Dr. B.M.C. Reddy, took over as VC, Dr. YSRHU, Venkataramannagudem on 20th December, 2013. Born on 1st January, 1947, he obtained B.Sc. (Ag.) degree from Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad in 1969. He took Master’s degree in Horticulture with academic excellence (5.0/5.0 OGPA) from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar (1972) and Ph.D in Horticulture with 3.96/4.00 OGPA from University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore (1988).

He started his scientific career as SRA at IIHR, Bangalore in 1974. He worked at IIHR Bangalore, in different Capacities as Scientist-S1(Hort.), Scientist-S2(Hort.), Senior Scientist, Project Coordinator (Fruits) and as Director (Acting). He served as Director, Central Institute for Sub-tropical Horticulture (CISH), Lucknow during 1st September, 2005 to 30th June, 2009.

Dr. Reddy has contributed significantly to research management, development and programme implementation, resource generation in various capacities as National Project Coordinator on UNE/GEF-TFT project; National Network coordinator of underutilized Fruits and Project coordinator on Sub-tropical Fruits. He acted as Member Secretary for Biodiversity International Sponsored UNEP/GEF funded PDF-B Project entitled “Conservation and sustainable use of cultivated and wild tropical fruit diversity: Promoting sustainable livelihoods, food security and ecosystem services. His service has outstandingly contributed to Horticultural research and development with a focus on regionally differentiated programme for optimization of sustainable production of tropical and subtropical fruits. The technologies developed by him contributed for enhancing the productivity in banana, pineapple, grape and citrus. He contributed significantly to identify and develop new varieties besides, conserving the diversity of jackfruit, pummelo and other underutilized fruits.

Dr. Reddy has published 43 research papers, authored 4 books, 8 book chapters, 7 bulletins, 7 Popular articles, 8 posters and flyers, 16 reports and presented 46 papers in conferences and workshops. He visited more than 6 countries in various capacities. He was awarded one national award and 3 fellowships. At National level, he has been served as Chairman, Member Secretary and member in many committees, providing strategic direction for the development of horticulture in current context.
LCC-234 was identified as off season variety of coriander in XXIVth workshop of AICRP on Spices during 23-26th October, 2013 at Jagudan, Gujarat.

Dr. Bijendra Singh, Project Coordinator, AICRP on Vegetable crops from IIVR, Varanasi along with other Scientists visited VRS, Rajendranagar and monitored the progress of AICRP trials on Vegetables on 10-10-2013 and 01-12-2013.

A book entitled “Tomato-Insect pests, Diseases and Nutritional Disorders” published by Vegetable Research Station, Rajendranagar was released by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri. N. Kiran Kumar Reddy in the inaugural session of World Agricultural Forum Congress on 04-11-2013.

On 16.11.2013 Dr. S. Ayyappan, Hon’ble Director General, ICAR, New Delhi and Sri Eli Venkata Madhusudhana Rao, MLA, Tadepalligudem inaugurated the KVK administrative building and farmers Hostel. During this programme the guests and the University Officers of Dr. YSRHU visited the exhibition arranged on technological interventions of KVK for Farm and Home Development and appreciated the KVK Team.

NSS Unit-I has celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi as International Non-Violence Day in the College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar on 2-10-2013.

The National Education Day was celebrated in the College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar on 11th November, 2013 commemorating the birth day of Abul Kalam Muhiyuddin Ahmed Azad.

An awareness class on “Organ donation” was conducted on 18.12.2013 at College of Horticulture. Rajendranagar.
Students have participated “Walk-A-Thon”, the awareness walk on organ donation on 29.12.2013 was conducted by Mohan foundation & Vikas tarangini followed by Sri Sri China Jeeyar Swamiji’s message on Organ donation.

**College of Horticulture, Mojerla**

The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. B. Padmaraju, Dr. YSRHU inaugurated Computer Laboratory and RO Unit at College of Horticulture, Mojerla on 7th October 2013 and interacted with staff and students.

