NEWS & EVENTS

EDUCATION

SKPP Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramachandrapuram

Organized alumni meet on 28-11-2012 and felicitated the alumni members who has secured top ranks in the HORTICET-2012.

HRS, Kovvur

On 12.10.12, students of M.Sc. (Hort) were explained about the micropropagation techniques in banana and also exposed to the banana and tuber crops cultivation practices by all the Scientists of HRS, Kovvur.

Dr. M. M. Naidu, Scientist (Hort) SG has taken practical class on different banana cultivars that are being grown at the research station and explained in detailed about their genomic groups to the second year students of Horticulture polytechnic, Ramachandrapuram, East Godavari district on 6.12.12.

Ms.R.Naga Lakshmi, Scientist (Hort.) has taken practical class on tissue culture banana to the first year students of Horticulture polytechnic, Ramachandrapuram, East Godavari district on 6.12.12.

On 15.12.12, Dean of Horticulture, Dr. Lakshminarya Reddy, Dr.YSRHU, V.R.Gudem inaugurated the Information Corner displayed by the RAWEP students of Chidipi village (Horticultural College, V.R.Gudem) along with Dr. B.V.K. Bhagavan, Pr. Scientist (Hort.) & Head under the guidance of HRS, Kovvur.

Ms.R.Naga Lakshmi, Scientist (Hort) has guided on “Tissue culture of Banana” to the five final year B.Sc.(Ag) students of Agricultural College, Rajahmundry, East Godavari district under the Internship programme during RAWE programme for 30 days (i.e., from 23.11.2012 to 22.12.2012).

GRS, Rajendranagar

Conducting classes regularly to RAWEP girl students from College of Horticulture, Mojerla at GRS, Rajendranagar explaining the research station activities and RAWEP manual.
HRS, Ambajipeta

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Smt E.Padma and Dr. A. Snehalatha Rani imparted training on coconut production, protection technologies and value added products to IV year B.SC. (Agriculture) students from Agricultural College, Rajahmundry, ANGRAU on 20.11.2012.

Horticultural Polytechnic, Kalikiri

International Non– Violence day was celebrated on 02-10-2012. Different competitions for students such as Essay writing, Elocution, Group Discussion, Solo Song, Quiz, Group Song, Slogan writing were conducted. A Rally was organized in Indiramma Colony and Pledging was done.

Educational Tour was organized for 1st Year Diploma students (23 Numbers) (11-10-2012 to 12-10-2012)

Students visited Citrus Research Station, Tirupati, HCRI, Anantharajupeta, Banana Tissue Culture Laboratory, Private Nurseries (Rayalaseema Nursery) Palamaneru (Farmers fields and Private Nurseries) and Kuppam (Green house cultivation, post harvest technology, Grape and Banana fields). Students were explained and shown different crops and their cultivation practices.

Educational Tour was organized for 2nd Year Diploma students (22 Numbers) (05-11-2012 and 06-11-2012).

Students visited the progressive farmers fields, Poly houses, Cold Storage, Fruits, Vegetables and ornamental nurseries at Punganur, Vayalapadu and Madanapalli mandals and research blocks of vegetables, Fruit crops, Post Harvest Technology laboratory, Seed Processing Unit and Agriculture Engineering Department at Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore.

RESEARCH

HRS, Kovvur

During October and November 2012, severe incidence of sigatoka leaf spot disease has been observed due to continuous rains. Protectant fungicides like chlorothalonil (0.2%) or mancozeb (0.25%), as premonsoon application and therapeutic fungicide, propiconazole (0.1%) or tridemorph (0.1%) application during the rainy period are recommended to manage the disease.

MRS, Nuzvid

Horticulture:
- All the experiment trees are in bud initiation to flowering stages.
- In high density planting experiment Totapuri was found to be early in flowering compared to rest of the varieties/hybrids.
- Kesar mango in pre harvest sprays experiment is in bud initiation stage.

Entomology:
- Incidence of mango hoppers is in initial stages
- Severe incidence of leaf webber was recorded during surveys
- Light trap studies for leaf webber and mango fruit borer are in progress.

HRS, Vijayarai

14 cocoa varieties (grafts) were procured from CPCRI, Vittal and planted as intercrop trial in oil palm plantations.

Heliconia and red ginger was planted as inter crop trial in coconut and oil palm plantations.

EXTENSION

KVK, Pandirimamidi

The Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi, for Rabi-2012 was conducted on 18th October, 2012. Dr.M.B.Nageswara Rao, Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU presided over the technical programme and Dr.A.Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, KVK, and Subject Matter Specialists presented the technical programme proposed for Rabi 2012. The officials viz. Dr. G. Rajender Reddy, Senior Scientist, ZPD, Hyderabad, Smt. G.Prameela, JDA, Sri Seetharamaraju, PD, ATMA, Dr. K.S.S. Somayajulu, AGM, NABARD, Sri. S. Ramanjaneyulu, APD, IKP, E.G.Dist.
and Scientists from RARS - Maruteru, Chintapalli, HRS, Kovuru, Ambajipeta, Pandirimmamidi, KVK – Kalavacharla, Venkataramannagudem, Ramagirikhil, DAATTC, Kakinada, ADA, Rampachodavaram, technical officer - CIFE, FDO – Rampachodavaram and representatives from voluntary organizations, progressive farmers and women farmers participated and discussed regarding the action plan.

One-day Training Programme on “Promotion of Maize cultivation in agency area of East Godavari district” sponsored by ATMA (East Godavari District) and Directorate of Maize Research & organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi in East Godavari District on 15-12-2012. Dr.M.B.N.Rao, Director of Extension has participated and enlighten the farmers on importance of Crop Diversification for sustainable income sources in Tribal Areas for input distribution to 100 farmers.

