Sri Potti Sriramulu Jayanthi
119th Birth Anniversary of Sri Potti Sriramulu was observed on 16.03.2020 at Administrative Office, all the constituent Colleges, Research Stations and KVKs of the university. On this occasion the staff members remembered the services of the martyr who achieved the state of Andhra by sacrificing his life through hunger strike.

Scientific Advisory Committee
On 17.03.2020, KVK, Vonipenta conducted 3rd Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting. Dr.B.Srinivasulu, Director of Extension, Chairman of SAC addressed to concentrate on the major crops existing in the region, maintain a nursery standards in KVK and to focus on the programmes which helps to improve livelihood the farmers. Sri.G.Sandeep Naik, Scientist & Head presented the activities taken up by KVK during 2019-20
and the action plan for the year 2020-21. Srividya Rani.N, Scientist (Extn.), Dr.V.Yugandhar, RA (Hort.), Dr.V.Nagarjuna, RA(SS&AC) and Smt.Suneetha, RA, (Home Science) also presented their work done and action plan. Released a pamphlet on the results of the OFTs and FLDs done by KVK, Vonipenta. SAC members Sri.Madhusudhan Reddy, PD, APMIP &DDH, Kadapa, AD Horticulture-Kadapa-II, DDM-NABARD, Scientists from the Research Stations and KVKs and the farmers have given their valuable suggestions in implementation of action plan for 2020-21.

**Education**

**Rythu Sadassu**

On 19.03.2020, Rythu Sadassu was conducted by RHWEP students of CoH, Anantharajupeta under KVK, Vonipenta. Sri.M.Balakrishna, Assistant Professor (SS&AC), CoH, Anatharajupeta and Associate Dean Representative addressed the farmers regarding the importance of the RHWEP programme through which the students got acquainted with technology gaps as well as rural problems by staying in the villages. Sri.G.Sandeep Naik, Scientist & Head, KVK, Vonipenta addressed the farmers regarding the activities taken up by RHWEP students, vocational trainings, method demonstrations, arranging information corners through which the farmers got benefitted by the recent advancements in agriculture. Students also arranged a stall on varieties of fruits and vegetables grown in the area, soil testing, water conservation and soil conservation measures etc. Srividya Rani.N, Scientist (Extn.) and Dr.V.Yugandhar, RA, (Horti.), RHWEP students and the farmers from Settivaripalli, Vonipenta, Kesalingayapalli, GV Satram and Sunkulugaripalli villages attended the programme.

**Online Teaching**

University has issued directions to all constituent and affiliated colleges to conduct on-line classes during COVID-19 lockdown period and being implemented in all colleges.

**Extension**

**Training Programmes**

Dr.M.G.Bala Hussaini, Senior Scientist (Hort.), CRS, Petlur attended one day training programme as resource person on ‘Integrated nutrient management in vegetables’ at RHTI, Gudipallipadu on 16.03.2020.

Dr.M.G.Bala Hussaini, Senior Scientist (Hort.), CRS, Petlur attended a training program as resource person on ‘Propagation techniques in Horticultural crops’ at KVK, Nellore on 19.03.2020.
KVK, Venkataramannagudem conducted twenty five day’s skill training programme on ‘Mushroom grower’ from 28.02.2020 to 23.03.2020 in coordination with Agricultural Skill Council of India (ASCI) and ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad. A total 20 Rural youth and women were participated in the training programme. The trainees were exposed to theoretical and practical aspects on Cultivation of different types of mushrooms. As a part of the training programme exposure visits have been conducted to the successful mushroom growers units at Vijayawada and Rajahmundry. On 23.03.2020, Dr. E. Karuna Sree, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK, V.R.Gudem attended as chief guest for valedictory session and explained about the nutritional importance of mushrooms and cultivation of mushrooms as an income generating enterprise. The training program was coordinated by Sri. G.ShaliRaju, Scientist (Ento.) & Master Trainer (Mushroom grower) and Dr.K. Venkata Subbaih, Scientist (Hort.), KVK, V.R.Gudem.

**Awareness Programme**

KVK, Pandirimamidi conducted One day Workshop cum Awareness Programme to the farmers on ‘Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management (DSM) in Agriculture Sector’ on 18.03.2020. Dr.P.Lalitha Kameswari, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Pandirimamidi invocated the meeting and addressed the farmers about the importance of saving the non-renewable sources of energy and usage of renewable sources like solar, wind etc. especially adoption of solar based pump sets in agriculture sector. Dr.T.V.P Rajendra Prasad, Principal, Agri Polytechnic college, Irlapalli addressed the farmers about importance of renewable resources over the non renewable resources. Released a Pomphelet on “Role of usage of Renewable sources in Agriculture sector”. Technical sessions were conducted by Scientists of KVK, Pandirimamidi, Sri Vamsi Krishna – Field Engineer, APSECM, Rajahmundry, Dr.T.V.P Rajendra Prasad, Principal, Agri Polytechnic college, Irlapalli, Sri Ramesh, Horticultural Officer, Rampachodavaram, Sri Hemanth, DMP, SERP, Rampachodavaram, NEDCAP and NGO representatives. In this programme, representatives from NGO – Tanager, Kovel, Laya, and 97 farmers have participated.