**Horticultural College & Research Institute, Anantharajupet**

RAWEP Students explaining about IPM techniques to the farmers at Pulliaihgaripalli (V) on 22.12.2013

RAWEP Students explaining about Zero Energy cooling Chamber utility to the farmers at Pulliaihgaripalli (VII) on 15.12.2013

RAWEP Students and Demonstrating preparation of Bordeaux mixture at Kottambedu village on 10.12.2013

RAWEP Students explaining and Demonstrating preparation of Trichoderma viridae at Kottambedu village on 20.12.2013

**Horticultural College & Research Institute, Venkataramanagudem**

Participation of NSS volunteers of HC & RI, VR Gudem in Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp

Two girl NSS volunteers of B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture (4th year) have participated in the Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp organized at Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 06-11-2013 to 15-11-2013 representing Dr.YSRHU.

**Observance of Non-Violence Day**

On the eve of International Non-Violence Day on 2nd October, students and staff members of HC & RI, VR gudem took pledge on observance of Non-Violence in the presence of Dr.D.Srihari, Dean of Student Affairs.

**SSPG Horticulture Polytechnic, Madakasira**

Freshers’ day was celebrated on 27.11.2013, Dr.M.V.Ramana, Associate Dean, College of Agricultural Engineering Madakasira was the chief guest Dr.M.Ramakrishna, Principal presided over the function.

**Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramagirikihilla**

International AIDS Day was celebrated by the NSS Unit of Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramagirikihilla on 1st December, 2013.

**SKPP Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramachandrapuram**

Sri M. Satti Raju, Vice-Principal conducted a field visit along with students to the Horticulture Nursery at Morampudi to enrich knowledge and skills in Nursery activities.
Conducted International Non-Violence and peace Day (Gandhi Jayanthi) on 02-10-2013 under NSS regular activity. In this connection, conducted elocution and Essay writing competition on role of Gandhiji towards International Non Violence and Peace.

**Horticulture Polytechnic, Kalikiri**

Students visit to Horticultural nursery at Chinnagottigallu

Dr.Ramana, Principal Scientist (Ag. Engg.) explaining about agricultural implements

Davanam nursery raising at Prakruthi Vanam

Dr. Muralikrishna, PS (Ent.) explaining about insect pests of Horticultual crops

Visit to mango processing factory at Valasapalli, Madanapalli

Dr.Naga Madhuri, Sr. Scientist (SS) explaining about soil analysis

Method demonstration on mango grafting

**RESEARCH**

**PHTRS, Venkataramannagudem**

Dr.B. Prasanna Kumar, Principal Scientist (Hort) & Head, PHTRS, V.R.Gudem explained the various aspects of Integrated Pack house cum cold storage unit its functioning and importance in the horticulture to the PG students of Andhra Loyala College, Vijayawada during the Education Tour on 3-12-2013.

**CRS, Tirupati**

Indexing for CYMV and HLB was done through multiplex PCR and identified 179 HLB and 12 CYMV infected plants out of 497 plants in Sathgudi bud wood blocks.

Five SSR primers (TC-26, AG-14, CCT-01, CT-21 and TAA-03) showed specific bands for Australian Sour Orange and CAC-33 primer for high yielding canker resistant acid lime clone TAL-94-14, which is under all India level testing under AICRP trails.

**EXTENSION**

Dr.G.Srihari, Director of Extension and Dr. E. Karunasree, Programme Coordinator have participated in 8th National Conference of KVKs at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka on 23–25 October, 2013 with the theme “Sustainable Intensification of Smallholder Farms” and interacted with the ZPD and other ICAR Officials regarding the strengthening of KVKs of Dr.YSRHU.

The Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramagiri khilla, Karimnagar District was held on 08.11.2013 under the chairmanship of Dr. G.Srihari, Director of Extension, Dr. Y.S.R.HU, graced by Dr. K. Dattatri, Principal Scientist, ZPD, Zone-V as chief guest and participated all line department officials of the district and SAC members from farmers.

Dr.G.Srihari, Director of Extension, participated as Chief Guest in demonstration and farmers interaction programme on power weeder by Honda Company useful for intercultural operations in Horticulture crops and distribution of Vanaraja chicks to farmers at KVK instructional farm as a part of Front line Demonstration to 20 farmers from KVK adopted villages on 12.11.2013 by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem.

The Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU participated as Chief Guest for one day Training Programme and input distribution to 50 farmers on “Promotion of Maize cultivation in agency area of East Godavari district” sponsored by ATMA, East Godavari District was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandiririmamidi in East Godavari District on 18-12-2013.
Dr. S. Ayyappan, Hon’ble Director General, ICAR, New Delhi and Sri Eli Venkata Madhusudhana Rao, MLA, Tadepalligudem Inaugurated the KVK, Venkataramanna gudem Administrative Building and Farmers Hostel mandals of East Godavari district and Bhimavaram, Mogaltthur mandals of West Godavari district and Kruttivennu, Bantumilli mandals of Krishna district on 24.11.13

On 16.11.2013. During this programme the guests and the University Officers of Dr. YSRHU visited the exhibition arranged on technological interventions of KVK for Farm and Home Development.

The literature published by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkatarmanna gudem was released by the Chief guest and other guests of honor on this occasion.

Horticultural College & Research Institute, Anantharajupet

Farmers meet organized by RAWEP students at Pullaihgaripalli (v) Dr. K. T. Ramana, Dr. P. Babu Ratan and other teaching staff on 22.12.2013

FRS, Sangareddy

Dr. A. Kiran Kumar, Senior Scientist (H) attended nursery Inspection in Khammam Dist viz., Achutapuram-Mango nursery, Aswaraopeta-Coconut seed garden and Garimallapadu-Mango Nursery, Kothagudem on 09-10-2013 and also visited fields in khammam dist. to monitor the mango orchards after heavy rains in Kullur, Mudigonda, Garla and Yellandumpadams on 27-10-2013.

Dr. K. Jyothirmai Madhavi, Scientist (Pl.Path.) and Dr. K. Prabhavathi, Scientist (SS & AC) surveyed the potential areas of ginger, turmeric and potato in Medak dt.viz., Digwals, Zaheerabad and advised the farmers regarding the measures to be taken after the continuous rains in the 2nd fortnight of October, 2013 28-10-2013.

HRS, Ambajipeta

Scientific staff of HRS, Ambajipeta surveyed Helen cyclone affected horticultural crops in Ambajipeta, P. Gannavaram, Malkipuram, Sakinetipalli Razole, I. Polavaram, Tallarevu

HRS, Kovvur

Dr. B. V. K. Bhagavan, Pr. Scientist, Dr. Sujatha, Associate Dean, Dr. M. M. Naidu, and Dr. T. Rajasekharam, Scientists of HRS, Kovvur participated in field day at Kalavalapalli organized by students of HC & RI, V.R.Gudem.

Dr. M. M. Naidu and Dr. T. Rajasekharam, Scientists of HRS, Kovvur distributing the pamphlets (disaster management practices in banana) to farmers in Pendyala village, W.G. District.

HRS, Lam

Dr. C. Venkata Ramana, Scientist (Hort) inspected the crop failure field of chilli hybrid Anuj (welcome company) at kondrupaka village in Bollapalli mandal of Karimnagar district along with Dr. R. V. S. K. Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort), VRS, Rajendranagar on 30.12.2013

KVK, Venkataramannagudem

Field Diagnostic Visits

Dr. E. Karunasree, Programme Co-ordinator and Sri Ch. Kiran Kumar, SMS (SSAC) conducted field diagnostic visit on 18-10-2013 in Paddy variety MTU-1121 and identified False smut during grain filling stage and suggested for spraying with Propiconazole 25 EC @ 1ml /lit or Trifl oxide strobil 25% + Tebuconazole 50% WG @ 0.4lit.

Sri Ch. Kiran Kumar, SMS (SSAC) and Kum. S. Vishala, RA (Hort.) visited to Prakasaraopalem conducted diagnostic visit on 29.10.2013 to brinjal field and identified Bacterial wilt and suggested Dinethrioalr ml /lit (or) Cypermethrin 0.5ml/lit.
On 30.10.2013 Sri Ch. Kiran Kumar, SMS (SSAC) and Kum. S. Vishala, RA (Hort.) visited to Tomato field and observed Early blight and suggested Blitox 3gms/lit (or) Mancozeb 3gm/lit of water and spray 3 – 4 times in 15 days intervals.

Front line demonstration on “Effective and economic management of sucking pests in cotton” was conducted in Ratnapur village of Kamanpur Mandal in 10 locations with an area of 17.0 acres.