KVK, Ramagirikhil

The Scientific Advisory Committee meeting was held on 07. 11.12. Dr. M. B. Nageswara Rao, Director of Extension, Dr. Y.S.R.HU presided over the programme Sri Y.Venkanna, Programme Coordinator i/c., Subject Matter Specialist (Hort.) presented the technical programme proposed. Later Dr. K. Dattatri, Principal Scientist, ZPD, Zone-V, Dr.G.Srihari, Vice-Principal, Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramagirikhil, Project Director, ATMA, Karimnagar, Dr.E.Karuna Sree, Programme Co-ordinator and T.O. to Director of Extension. Dr.YSRHU, VR’Gudem and District Officials from various line departments i.e. Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, APMIP and progressive farmers participated and review the Kharif work done and action plan proposed for Rabi 2012.

KVK Venkataramannagudem

On Farm Trails (OFTs):

Total Seven On Farm Trails were initiated and are in progress in various disciplines for the year 2012-13 to assess the latest technologies in farmer’s fields as well as in KVK farm to increase the knowledge and skill in various activities.

Dr.E.Karuna Sree, Programme Coordinator, KVK and Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS (SSAS)
- Weed management in direct sown paddy (Drum seeder) (Velivennu, Settipet villages)
- Performance on Bio-fertilizer application in Blackgram (Telikicherla, Chodavaram villages)
- Performance on Introduction of flowering in Mango (Telikicherla, V.R.Gudem, P.R.Palem)

Dr.K.Vijay Prakash, SMS (Vety. Sci.)
- Introduction of Co FS 29(Fodder Sorghum)(Nitya Jonna) (Lakkavaram, Nallaieral, Ravulapalem villages)
- Fertility improvement by Standardized Ovsynch protocol (Chodavaram, Telikicherla, Pallapadu villages)

Dr.E.Karuna Sree, Programme Coordinator, KVK and N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS (Fisheries)
- Evaluation of Cost economics of L.Vannmei at different stocking densities (Allavaram village)
- Usage of water probiotics in shrimp culture (Allavaram village)

II. Front Line Demonstrations:

Five FLDs are initiated in various disciplines by the technical team of KVK and are in progress at KVK farm as well as in adopted villages.
- STBF application in Rabi Maize (Chodavaram, Jaggannapeta)
- Chrysanthemum cultivation (V.R.Gudem)
- Tomato cultivation in Trellies (V.R.Gudem)
- Micronutrient management in acid lime (Jayalagunta, V.R.Gudem, Kothagudem)
- Management of dissolved oxygen depletion in Indian major carp culture (Rachu)

Mango Training Programme on 06-12-2012

Dr.M.B.Nageswara Rao, Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU, VR’Gudem inaugurated the Training Programme conducted by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem as “On Campus Training Programme on Seasonal management in Mango orchards”. In this programme Dr.Aparna, Scientist (Hort.) & Head, Mango Research Station, Nuzvidu and Dr.K.Purushotham, former Director of Research, Dr.YSRHU have participated as resource persons and enlightened the mango farmers. Sri Ravi Kumar, ADH-II, West Godavari District participated and explained about the light trap technology in fruit borer management.

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**HRS, Lam**

**Field Visits**

Dr. L. Naram Naidu, Principal Scientist (Hort.) visited cyclone affected fields of Horticultural crops in Tullur, Tadikonda, Kantheru, Mandadam and Ravela villages to assess the extent of crop damage on 5th, 8th and 12th November, 2012.

Dr. C. Venkata Ramana, Scientist (Hort.) inspected the crop failure fields of chilli hybrid US-341 at Mangalagiri padu village of Medikonduru mandal of Guntur district on 27.11.2012.

Dr. L. Naram Naidu, Principal Scientist (Hort.) and Dr. C. Venkata Ramana, Scientist (Hort.) visited minikit fields of LCA 620, LCA-625 and sweet orange orchards in Piduguralla of Guntur on 8.12.2012.

**HRS, Darsi**

S. Narasimha Rao, Scientist (Pl Path) along with the Horticultural Officer, Darsi visited the Neelam cyclone affected areas of Addanki, Tallur, Mundlamur, Darsi, Kuruchedu and KK metla mandals on 8th, 9th and 12th November 2012 and suggested the remedial measures.

S. Narasimha Rao, Scientist (Pl Path) attended the T & V meeting on 14.11.12 and 01.12.12 at ARS, Darsi and distributed the contingency plan for horticultural crops affected by floods and monthly field operation to be taken up on horticultural crops to the participants.

**On Farm Testing (OFT):**

Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, and Sri B. Bhaskar Rao, SMS (Hort.) distributed critical inputs – Borax, Zincsulphate, Potassium nitrate, Urea, MOP for trail on induction of flowering in Mango to the selected beneficiaries in adopted villages B.V.Kota, I.Polavaram of Krishi Vigyan Kendra on 20.12.2012.

Sri. V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) distributed critical inputs-Prophenophos on 20.12.2012 for OFT on “Tea mosquito bug management in cashew to the selected beneficiaries for of Marriwada village.

Sri. B. Bhaskar Rao, SMS (Horticulture) and Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator distributed inputs-Urea, MOP, Chlorophiriphos for trail on Rejuvenation old/senile cashew orchards to the selected beneficiaries in B.V.Kota adopted village of Krishi Vigyan Kendra on 20.12.2012.

