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New Leadership: Vision Towards Profitable and Sustainable Horticulture

From the Desk of the Vice Chancellor

It is with great honor and passion that I assumed the position of Vice Chancellor at the lone Horticultural University in Telangana on October 19, 2024. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Telangana for the trust they have placed in me and I humbly accept the responsibility that comes with this esteemed role. I would also like to thank the university, the farming community and all other stake holders for the warm welcome I have received. I assure you that I am committed to meet the expectations placed upon me and I will work diligently to make horticulture as one of the key growth engines of the state's economy.



Horticulture plays a pivotal role in ensuring food and nutritional security, sustainable livelihoods, especially in a state like Telangana, which is endowed with rich resources and agro-climatic diversity. As we move forward, my vision is to strengthen research and extension services while fostering academic excellence to empower farmers and students alike.

Horticulture is not just cultivation — it is a dynamic sector with vast potential for profitability and sustainable development. Horticulture and agriculture should move hand in hand to utilize the available resources in the state efficiently to achieve the expected growth in agriculture and allied sectors. With the rising global demand for high-value horticultural crops, Telangana stands at the forefront in transforming this sector into a major driver of economic growth.

Opportunities in horticulture span across multiple domains in terms of Innovations in cultivation, Digital & Smart Farming, Agri-Entrepreneurship, Value Addition & Food Processing and Export. By equipping students, researchers and farmers with the right knowledge, skills and industry linkages, we can create a robust ecosystem where horticulture thrives as a profitable enterprise for the farming community in the state.

I firmly believe in the collective efforts of our dedicated faculty, researchers, staff and students in driving the university towards new heights with visibility at national and international levels. Together, we will work on modernizing curriculum, development of improved varieties and technologies and delivering the same to the farming community to address contemporary challenges. Collaboration with Government bodies, national and international research institutions and industry will be the key focus to expand opportunities for the university.

As we walk on this journey together, I warmly invite each of you to share your ideas, expertise and unwavering commitment to help our university to become a premier institution in horticultural education and research.

D. RAJI REDDY



SKLTGHU Welcomes New Vice Chancellor

Dr. D. Raji Reddy has assumed charge as fifth Vice Chancellor of SKLTGHU on 19th October, 2024.



Celebration of 10th Foundation Day of SKLTGHU

The university celebrated its 10th Foundation Day on 23rd December, 2024. Foundation Day lecture on the novel topic '**Biological Carbon Capture: A Promising Approach for a Sustainable Future**' was delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr. Uma Shankar Sagaram, Chief Scientific Officer, Cyano Capture, Oxford, UK.

Dr. R. K. Mathur, Director, IIOR, Rajendranagar, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and addressed the students and staff.





Events organized

Dragon Fruit Mela

Conducted Dragon Fruit Mela at Fruit Research Station, Sangareddy on 8th October 2024 to create awareness about the suitable varieties and management practices



Chrysanthemum Day

University Organised Chrysanthemum day 2024 on 10th December 2024 at Floriculture Research Station, Rajendranagar under the chairmanship of Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU depicting the suitable varieties and technologies for area expansion of Chrysanthemum. Smt. Shaik Yasmin Bhasha, Director & Commissioner of Horticulture, Dept. of Horticulture, Govt. of Telangana has graced the programme as Chief Guest and interacted with the farmers.



Farmers Interaction Meetings

Vegetable Crops:

Interaction meeting with vegetable farmers was conducted at Ponnala village, Shameerpet mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri district, on 11.12.2024. Discussed the management of virus pests and insects in vine vegetables, as well as fertilizer management.

A separate WhatsApp group was created, including both farmers and scientists, to facilitate regular advisories by university scientists to the farming community



Mango:

- Awareness-cum-Interactive Meeting with progressive farmers of the erstwhile Mahabubnagar District was conducted on 17.12.2024 at Mahabubnagar focussing on farm registration, organic certification, and opportunities in export and domestic markets for mango fruits under the Mango Cluster Development Programme (CDP).
- Two WhatsApp groups were created for "Nagarkurnool Mango" and the "Erstwhile Mahabubnagar Mango Export Farmers for sharing regular advisories on mango cultivation and export





Workshop/Training Programmes organized

Soapnut Cultivation

University in collaboration with ATARI has organized one day Workshop on "Promoting Soapnut cultivation in Telangana " at Nalgonda on 28.12.2024 to promote soapnut cultivation in the state



GIS for Plant Biodiversity and Resource Management

Organized one-day international workshop on "GIS for Plant Biodiversity and Resource Management" on 25.12.2024 to discuss the latest advancements in Geographical Information System (GIS) applications for sustainable horticulture and biodiversity management

As part of its commitment to this workshop, university has initiated research in GIS applications



Vegetable Grafting

A training program on "Shaping the Future of Vegetables: Grafting in Modern Horticulture" was organized at Mulugu on 18.12.2024 for Subject Matter Specialists, KVK and Postgraduate students. Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad graced as the Chief Guest





Exhibitions

University participated in various exhibitions depicting technologies in four areas of horticulture viz., fruits, vegetables, spices, medicinal, aromatic and flower crops



Rythu Pandaga 2024 organized by Govt. of Telangana at Mahaboobnagar from 28th to 30th November 2024



Daimond Jubilee Celebrations of PJTAU, Rajendranger on 20th & 21st December 2024



Established a stall on Medicinal Plants at 'Yashoda Hospital – Nutri Summit'
on 16.10.2024

Participation of Vice Chancellor as Chief Guest/Guest of Honour in Various Programmes

- Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Graced as Chief Guest in the International Conference on Futuristic Horticulture ICFH 24, organized by Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 14.11.2024





- Graced as Chief Guest and delivered Key note address in 8th International Conference on Recent Trends in Advancements in Agriculture, Horticulture, Livestock and allied Sciences (RTAAAS-2024) in Online Mode organized by Just Agriculture Education Group, New Delhi on 21.11.2024
- Participated as Guest of Honor in the Meeting on Statement of Climate for the State of Telangana, organized by India Meteorological Department, Hyderabad on 22.11.2024
- Graced as Guest of Honor in the National Conference on Recent advances in plant pathology and innovative approaches in plant disease management (RAPPID) organized by Indian Phyto pathological Society (IPS) Central Zone and Deccan Society of Plant pathology, Hyderabad at PJTAU Rajendranagar on 12.12.2024



- Participated as Guest of Honour in Diamond Jubilee celebrations of PJTAU at COH,Aswaraopet on 14.12.2024 and at Auditorium, Rajendrangar on 20th & 21st December 2024





- Graced as Chief Guest in the valedictory programme of One Month International Training cum Winter School on Navigating Agricultural Transformations for Upliftment of Rural Excellence (NATURE-2024) organized by Agri Meet Foundation Bharat, Gwalior and delivered Keynote Presentation on Precision Farming in Agriculture in online mode on 30.12.2024

Public Private Partnership

- University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Agri Biotech Foundation, Rajendranagar, to foster active collaborations in joint projects and advance tissue culture research in horticultural crops on 24.12.2024



- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) on 12th December 2024 to create a digital knowledge repository and work on joint projects to enhance digital transformation in rural areas





Awards

Dr. Veera Suresh, Scientist (Pl. Path.) has received '**Young Scientist Award**' in the DSPP National Conference on 'Recent Advances in Plant Pathology and Innovative Approaches in Plant Disease Management' held on 12th - 13th December, 2024 at PJTAU, Rajendranagar.



Publications

Research Articles : 14

Popular Articles : 14

Other Events

Diagnostic Visits : 18

Radio & TV Programmes : 33

Training Programmes Participated : 18

Complied by

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