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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

'Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies for Climate Change in Horticulture'

Climate change today represents one of the most formidable challenges confronting Indian agriculture, with horticulture being particularly vulnerable to its impacts. Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, shifting monsoon cycles, and the increasing frequency of extreme weather events are already influencing crop productivity, quality, and sustainability. Fruits, vegetables, spices, flowers, and plantation crops being highly sensitive to microclimatic variations—face risks that directly affect food and nutritional security, as well as the livelihoods of millions of farmers. It is therefore imperative that we acknowledge the urgency of this issue and mobilize scientific, institutional, and community-driven responses to safeguard and strengthen this vital sector.

Adaptation and mitigation strategies must be pursued with equal commitment to ensure resilience and sustainability in horticulture. Precision farming, protected cultivation, micro-irrigation, and the development of climate-resilient varieties are crucial adaptation measures. Simultaneously, mitigation through carbon sequestration in perennial crops, integrated nutrient management, and renewable energy adoption in horticultural practices can significantly reduce the sector's ecological footprint. Strengthening policy frameworks, promoting farmer education, and fostering innovation through research and technology transfer will be key to building a climate-smart horticulture system.

In compliance for climate change adaptability, our institution emphasizes:

- Integration of sustainability standards into all horticultural research and extension activities.
- Adoption of low-carbon technologies and renewable energy solutions in campus and field operations.
- Promotion of biodiversity conservation and eco-friendly practices among farming communities.
- Capacity building programs to sensitize students, researchers, and farmers on climate-resilient horticulture.
- Continuous monitoring and reporting mechanisms to ensure accountability and measurable progress

D. Raji Reddy
Vice Chancellor

Academics

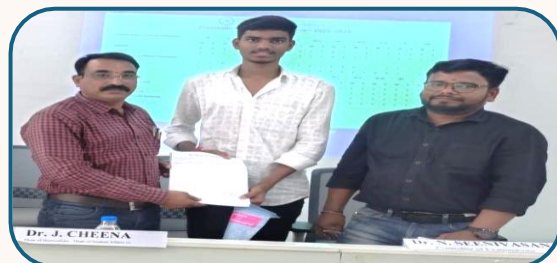
College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad celebrated Annual Day Celebrations on 05.07.2025. Dr. S. Ramana Reddy, IRPS Chief Personnel Officer, South Central Railway was the Chief Guest and Sri. J. Shankaraiah, MD, Telangana OILFED was the Guest of honour.



College of Horticulture, Mojerla, Wanaparthy District celebrated 17th Annual Day Celebrations on 18.07.2025. Dr. J. Cheena, Dean of Horticulture and DSA attended as the Chief Guest for the celebrations.



SKLTGHU conducted counselling for HORTICET-2025 for admission into B.Sc (Hons.) Horticulture at SKLTGHU, Mulugu (V&M), Siddipet District-502279 on 19.07.2025 and allotment letters were given to students.



SKLTGHU officials bid farewell at RGI Airport to the students who were selected for pursuing MS program in Horticulture at Auburn University, Alabama, USA under Overseas Fellowship programme of Govt. of Telangana with 100% financial support (Rs.55.0 lakh per student) for a period of two years during the academic year 2024-25.



SKLTGHU conducted Fourth Convocation on 1st July 2025 and conferred 1655 degrees to UG and PG students till to date. Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, His excellency the Governor of Telangana conferred the degrees to the student in the presence of Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor of SKLTGHU. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT was the Chief Guest.



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU inaugurated dedicated Library and Examination halls and laid foundation stone and performed Bhoomi Pooja at New Girls Hostel Building, College of Horticulture, Mojerla on 04.8.2025.



SKLTGHU started a innovative student based think tank and farmer advisory program called 'Thota Muchatlu' which is telecasted in ALL Indai RADIO on every Friday for 15 minutes duration, for Horticulture farmers advisory.



Research

- Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU, along with University Officers, visited the Vegetable Research Station field for Drone demonstration, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
- B. Mahender, Scientist and Head, Turmeric Research station, Kammarapalli attended Stakeholders and start-ups consultation meeting at NAARM, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.



Extension

JVR-HRS, Malyal organized Farmers Training Programme on Cultivation of Horticultural Crops and Distribution of Planting material on 01.08.2025. District Agriculture & Horticulture Officers and Scientists of JVR HRS & PJTAU-KVK, Malyal attended as Guests in the programme.



JVR-HRS, Malyal organized Farmers Training Programme on Cultivation of Horticultural Crops and Distribution of Planting material on 12.08.2025. Dr. V. Suchitra, Senior Scientist & Head, CTZ attended as Chief Guest, District Agriculture & Horticulture Officers and Scientists of JVR HRS & KVK, Malyal attended as Guests to this programme.