**Front Line Demonstration (FLD):**

Smt. Dhanasree, SMS (H.Sc.i.) and Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator 80 kitchen garden kits were distributed to tribal farm women in Marriwada village Rampachodavaram mandal and oriented the farm women regarding the importance of backyard kitchen garden & cultivation practices on 08.10.2012.

On 16.10.2012 distributed critical inputs like murate of potash and 50sp cartap hydrochloride for trail Integrated pest management in paddy, variety MTU – 1075 inputs to the beneficiary farmers of Bandapalli village.

On 26.12.2012 under FLD Tea mosquito bug management in Cashew Sri. V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) spraying with Prophenophos 1ml/lt. was recommended and spraying was done to cashew orchards for control of Teamosquotobug in Marriwada village.

On 08th November 2012 one day training programme was conducted on Fisheries - Reservoir Management in collaboration with ATMA & Fisheries department. In this programme Smt. C. Nagarani, Project Officer, ITDA, Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, KVK, conducted technical class on Reservoir management & optimum level of fish production from reservoir, fish seed selection and management practices. Sri. V. Vinaykumar, FDO, Sri Veerendra, BTM, ATMA and 50 farmers were participated.

On 08th November 2012 Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) conducted training programme in farm school in Tatiwada village of Ramphachodavaram regarding the importance of fodder development in barren lands to sustain the dairy in summer and also throughout the year.
Exposure visit to Rice Research Institute, Maruteru on Recent advances in paddy cultivation for tribal farmers of Rampachodavaram division of East Godavari District.

On 16th November 2012 one day exposure visit to Rice Research Institute, Maruteru on recent advances in paddy cultivation for 50 tribal farmers of Rampachodavaram division of East Godavari District was conducted in collaboration with department of Agriculture and financial support by ATMA, East Godavari District by scientists of Rice Research Institute.

During the technical session farmers were exposed to fields of different paddy varieties developed by Rice Research Institute, Maruteru and the farmers interacted with scientists and clarified their doubts in paddy cultivation.

On 07.12.2012 Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) participated in the orientation training programme on paddy and cotton cultivation to Adarsa rythus of Addateegala block conducted at Y. Ramavaram and addressed regarding the paddy and cotton, pest and disease management.

One day Training Programme and inputs seed (30V 92), DAP, Neem oil, Urea, MOP, Atrazin distribution on “Promotion of Maize cultivation in agency area of East godavari district” sponsored by ATMA, East Godavari District and Directorate of Maize Research was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi in East Godavari District on 15-12-2012.

In the programme by Dr. M.B. Nageshwar Rao, Director of Extension, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, Smt. M. Bharatalakshmi, Associate Directorate of Research, RARS, Maruteru, Smt. C. Nagarani, Project Officer, ITDA, Rampachodavaram, Smt. D. Prameela, Joint Director of Agriculture, East Godavari District, Sri Seetaramaraju, Project Director, ATMA, East Godavari District, Dr. E. Karunasree, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem.

On 22.12.2012 one day training programme and inputs maize seed, Urea, MOP, DAP, Atrazin distribution was conducted on promotion of maize cultivation to farmers of Addateegala block, sponsored by Directorate of Maize Research. In this programme Smt. T. Rathnabai, MP, Rampachodavaram, Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi, Project Director, ATMA, East Godavari district, technical team of Krishi Vigyan Kendra and 50 farmers from Y. Ramavaram mandal have participated.

Diagnostic visits

On 30.12.2012 Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) along with Agriculture Officer and Block Technology Manager, ATMA made joint diagnostic field visits in I.Polavaram, Bandapalli villages and visited the paddy, Ragi fields. In this visits they have observed the leaf blast in paddy and suggested application of trycyclozole 120 g/acre.

Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) made diagnostic field visit to Banana field and turmeric field in B.V.Kota village on 15th November 2012. Observed incidence of leaf spot/leaf blotch in turmeric, cigatoka leaf spot in Banana and recommended Diethane – M.45@ 2.5 g/lt.

Extension activities

The Cashew grafts new plantations in 72 areas area under NREGS – 2012-13 through IDTA, Rampachodavaram in Marriwada & Pedakonda Krishi Vigyan Kendra adopted villages was studied on 01.10.2012. In this programme Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi & Sri B. Bhaskar Rao, SMS (Horticulture) were participated.
Field day on HQPM – 1

On 11.10.2012 field day on HQPM-1 was conducted in I.Polavaram adopted village of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimmamidi. With support from Directorate of Maize Research, New Delhi conducted 50 FLD’s on Promotion of Maize Cultivation in Tribal agency areas of Rampachodavaram Division of East Godavari district under TSP-2012. Dr. A Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimmamidi explained the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the rural areas and stressed the importance of Maize cultivation.

Sri V. Govardhan Rao, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Pathology) addressed regarding the cultivation practices of maize, major pest and disease management. Sri B. Bhaskar Rao, Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture), Smt K. Dhanasree, Subject Matter Specialist (Home science) and 250 farmers have participated.

Conducted field day was conducted on Paddy New varieties-MTU-1075, improved sambamasuri BPT-5204, JGL-3855 on 26th November, 2012 in farmer’s field of Bandapalli village of Rampachoavaram mandal under front line demonstration taken up by KVK.

This was followed by field visit to the trials conducted in farmer’s fields at Bandapalli village.

Field day on Blackgram variety PU-31 (YMV resistant) was conducted in farmers field of Marriwada village by Sri V.Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology), KVK, Pandirimmamidi on 18.12.2012 field day.

