravajeevamrutham, Ghanajeevamrutham, Neemastram, Dashaparnikakasyaam etc. In this pro-



gramme, Mr. Sathèesh, AP state coordinator for Agro-foresstry, Mr.P.Adinarayana, APCNF cluster Manager, M. Venkatramana APCNF cluster leader and farmers have participated.

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On 15.08.2024, Dr.M.Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head, has inaugurated new nursery established in Vonipenta village and explained to the farmers about nursery management techniques, management of pest and diseases in the nursery and also importance of seed treatment and seedling treatment and also said to provide quality seedlings to the farmers. In this programme, Dr.Srividya Rani.N, Scientist (Extension)



and Dr.B.S.Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science), farmers and APCNF staff have participated.



On 15.08.2024, Dr.Srividya Rani.N, Scientist (Extension) and Dr.B.S.Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science) have screened the event of NPSS launched by Union Agricultural Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan created awareness among the farmers about pest and disease diagnosis for accurate management measures. Demonstrated the installation

of NPSS Mobile app and its usage in pest identification to the farmers. Scientist (Extension) conducted training on e-NAM and its importance and Scientist (Home Science) conducted training on millet crops with pulses for nutritional security.

Training programmes participated

On 1.8.2024 Dr.I.Rajeevana, Scientist (Soil Science) conducted trainingprogramme on vermicomposting and its uses in various crops at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Periyavarm. As a part of the programme, explained about the Vermicompost importance, production technologies of vermicompost and mass multiplication of



biofertilizers with vermicompost. Explained about how to use vermicompost production as enterprise for rural youth at vermicompost unit of KVK, Instructional farm. How to establish vermicompost unit was explained to rural youth and farmers. Earthworms were released in to silapaulin vermicompost bag. Vermicompost was distributed to SC farmers. Farmers and rural youth were participated in the program me.



On 14.08.2024, Dr.M.Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head, had attended as resource person to create awareness on Agro-forestry methods at Kottaseetharamapuram village of Mydukur mandal. In this programme explained about creating awareness about agro-forestry crops like casuarina, teak, mahogany, bamboo etc. and benefits to get additional income by long-term by timber and short-term by carbon credit

scheme by the government. In this programme Sri Sathèesh AP state coordinator for Agroforestry,P.Adinarayana, APCNF clusters Manager, M. Venkatramana APCNF cluster leader and farmers have participated.

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Establishment of ATM Model and A1 grade Natural farming Demo units in Adireddypalle cluster by the Scientists of KVK, Vonipenta

Scientists of KVK, Vonipenta attended Demo unit initiated under ATM model in Natural farming by sowing 12 varieties of Vegetables and Leafy vegetables. Along with this farmer planned A1 grade model by sowing Red gram in already existing turmeric field on 9.8.2024. Inbetween Turmeric rows Papaya and Marigold planted for getting more income. Dr.M. Balakrishna, Senior Scientist &Head (Soil Science)



Provided Nutri Garden kits at Pappanapalli village of Mydukur mandal



KVK,Vonipenta Scientists on 15.08.2024 visited Pappanapalli Village of Mydukur mandal and provided Nutri Garden kits with 13varieties of the vegetables i.e.Tomato, Brinjal, Chilli, Cluster beans, Bhendi, Yash gourd, Pumpkin, Onion, Sponge gourd, Bottle gourd, Carrot and Methi seeds.Dr. B.S.Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science) explained about the benefits of raising nutri-garden at backyards, by using natural farming methods. Dr.Srividya Rani.N,

Scientist (Extension) and APCNF staff participated in the programme.

Method demonstration

Dr.Srividya Rani.N, Scientist (Extension) and Dr.B.S.Kanthi Sri, Scientist (Home Science) had conducted method demonstration on installation of yellow, blue and white sticky traps in Brinjal field on 15.08.2024, which controls white flies, thrips, mites, aphids and jassids. Also explained to install the sticky traps to a height of half feet above the plant and also to follow IPDM measures for effective control of pests and diseases in Brinjal.