Trainings

Training programmes on “Production technology of summer vegetables” was conducted at Bandampalle village of Peddapalli mandal on 13.12.13 and on “Zero tillage method of maize cultivation” was conducted in Ratnapur village of Kamanpur Mandal and on “wilt management with application of Tricoderma viridi” was conducted in Nagaram village of Manthani Mandal.

KVK, Pandirimamidi

On Farm Trails (OFT)

Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator and Sri. B. Bhaskar Rao, SMS (Horti.) have visited the on farm trails on different crops.

KVK, Ramagirikhilla

On Farm Testings

On Farm Testing of “Introduction of leafy vegetable (palak) variety of all green” was conducted in Bandampalle and Lingapur village of Peddapalle and Ramagundam mandals in an area of 2.5 acres.

Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs)

Front line demonstration on “Foliar spraying of Potassium nitrate @ 10 g/l and urea @ 5 g/l for uniform flowering in Mango” was conducted in Chamanpalle village of Dharmaram mandal. All the three sprays of testing were imposed under FLD.

Front line demonstration on “Effective and economic management of sucking pests in cotton” was conducted in Ratnapur village of Kamanpur Mandal in 10 locations with an area of 17.0 acres.

Demonstrations

On 17.12.2013 Sri. Ch. Kiran Kumar SMS (SSAC) conducted demonstration on paddy drum seeder demonstrations in KVK adopted villages Venkataramannagudem, Telikicherla, Chodavaram, Jagannapeta and Ramannagudem villages along with ATMA and Department of Agriculture.

On 07.12.2013 Sri. Ch. Kiran Kumar SMS (SSAC) conducted method demonstration on Application of Preemergence herbicide (Atrazine 1kg per acre) in Rabi Maize and suggested efficient use of herbicide application and compatibility techniques to maize growing farmers of KVK adopted villages.

KVK, Pandirimamidi

On Farm Trails (OFT)

OFT field of Turmeric Selam variety at Boddagandi village of Y. Ramavaram mandal

OFT field of Inter cropping Pine apple in Rubber at Maredumilli

Distribution of critical inputs to farmers of Boddagandi village

Front Line Demonstrations (FLD)

Distributed seed PU-31 in Blackgram and YLM - 66 Gingelly at I. Polavaram village of Rampachodavaram mandal under the demonstrations on FLD on pulses Rabi-2013-14 on 01.10.2013.

Distribution of Blackgram seed PU-31 to identified Beneficiaries of KVK adopted villages

Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) made field visit to FLD field on introduction of Sorghum new variety PSV-56 (Srisaila) at Darmadugula village of Rampachodavaram mandal on 11.11.2013.
Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator and Sri. B. Bhaskar Rao, SMS(Horti.) made field visit to FLD field of Sweet orange in Chintalapudi village of Maredumilli mandal and distributed critical input – IIHR special for correction of micro nutrient deficiency in sweet orange to identified 5 FLD farmers on 21.11.2013.

Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Sri B. Bhaskar Rao, SMS (Horticulture) & Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS(Plant Pathology) selected farmers fields in Nellipudi village of Gangavaram mandal to conduct demonstration on Management of Flower and fruit drop in Mango on 09.12.2013. The main objective of the demonstration is to show the flower and fruit retention by spraying of Planofix@1ml/4.5Lt. at peanut stage and lemon fruit size + spraying of urea @ 10g./Lt. at peanut size and after 20 days.

Training Programmes
On 19.12.13 on campus training programme was conducted on Maize production technology by Sri. V. Govardhan Rao, Subject matter specialist (Plant protection) and the session focused on preparation of vermicompost and their use in Horticultural crops.

Diagnostic visits
On 11.12.2013 Sri V. Govardhan Rao, SMS (Plant Pathology) made field visit to Blackgram new variety PU-31 field under Technology demonstrations on pulses during Rabi-2013-14 at Bandapalli village.

Extension activities
On 12.11.13 Exposure visit was organized in collaboration with department of Fisheries, Rampachodavaram & ATMA to 25 fish farmers from 7 agency mandals to Kaikaluru to learn the aquaculture practices.

Promotion of maize cultivation in agency area of Addateegala block Rabi 2013-14
One day Training Programme and input distribution to 50 farmers on “Promotion of Maize cultivation in agency area of East godavari district” sponsored by ATMA, East Godavari District was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimmidi in E. G. District on 18-12-2013.

