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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

'Telangana: Would be Geographical Indication centre for Horticultural crops'

Telangana, located on the Deccan Plateau, is emerging as a key center for Geographical Indication (GI) recognition of its rich horticultural crops, leveraging the state's diverse soils, favorable climate, and extensive irrigation network from rivers such as Godavari and Krishna. The state has a strong legacy in agricultural innovation, which provides a solid foundation for cultivating high quality and unique produce. Telangana's GI initiative in horticultural crops already encompasses renowned crops like Banaganapalle Mangoes and Warangal Chapata Chilli, safeguarding them under official certification to protect their origin and distinctive qualities. The state's effort in promoting these GI tags not only enhances product value in domestic and international markets but also supports sustainable agricultural practices and boosts farmer incomes.

Building on this successes, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University (SKLTGHU), Mulugu is preparing to expand Telangana's GI portfolio by filing applications in two more distinctive crops: Balanagar custard apple and Armoor turmeric. The Balanagar custard apple, known for its creamy, sweet pulp, high sugar content, and nutrient-rich profile, is cultivated across 30 villages in Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy, and Vikarabad districts. Similarly, Armoor turmeric, a prominent variety from Nizamabad district, is known for its potency and flavor. Supported by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), researchers have documented cultivated areas, unique historical traits, and biochemical characteristics to meet GI criteria.

Siddipet Ginger, Nalgonda Sweet orange, Sajjapur Colocasia, Jagtial and Mahabubabad Turmeric, Saraswatiguda Mulberry, Khammam Chilli, Nalgonda Onion, Mahabubnagar Amchur are identified for applying for GI from Telangana Horticulture to improve horticultural farmers' incomes. The GI recognition of these crops is expected to enhance market demand, foster exports, and further reinforce Telangana's position as a future GI hub for premium horticultural products.

D. Raji Reddy
Vice Chancellor

Academics

Training Program

SKLTGHU organized three day training program on “Entrepreneurship Development program on startups for SKLTGHU students” in collaboration with NAARM, Rajendranagar from 8th to 10th May 2025.



Sports Meet - 2025

SKLTGHU conducted 1st Inter Collegiate Sports, Games, Cultural and Literary Meet 2024-25 for Diploma students at Horticulture Polytechnic, Kollapur, Nagar Kurnool from 13th and 14th May 2025.



Research

Mango Show

SKLTGHU conducted Mango show on 16th and 17th May, 2025 at Fruit Research Station, Sangareddy.



Annual Group Meeting

SKLTGHU hosted **25th Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Tuber Crops** in collaboration with ICAR – Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and AICRP on Tuber Crops, VRS Rajendranagar on 19th & 20th May, 2025 at COH, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.



Interaction meeting for perspective plan

SKLTGHU conducted an interaction meeting with FPOs & Industries on Perspective plan for the development of horticulture in Telangana on 9.5.2025 at Administrative Office, Mulugu.



ZREAC-2025

SKLTGHU has conducted Zonal Research & Extension Advisory Council (ZREAC) Meeting – 2025 for the three zones of the state on 30.5.2025 at Administrative Office, Mulugu. Officials from Department of Horticulture, Farmers, Scientists participated in the meeting.



SLTP-2025

SKLTGHU conducted State Level Technical Programme (SLTP) at Administrative Office, Mulugu on 17th and 18th June 2025 and reviewed the progress of work done for the year 2024-25 and finalized the Technical programme of work for the year 2025-26.



- Scientists of Floriculture Research Station have participated in the 33rd AICRP Annual Group Meeting on Flower crops from 27th to 29th May, 2025 at Solan, Himachal Pradesh and released book on protected cultivation of flower crops.
- Scientists of HRS, Kondamallepalli have participated in Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on plantation crops at Madurai from 7th to 9th May 2025.
- Scientists of VRS, Rajendranagar have attended the Annual Group Meeting of AINRPOG at Almora, Uttarakhand on 13.05.2025 and 14.05.2025.



Bimonthly Meeting

- University has conducted bimonthly meeting at Administrative Office, Mulugu on 17.04.2025 and reviewed the financial, academic, research and extension Progress of all the centers of SKLTGHU.