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Diagnostic visit



On 06.08.2024, Dr. S. Firoz Hussain, Scientist (Horticulture) and Dr. M. Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vonipenta conducted a diagnostic field visit in Chilli at Gopayapalle village, Mydukur-Mandal and observed sucking pests like thrips, black thrips and aphids. As a part of Integrated pest management, demonstrated the installation of blue sticky traps to attract the sucking pests as well as distributed blue

sticky traps to the farmers and also explained the farmers to spray neem oil @ 2.0 ml / L for effective management of sucking pest infestation.

Scientists of KVK, Vonipenta on 11.08.2024 conducted diagnostic field visits in Banana, Turmeric, Onion fields. Dr. M. Balakrishna, Senior Scientist and Head (Soil Science) observed Banana and Turmeric fields at two months stage and given fertilizer recommendations as per the regular schedule and gave instructions about application of oil cakes in Turmeric.



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Dr. Ch. Ruth, Prof.(Pl.Path.), Dr.K.Arunodhayam, Asst.Prof.(Pl.Path.) and Dr.K.Swarajyalakshmi, Prof.(H.) and attended field visit to Banana *cv.Grandnaine* and observed Banana streak virus disease in two months old crop with drip irrigation practice in farmer field at Urlagaddapodu village, Rly.Kodur Mandal, Annamayya District on



13-08-2023 and suggested spraying of Imaidacloprid 0.3ml./L for control of vector and spraying of micronutrients.

Phone-in-Programs under Farmers Advisory Cell of Dr YSRHU

Dr YSRHU-Farmers Advisory Cell organized the following Phone-in-Programs during the First fortnight of August 1-15 (3-4 PM).

Date	Topics	Scientist Name	
01.08.2024	జామతోటని ఆశించే పురుగులు మరియు వాటి సమగ్ర సస్యరక్షణ పద్ధతులు	Dr.L.Ranjith Kumar, Scientist, CRS, Petlur	
02.08.2024	కొబ్బరిలో పొటాష్ ఎరువు వినియోగంతో తెగుళ్ళు యాజమాన్యం	Dr.V.Govardhan Rao, Senior Scientist, HRS, Ambajipeta	
03.08.2024	హైటెక్ నర్సరీలో ప్రోట్రే పద్ధతిలో కూరగాయల నారు పెంపకం	Dr.T.Thomson, Scientist, HRS, VR Gudem	
05.08.2024	మిరపలో విత్తన సేకరణకు పంట యాజమాన్య పద్దతులు	Dr. A. Rajani, Sr. Scientist, HRS, Lam	
06.08.2024	అరటిలో విలువ ఆధారిత ఉత్పత్తులు – వాణిజ్య అవకాశాలు	Dr. K. Ravindra Kumar, Senior Scien- tist, HRS, Kovvur	
07.08.2024	అనాసపండు సాగు పద్ధతులు	Smt. Ch.Bindhu Scientist, HRS, Chintapalli	
08.08.2024	అరటి సాగులో పోషక దాతు లోపాలు – నివారణ చర్యలు	Dr. G. Ramanandam, Pr. Scientist & Head, HRS, Kovvur	
09.08.2024	నిమ్మ తోటల్లో కాపు నియంత్రణకు నీటి యాజమాన్యం	Dr.C.Madhumathi, Pr. Scientist, CRS, Petlur	
12.08.2024	మిరప లో కలుపు నివారణ యాజమాన్యం	Dr.J.Phani Kumar, Scientist, HRS, Lam	
13.08.2024	ఉల్లి సాగులో ఎరువులు, అంతరకృషి మరియు నీటి యాజమాన్యం	Dr. M. Tagor Naik, Pr.Scientist, HRS, Mahanandi	
14.08.2024	కర్రపెండలం-సమగ్ర ఎరువుల యాజమాన్యం	Dr.M.Janaki, Scientist & Head, HRS, Peddapuram	
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Technical support to RBK Channel

Following Scientists of Dr YSRHU are deputed for recording technical content at Integrated Call Centre, Gannavaram through RBK Channel during the August First fortnight, 2024.