Backyard Poultry (Gramapriya)

200 one month old Gramapriya birds were distributed to tribal farm women of KVK adopted villages – Marriwada, I.Polavaram, Bandapalli by Dr.M.B.Nageswara Rao Director of Extension, Dr. YSRHU, Dr.A.Srinivas, Programme Coordinator and Smt. Dhana Sree, SMS (Hort.), KVK, Pandirimmamidi.

Backyard poultry (Vanaraja)

2000 no’s thirty days old birds of Vanaraja birds to farm families of Rampachodavaram division through ITDA - IKP were supplied after completion of Vaccination. In this programme Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimmamidi and technical team of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimmamidi have participated.

Fish Seed Stocking in Bhopathipalem MI Project: Initiated composite fish culture with 2 lakh fish fingerlings by Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, KrishiVigyan Kendra, Pandirimmamidi which can benefit 146 tribal families.

GENERAL

HRS, Kovvur

Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort), Dr. M. M. Naidu, Scientist (Hort) SG and Dr. T. Rajasekharam, Scientist (Plant Pathology) visited Neelam cyclone affected fields from 8-12th November 2012 in Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts respectively and suggested the disaster management practices for vegetables and fruit crops.

Under Research and Monitoring evaluation of technical programme, Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort), accompanied Dr. D.V.RaghavaRao and visited HRS,

On 17th & 18th December 2012, Ms.R.Naga Lakshmi, Scientist (Hort) has surveyed and collected tuber crops germplasm at Chintapalle mandal of Visakhapatnam district. On 18.10.12, Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort), accompanied the QRT Team for AICRP on MAP & Betelvine at V.R.Gudem.

On 26.11.12, Dr. D.V. Raghava Rao, visited HRS, Kovvur and completed the Research and Monitoring evaluation of technical programme pertaining to Horticulture and Plant Pathology.

On 10.12.12, Dr. Prakash Patil, Principal Scientist and Technical Officer to Project Coordinator, AICRP (TF), IIHR, Bangalore has visited HRS, Kovvur and reviewed the projects under AICRP (TF).

**HRS, Mahanandi**

Dr. K. Gopal, Zonal Head, Rayalaseema Zone, Tirupati visited HRS, Mahanadi and inspected the office work and field experiments dt.02-11-12.

Research Monitoring team visited the Research Station, Mahanadi dt. 24-12-12 and observed field experiments and progress of technical programme (2012-13). Dr. K. Purushotham, Chairman, Dr.A.Ranga Reddy, Principal Scientist, Dr.K. Gopal, Zonal Research Head were inspected the fields and suggestions were given for the improvements in Research on vegetables and fruit crops.

**KVK, Venkataramannagudem**

Dr.E.Karunasree, Programme Coordinator, Dr.K.Vijay Prakash, SMS(Vety.Sci.), Sri .N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) conducted Health Camp with collaboration of Asram hospital, Eluru on 01-11-2012 and a follow up visit was conducted by Sri N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) on 08-11-2012 and suggested precautionary measures to the people who got Eye Surgeries.

**HRS, Pandirimamidi**

Zonal Research Head, Coastal zone, Dr.YSRHU visited the farm on 4-10-2012.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED**

**HRS, Kovvur**

Dean of Horticulture, Dr. Lakshminaryana Reddy, DrYSRHU, VRgudem participated as a Chief guest in the training programme conducted by HRS, Kovvur on “Rythulaku Udyana Pantalapy Avagahana mariyu siskhana karyakramam” at Chidipi village of Kovvurmandal on 15.12.12. In this programme Dr.B.V.K. Bhagavan along with Scientific staff of HRS, Kovvurhas participated and imparted training to the farmers on banana, tuber crops and vegetables that are being grown in Chidipi village.

**SKPP Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramachandrapuram**

Conducted one day training programme on improved management practices of Horticultural crops to the farmers in Baduguvanilanka village of Alamuru mandal.

**MRS, Nuzvid**

Smt. D.Aparna, Scientist (Hort.) and Head organized two one day training programs on mango at MRS, Nuzvid on 22.11.2012 and on 18.12.2012.

**HRS, Vijayarai**

One day farmers training was conducted on ‘Cocoa cultivation’ on October 16th, 2012 for farmers of Vijayarai.

**HRS, Darsi**

Horticultural Research Station, Darsi conducted the one day farmer training and awareness programme to the horticultural farmers on 27.12.12 and also arranged field visit to the trained farmers.

S.Narasimha Rao, Scientist (Pl Path) and K. Vishnu Murthy, Horti. Officer, Darsi act as resource persons.

**HRS, Mahanandi**

Dr.Ch.Ruth, Scientist (Pl. Path) & Head conducted one day off campus training programme to farmers about the awareness in Horticultural crops at Thimmapuram dt. 31-10-2012 along with Agricultural officer, Mahandnia mandal and 50 farmers were participated in the programme.
HRS, Ambajipeta

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head and Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), HRS, Ambajipeta conducted one day training programme cum awareness programme at Gachakayalapora village, Katrenikona mandal of E.G. District on 29.10.2012. Incidence of coconut black headed caterpillar on trees on fish pond bunds was observed in the village. Released a brochure on “Chepala cheruvula gatlapaigala kobbarichetlanu aasisthunna nallamutepurugu – nivarana charyalu” and supplied 32000 parasitoids of bracon hebetor, 800 cardiastethus and 100 brachymeria nosatoi. Suggested the farmers regarding integrated pest management measures for coconut black headed caterpillar.

Dr. N.B.V.Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology) explaining the insect pests of coconut to the RHWEP students and farmers at the training programme.