- Natural Farming Training & Bio Resource centre was opened at Tadlapusapally on 05.09.2025. Sri. M. Kodanda Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission attended as Chief guest.



- Ministry of Agriculture Facebook page published in September, 2025 about SKLTGHU Mangoes, explained by Dr. Harikanth Porika on the eve of National Mango Diversity Show 2025 at Bhubaneshwar during 29th and 30th May, 2025 organised by IIHR, Bengaluru.



Important Events

Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Telangana inaugurated Central Dining Hall (Akshaya) at Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, along with Sri M. Kodanda Reddy, Chairman, Telangana State Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission, in Mulugu, Siddipet District, on 19th August 2025. Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., District Collector, Siddipet, and Sri M. Raghunandan Rao, I.A.S., Agriculture Production Commissioner, Smt. Bhavani, Reddy, Board Member, Telangana State Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission, Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU were present at the program.



SKLTGHU Celebrated Bathukamma festival at administrative office on 25.09.2025. Smt. Bhavani Reddy, member of Telangana agriculture and farmers welfare commission graced the event as Chief Guest. Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU was present at the program.



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU performed consecration of Goddess Saraswathi Idol at Administrative Office, SKLTGHU, Mulugu, Siddipet on 11.7.2025.



SKLTGHU commemorated the 110th birth anniversary of Sri Konda Laxman Babuji, a legendary freedom fighter, visionary leader and a towering figure of the Telangana statehood movement, with great reverence and enthusiasm at the University Administrative Office, Mulugu on 27th September 2025. Prof. M. Kodandaram, Former MLC and Professor, Osmania University graced as Chief Guest and Dr. Sangishetty Srinivas, Assistant Professor & Reference Librarian, Government Degree College, Malkajgiri graced as Distinguished Guest to the program.



Workshops/Conferences/Seminars/Guest Lectures

- SKLTGHU conducted 'International workshop on Innovations in Sustainable Intensification, Digital and Artificial Intelligence Tools in Agrifood Systems' 12th August 2025 in hybrid mode at Adm.office, Mulugu. Dr. P.V. Vara Prasad, University Distinguished Professor, Crop Ecophysiology & Director, Center for Crops, Climate and Communities Kansas State University, USA delivered key note address.

SKLTGHU (Nodal Officer, IPR Cell) Organized One Day National Workshop on Protecting Innovations in Horticulture: Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Program on 1st August, 2025 Supported by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. Telangana Council of Science & Technology Department, Government of Telangana at College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar. Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU graced the workshop as Chief Guest.



SKLTGHU in collaboration with the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), Hyderabad, organized a Workshop on the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) on 11th August 2025 at the Administrative Office, SKLTGHU, Mulugu. The event brought together representatives from twelve State Universities of Telangana including Vice Chancellors, Deans & Directors (IQAC) to enhance awareness, understanding and preparedness among higher education institutions for improving performance in NIRF ranking. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, TGCHE delivered the Chief Guest Address. Prominent attendees included Prof. E. Purushotham, Vice-Chairman, TGCHE; Prof. Sriram Venkatesh, Secretary, TGCHE; Prof. T. Kishen Kumar Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, JNTU; Prof. Khaja Althaf Hussain, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University; Prof. G.N. Srinivas, Vice-Chancellor, Palamuru University; Prof. M. Gnana Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, PV Narsimha Rao Veterinary University; Prof. Nanda Kumar Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Kaloji Narayan Rao University of Health Sciences.



SKLTGHU conducted National Conference on 'Climate Change and Horticulture: Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies (CLIMAHort-2025)' in collaboration with Department of Horticulture, Government of Telangana; Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Bihar; NABARD Regional Office, Hyderabad; and supported by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India on 18th and 19th September 2025 at University Administrative Office, Mulugu. Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, IMD, New Delhi graced as chief guest in the Inaugural session and delivered inaugural address. Dr. Pramod Kumar Aggarwal, Regional Programme Leader, CIMMYT – Borlaug Institute of South Asia, New Delhi, Distinguished Guest delivered key note address. Sri M. Raghunandan Rao, IAS, APC & Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation), Government of Telangana, Smt. Shaik Yasmeen Basha, IAS, Director of Horticulture, Government of Telangana, Sri B. Uday Bhaskar, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Regional Office, Hyderabad graced as guests of honour and gave message to the participants. Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU presided over the inaugural session. Three publications Souvenir of the Conference, Book of Abstracts and Textbook on Introduction to Agricultural Meteorology were released by the dignitaries. About 250 participants from SAUs, ICAR institutes, IMD, MNCFC, cooperatives, FPOs, NGOs, scientists, retired scientists, former chancellors, former directors of ICAR institutes, farmers and students attended the two day national workshop and participated in the deliberations.