Extension

SKLTGHU scientists have participated in Kisan Mela and Rythu Mahotsavam programs which were organized by Govt. of Telangana at Nizamabad from 21st to 23rd April 2025. Vice Chancellor has participated and visited the stalls. Sri Thummala Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Telangana has graced the Inaugural programme as Chief Guest.



Exhibitions

- SKLTGHU successfully exhibited commercial Mango Varieties in the Rythu Sadassu program at Zaheerabad on 23rd May 2025. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana has appreciated University for its work.
- SKLTGHU has participated and exhibited live samples, technologies and laminates at Rythu Mahotsavam conducted at Giriraj Degree College, Nizamabad on 22nd April, 2025.
- SKLTGHU has participated in Mango Diversity show at Central Horticultural Experiment Station, Bhuwaneswar on 29th May 2025. Sri Shivraj Singh Chouhan appreciated the University Stall.



- SKLTGHU Scientists have participated and displayed exhibits at Kisan mela, AMC, Husnabad, Siddipet (Dist.) from 06.06.2025 to 08.06.2025.



- RHWEF students of COH, Mojerla conducted Rythu Sadassu at Bahadurguda, Malkal (Village), Shamshabad (Mandal) on 19th April, 2025.



- RHWEF students of College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar organized Rythu Sadassu on 5th May, 2025 at Ranzole village.



- RHWEF students of College of Horticulture, Mojerla conducted Rythu Sadassu & exhibition at Kandawada.



- Faculty of SKLTGHU participated in Kisan Mela at Ibrahimpatnam on 9th June, 2025 conducted by KVK, ATARI.
- Scientist of SKLTGHU along with Horticulture officers and NALMOT team visited Oil Palm pre-bearing orchard in Siddipet district.



Important Events

- SKLTGHU NEW WEBSITE was inaugurated by Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU on 6.05.2025.



- SKLTGHU celebrated Telangana Formation Day on 2.6.2025 at administrative office & at different institutes of SKLTGHU.



Visitors

- Dr. Koushik Banerjee, Director, NRCG, Pune has visited Grape Research Station, Rajendranganar on 07.04.2025 and reviewed the ongoing research activities of the station under AICRP (Fruits) Grape.



- Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Coordinator (Fruits), IIHR, Bangalore visited on 15.05.2025 and reviewed ongoing research activities of the station under AICRP (Fruits) Grape.



- Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ICAR, ADG visited Floricultural Research Station, Rajendranagar on 20th May, 2025 & reviewed ongoing research programmes.



- Dr. P. Gopi, Commissioner of Agriculture, Govt. of Telangana has visited Admin office, mulugu on 6.6.2025 and interacted with the officers regarding the scope for enhancing the horticulture area in Telangana.



- Mohamed Kasim Khan M, National Coordinator - FOSSEE GIS and Senior Research Scientist, National Mission on Education through ICT, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay-Mumbai has visited SKLTGHU Mulugu on 25.6.2025 and interacted with officers for initiation of FOSSEE courses and development of remote sensing lab at SKLTGHU.



Visits of Vice Chancellor

- Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has visited FRS on 7th May, 2025 & reviewed the research activities of the station & offered needful suggestions for the improvement of research programmes at FRS Sangareddy.

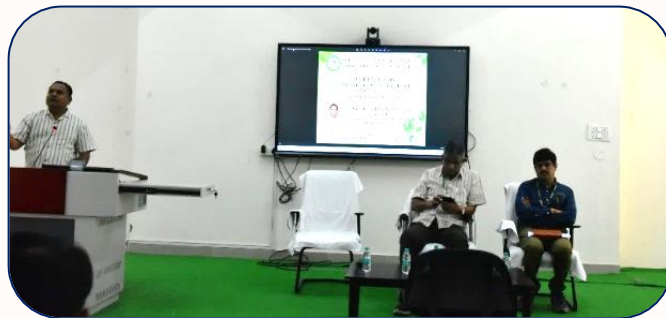


Workshops/Conferences/Seminars/Guest Lectures

- VRS, Rajendranagar has conducted 10th training programme on "District Level Training Programme on Scientific Bee Keeping" with the support of National Bee Board (NBB) National Bee Keeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) Govt. of India at VRS, Rajendranagar from 2nd to 7th April, 2025.
- Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Research Station conducted training program on 'Cultivation and Marketing of Medicinal Plants' under the MIDH at COH, Rajendranagar to benefit farmers, traders and stakeholders on 24.5.2025



- SKLTGHU has organized one day Workshop on Financial Management on 6.5.2025. Sri. K. Srinivas Rao, Comptroller, PJTAU delivered lecture on Financial Management.