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), Smt. E. Padma, Scientist (Horticulture) and Dr. A. Snehalatha Rani, Scientist (Plant Pathology) participated and imparted training to the coconut climbers in the FOCT training programme for week days conducted by Bharatiya kisan sangh, Amalapuram on 28.12.2012. Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Sri. G. Harshakumar, Dr. B. Srinivasulu, Director of Research, Dr.YSRHU Sri. Aravazhi from Coconut development board and Sri. Sampath Kumar, RDO participated and delivered lectures in the inaugural session of the FOCT programme.

Dr. B. Srinivasulu, Director of Research, Dr.YSRHU, addressing the farmers and coconut climbers at FOCT inaugural session.

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head and Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), HRS, Ambajipeta conducted a diagnostic field survey in Gachakayalapora village, Katrenikona mandal of E.G. District on 19.10.2012. Incidence of coconut black headed caterpillar on trees on fish pond bunds was observed in the village. Suggested the farmers regarding integrated pest management measures for coconut black headed caterpillar.

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, HRS, Ambajipeta and Dr. A. Snehalatha Rani, Scientist (Plant Pathology) conducted a survey in flood affected areas of East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), Ambajipeta conducted a survey in flood affected areas of Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh. Due to the Neelam cyclone and the heavy rains followed by the cyclone, the crops such as coconut, banana and cocoa are completely under inundated conditions for prolonged period.

Conducted a diagnostic field survey in Dwarapudi and Venulapalli villages, of E.G. District. Incidence of coconut black headed caterpillar and Basal stem rot disease was observed in the villages surveyed.

KVK, Venkataramannagudem

Dr.E.Karuanasree, Programme Coordinator and Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(Soil Science & Agril.chemistry) conducted On campus training programme on Fertilizer management in Blackgram at Telikicha chara village on 03-10-2012.

Dr.E.Karuanasree, Programme Coordinator, Dr.K.Vijay Prakash, SMS(Vety.Sci.) conducted Off campus training programme on Improved Dairy Management at Denduluru and Bhimadolu on 08-10-2012.

Dr.E.Karuanasree, Programme Coordinator, Sri N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) conducted one day Off campus training programme on “Best Management practices in Fish culture” at Rachuru, Unguturu mandal on 17.10.2012. During the field diagnostic visit to the fish ponds identified the attack of Helminth parasite in Catla fish and recommended, application of Delta Methrin(1.25%) @ 150ml per acre.

Dr.E.Karuna sree , Programme Coordinator, Ch.Kiran Kumar SMS(Soil Science & Agril.chemistry) conducted On campus training programme on Seasonal management in Mango orchards. In this programme Dr.M.B.Nageswara Rao, Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU, Dr.Aparna, Scientist & Head, Mango Research Station, Nuzvidu, Dr.K.Purushotham, former Director of Research, Dr.YSRHU participated as resource persons and enlightened the mango farmers. Sri Ravi Kumar, ADH-II, West Godavari District participated and explained about the light trap technology in fruit borer management.

Srini.S.N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS (Fisheries) participated as resource person in training programme on “Value addition in Fish / Prawn and hygenic handling of fish/prawn on 7-12-2012 at fish seed production farm, Badampudi sponsored by ATMA, West Godavari District.
Sri.N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS (Fisheries) participated as resource person in training programme on Good management practices in fish culture” on 11-12-2012 at fish seed production farm, Badampudi sponsored by ATMA, West Godavari District.

KVK, Venkataramannagudem has conducted six days On campus vocational training programme (1st batch) on “Friends of Coconut Trees” from 17-12-2012 to 22-12-2012 with the collaboration of Coconut Development Board (CDB), Kochi. The Inaugural Session was chaired by Dr.M.B.N. Rao, Director of Extension, Dr.B.Srinivasulu, Registrar as given special message on importance of Mechanization in Coconut tree climbing for harvesting and plant protection measures during the occasion. Six days technical classes were taken up by Dr.M.B.N.Rao, Director of Extension, Dr.Dorajeerao, and Dr.Emmunal Assistant Professors, HC & RI V.R.Gudem, Dr.Snehalatha Rani, Scientist, HRS, Ambajipeta, Dr.E.Karunasree, Programme Co-ordinator, Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(SSAC), Dr.K.Vijay Prakash, SMS(Vety.Sci.) for the participants.

HRS, Pandirimamidi
Conducted field day on “Neera processing” under AICRP Palms on 06-12-12.
Conducted field visit to RAWEP students on Rubber processing on 28.12.2012.
Conducted training programme on Research station activities and package of practices of horticultural crops to the farmers of Sarabhavaram on 07.12.2012

Horticulture Polytechnic, Kalikiri
Training Programme to the Farmers on ‘Processed Products of Tomato’ conducted at Cheruvumundarapalli Village, Kalikiri Mandal, Chittoor District on 24-11-2012. Sri K. Reddeppa, Technical Officer, Post Harvest Technology, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore participated as a Resource Person. 50 Farmers (Men & Women) have attended the Training Programme.

Awareness meeting on ‘Value Education to the Diploma Students’ was organized at Horticulture Polytechnic, Kalikiri on 01-12-2012. Sri Vempalli Abdul Khader, Adhikara Basha Sangam Sabhulu, Sri Raghunatha Reddy, Mandal Education Officer, Kalikiri, Sri Somasekhar Reddy, Sub-Inspector, Kalikiri, Smt. Mangamma, Telugu Pandit and Damodhar Reddy, Rayalaseema Convener have participated as Resource Persons. Staff and Students have actively participated in the programme.