One day workshop cum awareness programme on energy efficiency & demand side management (DSM) in agriculture sector conducted at KVK ,Venkataramannagudem on 20.03.2020. Dr B Srinivasulu, Director of Extension attended as chief guest and addressed the farmers on ‘Protection of renewable energy resources’. A brochure on ‘Importance of renewable energy resources’ was released. This programme was coordinated by Dr. V. Deepthi, Scientist (Agri.Extn.).

On 20.03.2020, Conducted awareness programme on COVID-19 at KVK ,Venkataramannagudem in this programme Primary Health Centre, venkataramannagudem doctor explained the incidence of COVID 19, spreading mechanism & preventive measures.

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On the view of PKVY project implementation, KVK, Venkataramannagudem conducted one meeting cum training program on rules and regulations of PKVY project on 20.03.2020. In this program Dr.K. Venkata Subbaiah, Scientist (Hort.) taught about rules and regulations of PKVY and given a overall picture regarding this project. Dr. E. Karuna Sree, Principal Scientist and Head stressed about importance of the project and organic cultivation. About 20 PKVY farmers have participated the programme.

**KVK’s Review meeting of ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad, Zone -X through Video conference**

Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Dr.YSRHU have participated in KVK’S review meeting through video conference conducted by ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad, Zone -X on 17.04.2020. Dr. Y.G.Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone -X, Hyderabad addressed the KVK’S and reviewed the plan of activities carried out during COVID -19 lock down period. Also suggested the KVK’S for the preparation of crop advisories for farmers in their respective districts. Heads of KVKs explained the status of activities carried out during this lock down period and also future line of work to be done. In this programme, Dr.B.Srinivasulu, Director of Extension, Dr.YSRHU and D.E’S of ANGRAU, SKLTHU, SVVU, TNAU and KVK staff of Zone-X have participated.

**Diagnostic Visits**

Dr. T.Vijaya Nirmala, Scientist (Veterinary Science) and Dr.A.Devivaraparasad Reddy Scientist, KVK, Venkataramannagudem has explained about the improved varieties of fodder, fodder cultivation and chaffing of fodder using electric chaff cutter to the farmers of Buttaigudem mandal on 20.03.2020.

On 20.03.2020.Dr. A. Devivaraprasad Reddy, Scientist (Fishery Science), KVK, Venktaramannagudem visited the farms in Thelikicherla village to attend the final harvesting of amur common carp as part of OFT and NFDB pilot project. Amur common carp attained maximum weight of 5.2 kgs and minimum of 2.3 kgs. Farmer is very much satisfied and expressed sincere thanks to the KVK, Dr.YSRHU, V.R.Gudem for the introduction of new variety that is amur common carp in place of existing common carp.

**Diagnostic Visits**

On 21.03.2020, Dr.V. Yugandhar, Research Associate (Hort.), KVK, Vonipenta visited chilli fields for diagnosis of pests and diseases at Mudumalla village of B.Mattam mandal. Identified dieback disease and suggested to spray difenconazole @ 0.05% or propiconazole @ 0.1%.
On 23.3.2020, Dr.V.Nagarajuna, Research Associate (SS&AC), KVK, Vonipenta visited green gram field at Madirepalli village of Duvvuru mandal. Observed sucking pests and suggested installation of yellow sticky traps and growing of sorghum and maize as border crops for control of sucking pest complex.

**Soil Samples**

On 20.03.2020, Dr. V. Yugandhar, Research Associate (Hort.), KVK, Vonipenta collected initial soil samples for FLD - “Soil test-based fertilizer application in banana” at Vonipenta village of Mydukur mandal and explained the importance of soil analysis and also demonstrated the soil sample collection procedure.

**Visits**

Dr.A.Devivaraprasad Reddy, Scientist (Fishery Science), KVK, Venkataramannagudem visited the Fisheries Research Station, SVVU, Balabadrapuram to know the fish seed quality and production technologies adopted by the research station on 18.03.2020.

**TV Programmes**

Dr.B.Govinda Rajulu, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK Periyavaram participated in live TV programme on 31.03.2020 and explained on COVID-19 precautionary measures, resistance build up and about KVK activities for farmers during lockdown held at rythu bazaar Venkatagiri mandal.

**Phone-in-Live Programmes**


Dr.B.V.K.Bhagavan, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Head, HRS, Ambajipeta attended Phone-in-Live programme on ‘Summer management techniques for sustainable yields in coconut plantations’ at Doordarshan Kendra, Vijayawada on 26.03.2020


**Radio Programmes**

Dr.B.Govinda Rajulu, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK Periyavaram delivered radio talk on ‘COVID-19, lockdown 2.0, GOI and state government guidelines and farm advisory’ to farming community broadcasted in Kisan Vani, All India Radio, Tirupati on 09.04.2020.
Superannuation

Sri P.Suri Babu, Deputy Comptroller, Dr.YSRHU and Sri Y.Krishnaiah, Superintendent, CoH, Anantharajupeta retired on 31.03.2020 on attaining superannuation.

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