Promotion of Maize cultivation in East Godavari District Rabi-2013-14
On 19.12.13 under Promotionof Maize cultivation in East Godavari District Rabi-2013-14 distributed Maize seed (DHM-117) and critical inputs – Urea, 3G granules to 50 Maize growers of Nellipudi village of Gangavaram mandal and Gadarada village of Korukonda mandal. The programme is being implemented in collaboration with Directorate of Maize Research, New Delhi.

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Kisan Mela
On 27.12.13 Dr. A. Srinivas, Programme Coordinator, Sri. V. Govardhan Rao SMS(Plant Pathology) Sri. B. Bhaskar Rao SMS (Horti.) attended Kisan Mela organised by Department of Agriculture at PMRC, Rampachodavaram
GENERAL

PHTRS, Venkataramannagudem

Dr. B. Prasanna Kumar, Principal Scientist (Hort) & Head, PHTRS, VRgudem along with team members consisting of Dr. V. Vijay Bhaskar, Associate Professor (Hort), and Dr. V.Sudha Vani Assistant Professor (Hort), HCRI, Venkataramannagudem has visited the flood affected areas of Kovvur division and Narsapuram Division of West Godavari District along with officials of Department of Horticulture, and suggested suitable measures and distributed technical bulletins to the farmers on damaged crops for their rehabilitation on 29-10-2013 and 30-10-2013.

Flood affected brinjal field at Penkanametta village of Kovvur Mandal

Amelioration measures suggested to revive for flood affected tomato

Flood affected ridge gourd fields in Ravurupadu village of Thallapudi mandal

Rejuvenation of mango trees of 50 years age at Block I

HRS, Mahanandi

NCIPM-Synthesis, validation and promotion of IPM in chilli – Dr.Narayana Bhat, Principal Scientist, NCIPM, New Delhi visited the Research Station on 5.12.2013 to 7.12.2013 and visited the IPM chilli fields in Regadaguduru village, on 6.12.2013 and conducted meeting with farmers on “IPM in Chilli” along with Dr.Ch.Ruth, Scientist (Pl. Path.) & Head.

HRS, Aswaraopet

On 29.11.2013 Dr.A.Padma Raju, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor visited Horticultural Research Station, Aswaraopet along with Dr.J.Dilip Babu, Director of Research, Dr. YSRHU. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor reviewed the research work being conducted at Horticultural Research Station, Aswaraopet.

CRS, Tirupati

Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. A. Padmaraju Garu visited Citrus Research station, Tirupati and reviewed the technical progress on 12-12-2013.

FRS, Sangareddy

Rejuvenation of mango trees of 50 years age at Block I

The mango trees were cut to 10’ height without disturbing the original structure and the cut opens were applied with copper oxy chloride.

Pruned branches were disposed in open auction.

The left over branches, fallen twigs and leaves were collected and burnt to get rid of the leaf webber.

Gummosis affected areas of mango trunks were cleaned and applied with copper oxy chloride.

Irrigation and recommended doses of fertilizers were given.

The trunks and new flush was sprayed with chlorpyriphos@2ml/lit of water and carbendazim @2g/lit of water.

HRS, Aswaraopet

On 29.11.2013 Dr.A.Padma Raju, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor visited Horticultural Research Station, Aswaraopet along with Dr.J.Dilip Babu, Director of Research, Dr. YSRHU. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor reviewed the research work being conducted at Horticultural Research Station, Aswaraopet.
K. Uma Maheswari, Scientist (Hort. & Head) acted as resource person to impart the training programme on Disease and pest management of turmeric at Regional Horticultural Training Institute, Nizamabad on 21.12.2013.

HRS, Ambajipeta

Dr. Ch. Ruth, Scientist (Pt. Path) & Head conducted field visit in Turmeric crop at Gajulapalli and Billalapuram villages and observed yellowing of leaves due to potassium deficiency and drying of leave due to leaf spot on 18.11.2013 and 20.11.2013.

HRS, Mahanandi

Sri K.Uma Maheswara Rao, Scientist (Hort.) & Head, attended the National Symposium on Cashew “Cashew promotion I India – challenges and opportunities” being organized by UAHS, Shimoga and in association with DCCD, Cochin from 29-30th October, 2013 at UAHS, Shimoga and presented the paper orally entitled as “Performance of High Yielding selections and Hybrids of Cashew (Anacardium Occidentale L) under multi location Trail-II.”