PROGRAMMES PARTICIPATED

HRS, Kovvur
Dr. M. M. Naidu, Scientist (Hort) SG and Dr. T. Rajasekharam, Scientist (Plant Pathology) participated training programme on “Advances in gene identification and marker development” conducted at NRCB, Trichy from 1st to 10th October 2012.

Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort), attended to meeting for finalizing the 12th plan proposals of HRS, Kovvur under AICRP TF at IIHR, Bangalore from 8th to 9th Oct 2012.

On 11.10.12, Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort), participated in the Empanelment Committee meeting to scrutiny of applications pertaining to empanelment of firms by Horticulture Development Agency for implementation of Horticulture Programmes during 2012-13 at APHTI, Redhills, Hyderabad.

On 18.10.2012, Dr. M. M. Naidu, Scientist (Hort), attended to first SAC meeting of KrishiVigyan Kendra, DrYSRHU, East Godavari district for Rabi 2012 at Pandirimamidi.

On 30.10.2012, Dr. M. M. Naidu, Scientist (Hort) SG, attended the district level seminar on cashew at KVK, Kalavacherla.

Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort), attended to 4th Research & Extension Council meeting at Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Research Station, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad 23rd November 2012.

Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort) and Dr. T. Rajasekharam, Scientist (Plant Pathology) imparted training to the farmers of Alamuru subdivision of East Godavari district under ATMA trainings on banana crop on 12.12.2012 at HRS, Kovvur.

SKPP Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramachandrapuram
Sri M.Sattiraju, Vice-Principal and Sri Ch.Chinnabai, Technical Officer (Ent.) has participated in one day training programme to the cashew farmers at KVK, Kalavacherla on 30-10-2012.

Sri M.Sattiraju, Vice-Principal has participated as panel judge in the Children’s Science congress conducted by the State Council of Science and Technology.
Sri Ch.Chinnabbai, Technical Officer (Ent.) has participated in the 7 days (5-12-2012 to 11-12-2012) orientation training programme to the newly deputed NSS programme officers at UTOC, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

**HRS, Lam**

Dr.C.Sarada, Senior Scientist (Hort.) attended management committee meeting of ATMA at Guntur on 15.10.2012.

Dr.C.Sarada, Senior Scientist (Hort.), Smt. T.Vijaya Lakshmi, Scientist (Path.) and A.rajani, Scientist (Hort.) attended QRT review meeting on AICRP (VC) for the period 2007-12 at TNAU, Coimbatore on 26.10.2012.

All the scientists of HRS, Lam attended farmers and scientist interaction meeting organized by ATMA at RARS, Lam on 30.10.2012 and participated in interaction with farmers on different horticultural crops on 30.10.2012.

Dr.C.Venkata Ramana, Scientist (Hort.) attended 21st International Pepper Conference held at Naples, Florida, USA from 4-6th November, 2012 to present paper on chilli.

Smt. T.Vijaya Lakshmi, Scientist (Path.) and Dr.C.Venkata Ramana, Scientist (Hort.) attended International Conference on Plant Health Management for Food Security organized by Plant Protection Association of India held at Hyderabad from 28th to 30th November, 2012.

All the scientists of HRS, Lam attended international conference and exhibition on technologies for modern Agriculture organized by APTECH at RARS, Lam from 6-8th December, 2012.

Dr.L.Naram Naidu, Principal Scientist (Hort.) delivered a lecture on chilli production technology during the conference.

**MRS, Nuzvid**


**HRS, Vijayarai**

Dr.V.Suchitra, Senior Scientist (Hort.) participated in 7 days training on “Advances in areca nut and cocoa production technology” at CPCRI, Vittal, Karnataka on 3-9th Dec, 2012.

**GRS, Rajendranagar**

Dr.B.Srinivas Rao, Principal Scientist (Hort) & Head, attended Indian Horticulture congress at Ludhiana, Punjab from 4-11-12 to 6-11-12.

Dr G.Ram Reddy, Scientist (Pl.Path), attended International conference on plant health management at DRR, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad from 28-11-12 to 30-12-12.

Dr.D.Vijaya, Scientist (Soil Science), attended ICAR short course on “Modern Monitoring Tools for Enhanced Resource Use Efficiency in Rainfed Agriculture Management” from 4-11-12 to 13-11-12.

Dr.D.Anitha Kumari, Scientist (Ento) attended SAS training programme (Software on agriculture statistics) at NAARM, Hyderabad from 2-11-12 to 8-11-12.

Dr.D.Anitha Kumari, Scientist (Ento) attended International conference on plant health management at DRR, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad from 28-11-12 to 30-12-12.

Dr. Veena Joshi, Scientist (Hort), attended National seminar on science for shaping the future of India organised by ISCA at College of Agriculture ANGRAU, Rajendranagar on 29-11-12.


Dr G.Ram Reddy Dr.D.Vijaya, Dr.D.Anitha Kumari, Dr. Veena Joshi participated in “National Seminar of Plant Physiology” Organized at Dept of crop Physiology, ANGRAU and ISPP, New Delhi.

**HRS, Darsi**

S.Narasimha Rao, Scientist (Pl.Path) attended the 21 days training programme on “Genomics and Diagnosis of Emerging Phytopathogens in Indian Agriculture.” from October-03 to October 23rd 2012 at Division of Plant Pathology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

**HRS, Mahanandi**

Dr.Ch.Ruth, Scientist (Pl.Path) & Head participated in the training programme “Grammena vithanopathi pathakam” dt.07-11-12 in Mahanadi mandal conducted by Department of Agriculture.