- SKLTGHU organized one day workshop on Agri Education & Opportunities on 20.6.2025 at COH Rajendranagar. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Former DDG (Education), ICAR, New Delhi has delivered the Keynote address.



- SKLTGHU has organized awareness workshop for faculty on "New NAAC Accreditation on Matured Base Grade Level (MBGL) and Indian rankings (NIRF-2025)" on 30th April, 2025 at COH, Rajendranagar.



- Farmers training programme was conducted at HRS, Adilabad.



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

- Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor participated as Guest of Honour in First Telangana Seed festival "Vitthanaala Pandaga", from 4th to 6th April, 2025 at The Earth Center, Anmaspally Village, Kadthal Mandal, Rangareddy Dist.

- Vice Chancellor graced as Chief Guest in the Annual Convocation of NIPHM, Rajendranagar and delivered Convocation address on 8.4.2025.



- Vice Chancellor attended as Guest of Honour at Turmeric Stake holders Conclave organized by ICAR-National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture at Rajamundry on 11.4.2025.



- Vice Chancellor participated in Telangana Rythu Mahotsavam 2025 at Exhibition Ground Nampally organized by Agri Horti Society, Hyderabad on 14.4.2025.



- Vice Chancellor participated in Buyers and Sellers Meet on Mango organized by APEDA in coordination with Dept. of Horticulture on 24.4.2025 at PJTAU, Rajendranagar.



- Vice Chancellor attended "One day Seminar on opportunities in Food Processing Industry & Subsidies" at National Institute for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises(ni-msme) on 28.4.2025



- Vice Chancellor acted as a Co-Chair for the Session "Agri Vision 2025" with the theme "digital Agriculture for Enhancing Productivity and Sustainability" organized by CII, Telangana on 29.04.2025.
- Vice Chancellor attended Annual Meet of Vice-Chancellors of SAUs and Directors' of ICAR Institutes on the theme "Convergence in Action : Shaping Vikshit Bharat @ 2047" on 20.5.2025 at NASC Complex, New Delhi.
- Vice Chancellor attended Kisan Mela at Husnabad on 6.6.2025 & participated in the ICAR nation-wide outreach initiative- 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA)', at Mansanpally (Vill), Tukuguda on 9.6.2025.



- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor attended Foundation Stone ceremony of Global Centre of Excellence on Millets and Advanced Phenomics Complex on 9.6.2025 at ICAR IIMR, Hyderabad.

- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor attended PJTAU Foundation Day Celebrations on 12.6.2025 at PJTAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor attended as Chief Guest for 1st Annual Day Celebrations of Dr. Ganta Gopal Reddy Horticulture Polytechnic Gaddipally, Nalgonda on 23.6.2025.
- Participated as Chief Guest in the National Seminar on 'Climate Smart Innovations' and delivered keynote address on the current Agronomic challenges at RARS ANGRAU Thirupathi on 27.6.2025.



Networking / Collaborations

MoU's Signed

- SKLTGHU has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SREE foundation on 28.4.2025.
- SKLTGHU has signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)' with Blend Colours Private Limited, Hyderabad on 9.4.2025 and initiated a collaborative research work on evaluation of biodegradable mulches with different colours in fruit crops.
- SKLTGHU has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kansas University USA at COH, Rajendanagar on 18.6.2025 and organized a guest lecture for students.



Dr. Danda Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor of Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University (SKLTGHU), presented the Telangana State Horticulture Perspective Plan–2035 prepared by SKLTGHU to His Excellency, the Governor of Telangana, Sri Vishnu Dev Varma, at the Raj Bhavan. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor elaborated the vision, goals and strategies of the Perspective Plan. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor also presented to the Governor an album showcasing highlights from the recently held Fourth University Convocation. The Registrar Dr. A. Bhagwan was present during the presentation.



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