FRS, Sangareddy

Conducted NAIP Training Programme on Production Technology of Mango and Guava organized at Pinireddygudem, Garla (m) Khammam Dist. on 10-10-2013, at Ramaram (V), Gundala (M), Nalgonda Dist on 21-10-2013, at Madikonda (V) Hanmakonda, Warangal Dist on 22-10-2013, at Kallure (V) Khammam Dist on 26-10-2013 and at Mahaboobnagar Dist on 28-10-2013.

MAPRS, Rajendranagar

Dr G. Satyanarayana Reddy Principal Scientist & Head and Dr. T. Susila Senior Scientist (Hort.) conducted training programme on Cultivation of Medicinal plants at KVK, Jammikunta, Karimnagar under NMAPB, Facilitation Centre on 13.11.2013 and also conducted training programme on medicinal plants at KVK, Kothakota, Madanapur, Mahboobnagar District under NMAPB, Facilitation Centre on 22.11.2013.

KVK, Venkataramannagudem

On 08.11. 2013 Sri Ch.Kiran Kumar, SMS(SSAC), Kum. S. Vishala, RA(Horticulture) conducted Field day on Integrated Nutrient Management in Paddy variety at Chodavaram village along with Department of Agriculture.

In this programme Dr. G. Srihari, Director of Extension, Dr. YSRHU, Smt. Sasikala, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) delivered lecture on improved management practices, weed management, Nutrient management and cultivation aspects of Rabi Maize.

In this programme Dr. E. Karunasree, Programme Co-ordinator, Sri Ch. Kiran Kumar, SMS (SSAC) Kum. S. Vishala, RA (Hort.) Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem conducted training programme on Rabi Maize Production Technology. In this programme Dr. G. Srihari, Director of Extension, Dr. YSRHU, Smt. Sasikala, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) delivered lecture on improved management practices, weed management, Nutrient management and cultivation aspects of Rabi Maize.
PROGRAMMES PARTICIPATED

FRS, Sangareddy

Dr. K. JyothirmaiMadhavi, Scientist (Pl. Path.) proceeded to HTI as resource person on “Integrated pest and disease management in mango” on 04-10-2013.

Dr. A. Bhagwan, Senior Scientist (H) proceeded to HO's training programme on “INM on fruit crops” on 7-12-2013.

VRS, Rajendranagar

Dr.R.V.S.K.Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.) attended survey of Phailin cyclone affected areas of Srikakulam Districts from 15-10-2013 to 18-10-2013 in Kaviti, Kanchili, Ichapuram, Palaasa and Santha Bommali mandals.

Dr.R.V.S.K.Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.) attended the meeting of farmers along with officials of Coconut Development Board and addressed the farmers about the action to be taken to protect the palms and management for the rejuvenation of Coconut orchards on 16-10-2013.

Dr.R.V.S.K.Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.) attended Training programme as resource person on 6-12-2013 on “New techniques in watermelon and muskmelon” to the farmers of Nalgonda district at HTI, Hyderabad.

Dr.R.V.S.K.Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.) attended the inspection of Ridge gourd fields on 10-12-13 at Babaguda village in Shameerpet mandal, Ranga Reddy district along with Entomologist and Plant Pathologist of VRS, R'nagar along with officials of Dept of Horticulture.

Dr.R.V.S.K.Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.) attended field inspection of chilli at Kodurupaka, Boinpally mandal, Karimnagar district on 30-12-13 along with scientist (Hort), HRS, Larm, Guntur and Horticultural officer, Sircilla.

Dr.R.V.S.K.Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.) and Dr.M.Padma, Principal Scientist (Hort.) participated in Interactive meeting on “Doubled haploids” Scope and future in Horticultural crops” at IIHR, Bangalore on 03-10-2013.

Dr.M.Vijaya, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, Dr.M.Padma, Principal Scientist (Hort.), Dr.RVSK Reddy, Principal Scientist (Hort.), Dr.Hameedunissa Begum, Scientist (Hort.), Dr.B.K.M.Lakshmi, Scientist (Pl.Path.) conducted survey in Paderu agency area, Vizag districts and collected taro and sweet potato germplasm collections and recorded pest and disease incidence on 01-10-2013.