Dr.Ch.Ruth, Scientist (Pl. Path) & Head participated diagnostic visits in Kurnool district and observed Aizwan fields and soft rot disease in Banana, powdery mildew incidence in chillies, bittergourd Munagala, Veldurthi, Cherukulapadu villages dt.21-11-2012.

**HRS, Chintapalle**

Sri.K.Ravindra Kumar, Scientist (Hort) participated in XXIIIrd Annual Group meeting of AICRP on Spices held at IISR, Calicut, Kerala from 29th September, 2012 to 01st October, 2012.

Sri.K.Ravindra Kumar, Scientist (Hort.) has undergone 21 days training programme on “Protected Cultivation” Organized by Hi-Tech Horticulture Unit, UAS, Dharwad, Karnataka from 4th December to 24th December 2012.
**HRS, Ambajipeta**

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head and Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), HRS, Ambajipeta attended rythu sadassu on Biodiversity vyavasayam at Mukkamala village of East Godavari Dist., being organized by the Abhyudaya Karshaka Parishat and RAWEP students on 18.10.2012.

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, HRS, Ambajipeta attended field day cum training on organic farming at Palivela village of Kothapeta mandal being organized by the NABARD under Farmers Training and Technology Fund by the Abhudaya Karshak Parishad, Mukkamala on 30.10.2012.

Dr. N.B.V.Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology), Smt. E. Padma, Scientist (Horticulture) participated in PLACROSYM XX from 12-15th December, 2012 at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Smt. E. Padma, Scientist (Horticulture) attend the training programme on “Advance in Arecaanut and Cocoa Production” from 3-6 December, 2012 at CPCRI regional station, Vittal, Karnataka.

Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), Ambajipeta attended a district level seminar organized by KVK, CTRI, Rajahmundry and delivered a lecture on “Management of pests of cocoa” on 30.11.12 at Madiki, Alamuru mandal, East Godavari District.

Dr. N.B.V.Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology) participated one day training programme on Mango at Mango Research Station, Nuzivid on 18.12.12.

Dr. A. Snehalatha Rani, Scientist (Plant Pathology) participated in the FOCT programme for coconut climbers organized by KVK, Venkatramannagudem with the assistance from Coconut Development Board on 21.12.2012.

**FRS, Rajendranagar**

Dr. K. Dhanumjaya Rao Principal Scientist(Hort) & Head and Dr. P. Lalitha Kameswari, Scientist (Hort) had participated in ROSE SHOW, 2012 at Jubilee Hall, Public gardens Hyderabad 9th Dec, 2012 and received 13 prizes for FRS, Hyderabad.

Dr. K. Dhanumjaya Rao, PS(H) & Head had participated in the inauguration of SC/ST coaching centres for the students of College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar, Ananthrajpet, Mojerla and Venakataramannagudem on 5th, 19th, 23rd and 27th respectively.

**KVK, Pandirimamidi**

Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator has participated in 7th National Conference of KVK’s held at PAU, Ludhiana from 20th to 22nd November 2012.

Sri B. Bhashkar Rao, SMS (Horticulture) participated in REC meeting held at Medicinal & Aromatic Research Station, Rajendranagar on 23rd November, 2012.

Dr.A.Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi has participated in District level training programme on Direct seeding in Rice at CTRI, Rajahmundry.

Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi has participated in General Body meeting of ATMA held on 19.12.2012 at Kakinada, East Godavari district.

Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) has participated in ATMA action plan meeting 2013-14 held on 27.12.2012 at Kakinada, East Godavari District.

**KVK, Venkataramannagudem**

Dr.E.Karunasree, Programme Co-ordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem has participated in the 7th National Conference of KVKs from 20.11.2012 to 22.11.2012 at Ludhiana.

Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS (SSAC) participated in REC meeting held at Medicinal and Aromatic Research Station, Rajendranagar on 23.11.2012.

**Diagnostic Visits**

Sri N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) conducted diagnostic field visit on fish culture at Rachuru, Sitharamapuram on 15.10.2012. The problems identified that “Argulus in Rohu fish and recommendations made that application of Dichlorovas (80% solutions) 250 ml. per acre and Iver Methrin 150 g. per ton feed for one week.

Sri N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) conducted diagnostic field visit on fish culture at Sitharamapuram on 23.10.2012. The problems identified that “Mixobolus Parasite in Gills of Catla Sps and recommended that application of 40kg salt per acre.

Dr.E.Karunasree, Programme Coordinator, Sri N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) and Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(Soil Science & Agril.Chemistry) conducted...

Dr.K.Vijay Prakash,SMS(Vety.Sci.) attended diagnostic field visit at Chodavaram on 04-10-2012. The problem identified as Anorexia of black cattle very less milk yield. They were advised Calcium supplementation and Rumens Bolus.

Dr.K.Vijay Prakash,SMS (Vety.Sci.) attended diagnostic field visit at Telikicherla on 11-10-2012. The problem identified as Allegeric Mastitis and advised for decreasing Allegeric condition of animal.

Dr.K.Vijay Prakash,SMS (Vety.Sci.) attended diagnostic field visit at Nallajerla on 15-10-2012. The problem identified viral fever.

Dr.K.Vijay Prakash,SMS (Vety.Sci.) attended diagnostic field visit at Ananthapalli on 17-10-2012. The problem identified viral fever.

On 09-11-2012 Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(SSAC), Dr.N.Emmanuel, Assistant Professor and Dr.P.Ashok, Scientist(Hort.) conducted field diagnostic visit in Coconut Orchards at Telikicherla and identified Budrot disease, Boran deficiency recommended suitable management practices(Chemical and Mechanism).

Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(SSAC), Dr.N.Emmanuel, Assistant Professor and Dr.P.Ashok, Scientist(Hort.) conducted field diagnostic visit in Blackgram at Chodavaram and identified Yellow Mosaic Virus and leaf eating catterpiller recommended application of Dimethiate @2gr./lit.

Dr.E.Karunasree, Programme Coordinator, Dr.K.Vijay Prakash, SMS(Vety.Sci.) conducted Animal Health camp on 12-11-2012.

Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(SSAC) and Dr.P.Ashok, Scientist (Hort.) was field diagnostic visit in Vegetable gardens at Prakashrao Palem and recommended 3% Borax on Ridgeguard to induce female flowers.

Sri N.Veerabhadra Rao, SMS(Fisheries) conducted diagnostic field visit on fish culture at Prakasaraopalem on 22.11.2012.

HRS, Pandirimamidi

G.Narasimha Murthy, Scientist (Hort) visited Vizianagaram District and conducted survey in the district to assess the damage caused to horticultural crops by Neelum cyclone from 9th to 12th November 2012.

G.Narasimha Murthy, Scientist (Hort) went to Sarabhavaram and conducted training on “Cashew production technology and Research station activities” at Sarabhavaram village of Devipatnam mandal of East Godavari on 7th December 2012.

Dr.K.Rajendraprasad Scientist (Hort) delivered lecture on “nimmu thotalo malaina yaajamanya paddatulu” organized by department of horticulture at Chinnagudem west Godavari district on 09th october, 2012.

Dr.K.Rajendraprasad Scientist (Hort) visited Vizianagaram and conducted survey in the district and observed the damage caused to horticultural crops by neelum cyclone from 8th to 11th November 2012.

Dr.K.Rajendraprasad Scientist (Hort) went to burrilanka and given training on “Gladiolus production technology” from 6th December 2012.

Dr.K.Rajendraprasad Scientist (Hort) went to Sarabhavaram and conducted training on “Care and management of newly planted Orchards and Research station activities” at Sarabhavaram (V) of Devipatnam (M) on 7th December 2012.

LECTURES DELIVERED

MRS, Nuzvid

Smt D. Aparna, Scientist (Hort) & Head i/c, gave lecture on “Cultural and management practices to be followed for higher yields in mango” at Regional Horticultural Training Institute at Eluru on 11-10-12, 30-10-12, 27-12-12 and 15-11-12.

Smt D. Aparna, Scientist (Hort) & Head i/c, gave lecture on “Cultural and management practices to be followed for higher yields in Vegetables” at Regional Horticultural Training Institute at Eluru on 19-10-12 and on 11-12-12.

Smt D. Aparna, Scientist (Hort) & Head i/c, gave lecture on “Cultural and management practices to be followed for higher yields in mango” at Rythu Sikshana Karyakramam on NSP command crop areas conducted by Department of Agriculture on 14-12-12 at Nemali and on 21-12-12 at A.Konduru and Kanimerlathanda and on 29.12.2012 at Singannagudem and Yanamadala.

HRS, Vijayarai

Dr.V.Suchitra, Senior Scientist (Hort.) delivered lectures on “mango and cashew production technology” at Horticultural training centre, Eluru for west Godavari district farmers on 21-12-2012.
**HRS, Ambajipeta**

Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Ent.), Ambajipeta attended a district level seminar organized by KVK, CTRI, Rajamundry and delivered a lecture on “Management of pests of cocoa” at Madiki, Alamuru mandal, East Godavari District.


**HRS, Rajendranagar**

Dr. P. Lalitha Kameswari, Scientist (Hort) delivered a lecture on “Cultivation of chrysanthemum, gladiolus and tuberose” to the farmers from Nalgonda district on 8-11-2012.

Dr. P. Lalitha Kameswari, Scientist (Hort) delivered a lecture on “Improved cultivation practices of flower crops” on 11-12-2012 to the students of College of Horticulture, Bidar, UHS, Bagalkot.

**HRS, Pandirimamidi**

Er. P.C. Vengaiah, Scientist (Food Sci. & Tech.) delivered lecture on “Cashew processing” in DCCD sponsored District level seminar organized by KVK Kalvacharla 30th October, 2012.

**Universities Infrastructure**

HRS, Ambajipeta

Spade chlorophyllometer was purchased to conduct chlorophyll studies in oil palm.

Tube well was dug with 15 HP texmo pump for irrigating oilpalm.

**PERSONNEL**

Smt. P. Chandana, SMS(Horticulture), KVK, Venkatramanagudem passed away suddenly due to Severe illness on 02-09-2012. The University Officials and KVK staff, Venkataramannagudem, Pandirimamidi and Ramagirikhilla expressed deep Sorrow and extended condolences to the family members.

**HONOURS / AWARDS**

**HRS, Ambajipeta**

Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology) participated in National symposium on “Ecofriendly approaches to pest management for sustainable agriculture conducted at OUAT, Bhubaneswar and organized by Society for plant protection and environment and presented two poster presentations. The article got best paper presentation award during the symposium.

Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology) received best paper presentation award for the article presentation at National symposium on “Ecofriendly approaches to pest management for sustainable agriculture conducted at OUAT, Bhubaneswar organized by Society for plant protection and environment.

**SUPERANNUATION**

Sri J.D. Krishna Rao, Joint Registrar has retired from services on 31-10-2012 on attaining the age of superannuation.

K. Satyanarayana, Attender at HRS Ambajipeta has retired from services on 31.12.2012 on attaining the age of superannuation.