Date	Topics	Scientist Name
02.08.2024	బొప్పాయి సాగులో మేలైన యాజమాన్య	Dr.D.Sreedhar, Sr. Scientist, HRS,
	పద్ధతులు	AR Peta
05.08.2024	టమాటాలో కలుపు మరియు ఎరువులు యాజమాన్యం	Dr.M.Balakrishna, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Vonipenta
09.08.2024	మిరపలో పురుగుమందుల అవశిషాలు మరియు ఆరోగ్యం పై వాటి ప్రభావం	Dr.K.Sireesha, Pr. Sciemtist, HRS, Lam
12.08.2024	అల్లసేరేడు సాగులో మెళకువలు మరియు సస్యరక్షణ చర్యలు	Dr.M.G.Bala Hussaini Pr. Scientist & Head, HRS, Madanapalli

TV/Radio Programmes

Dr. K. Radha Rani, Principal Scientist (Hort.) has given talk on "Mamidithotalalo kotha antharam purugulu, teggulla yajamanyam" which was telecasted on 12.08.2024 in RBK Channel,Gannavaram.

General

Webinars on Plant 4 Mother campaign and observance of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2024, was participated by all the colleges, polytechnics including affiliated under Dr.YSRHU. Ms. G. Tirumala Geethika, AH/22-, student of Entomology department attended 12 days training program on "Genomics of Agriculturally Important Pathogens, Microbes and Insects" organized by division of Plant Pathology/ Microbiology/ Entomology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi during July 22nd to August 2nd 2024, National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP), Centre for Ad-

vanced Agricultural Science & Technology (CAAST).



Meetings

Dr.M.Kavitha, Senior Scientist (PP), CRS,Tirupati attended T&V meeting at RARS, Tirupati organized by ATMA, Department of Agriculture and RARS, Tirupati on 03/08/2024.

Dr.R.Nagaraju, Principal Scientist (Hort) & Head, CRS, Tirupati attended Monthly Review Meeting with Project Co-ordinator, ICAR-AICRP on Fruits on 01.08.2024 through virtual mode.

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Exposure Visits

CoH, AR Peta conducted exposure visit to III B.Sc. (Hons.) Horti.students to papaya processing unit at Rly. Koduru.





CoH, AR Peta conducted exposure visit to III B.Sc.

(Hons.) Horti. studentson 09-08-2024 to cold storage unit, FDI, Thukivakam, Tirupati, Sericulture Department, Agro forestry and Medicinal plants block, Sri Padmavati Mahila University, Tirupati

An exposure visit was organized to III year B.Sc

(Hons.) H1orticultural students, College of Horticulture, Venkataramannagudem by Dr C P Viji, Assoc Prof. and Dr. Tejaswini TA. Students were taken to ARS, Vijayarai - AICRP on honeybees and pollinators.





An exposure visit to State Seed Testing Lab, Tadepalligudem was organised for the third year B.Sc (Hons.) Horticultural students as a part of practical exercises in GPBR 382 (Seed certification and production of vegetable, tuber and spice crops) course on 5th and 6th August 2024 for C and D batch students respectively by Dr.K.Ushakumari, Assoc prof.

On 09/08/2024, Students from Sri PadmavathiMahila University, TirupativisitedDr YSRHU - Citrus Research Station, Tirupati. Dr. R. Nagaraju, Principal Scientist (Hort) and Head, CRS, Tirupati explained about the protected cultivation practices of Horticultural Crops and later visited screen house and field experimental blocks.





Educational tour was organized by SKCHS, Anantapuramu on 31st July 2024 and 1st August 2024 to different places in Bengaluru and Mysore viz., Indian Institute of Horticultural Sciences (IIHR), University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra (GKVK) campus, Botanical garden,Lalbagh, Chamundi hills, etc.

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