Dr.P.Madhavi Latha, Scientist (Hort.) attended as a resource person on vegetable production in connections with participatory rural knowledge management programme conducted by NAARM at Nagireddygudem village of Moinabad Mandal on 05-10-2013.

Dr.P.Madhavi Latha, Scientist (Hort.) attended National Conference on Agro biodiversity management for sustainable rural development held at NAARM and presented oral paper on Bio diversity of anti nutritional qualities in leafy vegetables from 14-15th October, 2013.

Dr.P.Madhavi Latha, Scientist (Hort.) participated to review and finalizing AESA based IPM package of practices for 9 vegetable crops developed by NIPHM on 31-10-2013 and attended seed village programme conducted by Department of Agriculture at Julkal village, Shamshabad mandal, Tolkatta village, Moinabad mandal and Kanapur village, Rajendranagar mandal as Resource Personnel on Vegetable Production.

Dr.Hameedunissa Begum attended one day workshop on “Awareness Workshop on issues related to genetically Modified (GM) crops” as a Dr.Y.S.R.Horticultural University nominee organized by ANGRAU at University Auditorium on 28-11-2013.

HRS, Ambajipeta

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology) and Dr. A. Snehalatha Rani, Scientist (Pl. Path.) participated in an interaction meeting organized by Baratiya Kisan sangh, Konaseema division on nature of damage caused by Helen cyclone to the horticultural crops and extent of damage at Amalapuram.

Dr. G. Ramanandam, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, Dr. N.B.V. Chalapathi Rao, Senior Scientist (Entomology) and Dr. A. Snehalatha Rani, Scientist (Pl. Path.) participated in field day on organic farming at Mukkanala being organized by the RAVEP students and Abhyudaya Karshaka Parishath, Mukkanala on 30.11.2013 and attended the Helen cyclone meeting review by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor in-charge, Dr. A. Padmaraju, Dr.YSRHU, at RARS, Marteru on 27.11.2013

HRS, Mahanandi

Dr.Ch.Ruth, Scientist (Pl. Path) & Head participated in the training programme on “Banana cultivation” conducted by Jai Kisan Zoovari Agro Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., at Thimmapuram on 19.12.2013 and delivered a lecture on package and practices of Banana crop.

Dr.Ch.Ruth, Scientist (Pl. Path) & Head participated Training programme on “Pest and disease management in Mango at flowering state” in Rudravaram village on 31.12.2013 along with Horticultural Officer, Allagadda and observed mango orchards and identified hoppers, mealy bugs, leaf webber and sooty mould incidence.
**MAPRS, Rajendranagar**

On 28-11-2013 Dr T. Susila, Senior Scientist (Hort.) attended Awareness Workshop in relation to genetically modified crops at ANGRAU organized by Biotech Consortium India Ltd (BCIL) New Delhi.

Dr G. Satyanarayana Reddy Principal Scientist and Head presented oral paper entitled “Some important medicinal plants in India – importance and conservation” in 2nd International Symposium on Minor Fruits and Medicinal Plants held at University of Ruhuna, Mapalana, Kamburupitiya, Sri Lanka on 20th to 21st December 2013.

Dr G. Satyanarayana Reddy Principal Scientist and Head participated in the XI state level steering committee meeting (SLSC) at Health, Medical & Family welfare Dept., L Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad on 10-12-2013.

Dr G. Satyanarayana Reddy Principal Scientist and Head and Dr T. Susila Senior Scientist (Hort.) participated in Oshadhi, 2013 (Herbal Expo) from 29-12-2013 to 31-12-2013 at Central Research Institute of Unani medicine, Erragadda, Hyderabad organized by A.P. State Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Board.

Dr. T. Rajashekharam, Scientist (PP), proceeded to IARI New Delhi to participate in 21 days training programme on “Understanding of mechanism of host pathogen – bio-agent interaction and sustainable management strategy for threatening crop diseases from 24.9.2013 to 14.10.2013.

Smt K Mamatha, Scientist (Hort) proceeded to IARI, New Delhi to participate in the winter school on “Frontier Technologies in the area of Biotechnology on Gene isolation and Characterization with special reference to abiotic stress related genes”. Organized by NRCPB from 10th December to 30th December.

Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, PS (Hort) proceeded to Chagantipadu village of Krishna District on 9.12.13 to attend the training programme organized by NESTAM NGO as a resource person and delivered a lecture on banana cultivation.

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Dr. K. Rajendra Prasad, Scientist (Hort.) participated in 21 days training programme on “Exploitation of Underutilized fruits” at MPKV Rahuri, from 17th September to 7th October, 2013.

Er. P.C. Vengaiah, Scientist (FST) attended to 3 days training on “Micro encapsulation methods for food and biotechnological applications” at CIPHET Ludhiana during 20-22nd November, 2013.

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Dr. L. Mukunda Lakshmi, Scientist (Hort), Smt. T. Nagalakshmi, Scientist (Path) and Smt.G. Sarada, Scientist (Ento) have participated in JKS (field staff) training programme as resource persons being conducted by Zuari Agrochemicals at RARS, Tirupati on 11-12-2013.

**HRS, Lam**

Dr.L.Naram Naidu, Principal Scietist (Hort)& Dr.C.Venkata Ramana Scientist (H) Visited IBT, ANGRAU, Rajendranagar to discus and finalize the Biotech projects under RKVY on chilli with Dr Anada Kumar, Director, IBT, Rajendranagar on 8-10-2013.

Dr. S. Surya Kumari, Principal Scientist (H) and Sri K. Giridhar, Scientist (H) attended XXIVth workshop of AICRP on Spices held at Jagudan, Gujarat on 23-26th Oct, 2013.

Dr.C.Sarada, Senior Scientist (Hort) attended “III international seminar on extension educational strategies for sustainable agricultural development – A global perspective “– held at UAS, Bangalore to present a paper from 5-8th Dec, 2013.

**KVK, Venkataramannagudem**


**LECTURES DELIVERED**

**Horticulture Polytechnic, Kalikiri**

Guest lecture on the topic “Marketing of Fruits and Vegetables in India” was delivered by Dr.T.N.Venkata Reddy, Professor, Department of Agriculture and Business Management, GKV, UAS, Bangalore on 30-12-2013.
**HONOURS & AWARDS**

**CRS, Tirupati**

Dr. K. Gopal Principal Scientist (CP) & Head received Shri V.P. Gokhale Prize on 18-11-2013 from Maharashtra Association for the Cultivation of Science, Agharkar Research Institute, G.G. Agarkar Road, Pune.

Dr. M.L.N. Reddy, Dean PG Studies, Dr.YSRHU, V.R.Gudem was nominated as an Expert Member of the Academic Council of TNAU for 3 years i.e., from 22-11-2013 to 21-11-2016 by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore.

**OBITUARY**

**VRS, Rajendranagar**

Sri K.Babu Rao, working as AEO in AICRP on Tuber Crops, Rajendranagar expired on 13-12-2013.

**VISITS ABROAD**

**HRS, Kovvur**

Dr B V K Bhagavan, PS (Hort) and Dr.M.M.Naidu, Senior Scientist (Hort.) visited Mapalana, Srilanka from 19th to 23rd December and presented the research papers viz., “Influence of Organic Manures on Growth Yield and Quality of Banana Cv. Grand naine and Effect of Organic Sources on Growth, Yield and Quality of Fenugreek” respectively in the 2nd international symposium on minor fruits and Medicinal plants at University of Ruhuna, Malapana.

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Dr. K. Sireesha, Scientist (Ento.) delivered lecture on pest and disease management under protected cultivation to newly recruited Horticultural officers at HTI, Hyderabad on 19.12.2013.

Dr.M.Padma, Principal Scientists (Hort.) attended training programme to farmers at HTI, Hyderabad, taken to field visit and explained techniques in Vegetable Cultivation at VRS, Rajendranagar on 28-10-2013.

**HRS, Darsi**

S.Narasimha Rao, Scientist (PI Path) act as a resource person for the training programme on production technology of Turmeric at Ayyaluriviripalem of C.S. Puram on 18.12.2013.

Dr. P.Lalitha Kameswari, Scientist(Hort) acted as a resource person and trained 40 farmers came from ASPEE college of Agriculture, NAU, Navsari on 7th October, 2013.

Dr. P.Madhavi Latha, Scientist (Hort.) gave a lecture on drip irrigation and fertigation in banana at HTI to Rangareddy district farmers 05-10-2013.

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