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

Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU attended Vanamahosthavam programme at PJTAU, Rajendranagar on 07.07.2025, where Sri A. Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana, Ministers and MLAs, MLCs and MPs from Telangana participated.



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU addressed the assembly of students and teachers of Telangana Model School and Junior college at Palamakula on 14.07.2025. VC stressed on the importance of nutritional garden at school level to make schools ensured to meet their requirement for mid-day meals.



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU attended 115th FoCARS interaction with inspirational Leaders in science & Technology on 30.08.2025 at NAARM, Hyderabad.



- Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU along with DR and DE and other scientists attended Rythunestham phone in live program conducted and telecasted by Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Telangana on 08.07.2025.
- Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU attended Annual Zonal Review Workshop-2025 of KVKs of Zone – X from 2nd to 4th September, 2025 at Vellore, Tamil Nadu.



Networking / Collaborations

SKLTGHU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kapil Agro Farm India Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad on 12th August 2025.



Awards/Honours

- Dr. Shahanaz, Associate Professor (Ento.) has received the State Best Teacher Award, 2025 from the Government of Telangana from the hands of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana and other ministers on 5th September 2025.
- KVK Ramagirikhilla Peddapalli District has received Best Extension Institute Award for significant contribution in Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors and services to the farming community in rural areas in the district on the occasion of 79th Independence Day, where, Telangana State Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Sri.Mohd Obedulla Kothwal, as chief guest, Peddapalli MLA Sri Ch. Vijaya Ramana Rao, Ramagundam MLA Sri Makkan Singh Raj Takhur, District Collector Sri.Koya Sri Harsha, IAS, District officials participated.
- Sri. K. Nagaraju, Scientist (Hort.) & Head, JVR HRS, Malyal has received Best Employee Appreciation Award from Hon'ble Deputy Speaker & District Collector, Mahabubabad on Independence Day



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU, Telangana received Best University Award in recognition of their exemplary support in spreading awareness about Free and Open-Source Software for Education (FOSSEE-GIS) project, IIT Mumbai Geospatial initiatives and active participation as part of the National Geospatial Awards 2025 (Edition 02), an initiative of the FOSSEE project, IIT Bombay under the aegis of National mission on the Education through ICT (NMEICT), Ministry of Education, Government of India on 17.07.2025.



Visitors

P.S. Pandey, VC, Dr. RPCAU visited SKLTGHU Headquarters, Mulugu, Siddipet district on 13.08.2025 and held discussions with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU.



Dr. T.H. Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru attended as a Chief Guest for Farmers Training Programme on 'Good agricultural practices in Chilli' organized at Raithu Vedika, Kuravi.



Dr. Pathak, Scientist-D from ICFRE-IFB and his team visited MAPRS nursery on 15.07.2025



Sri T. Ravinder Rao, Hon'ble MLC visited JVR HRS, Malyal and interacted with the scientist.



Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Director, IIVR, Varanasi, UP visited Vegetable Research Station, Rajendranagar and monitored AICRP - vegetable crops (VC) trials on 19.11.2025.



Innovations

SKLTGHU in a project supported by NABARD, TGRO, Telangana has successfully submitted Armour Turmeric Geographical Indication (GI) application to GI Registry, Chennai with application number 1624 and is technically accepted by GI Registry, Chennai on 19th September 2025. The application is filed in the name of two farmers associations, Armour Farmers Producer Cooperative Society Limited, Manthani and The Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society Limited based at Armour, Nizamabad.

Details	
Application Details	
Application Number	1624
Geographical Indication	Armour Turmeric
Status	New Application
Applicant Name	1. Armour Farmers Producer Cooperative Society Limited and 2. The Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society Limited
Applicant Address	1. H.No. 2-528, Manthani Village, Manthani Mandal, Nizamabad - 502 024, Telangana, India and 2. H.No. 2-528, Manthani Village, Manthani Mandal, Nizamabad - 502 024, Telangana, India
Date of Filing	19/09/2025
Class	30
Goods	Agriculture
Geographical Area	
Priority Country	
Applicant Member	
Applicant Email	
Certificate Number	
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Other Events

Dr. Danda Rajireddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU inspected Student Instructional farms at Madanapuram under College of Horticulture, Mojerla and called upon farmers to focus on horticultural crops that yield well under drought conditions. Varsity Registrar Dr. A. Bhagwan, Dean Dr. Cheena, Consultant Dr. K. Veeranjanyulu were present during the inspection.



SKLTGHU conducted Seed interaction meeting with Telangana Govt. line departments and Seedsmen Association and discussed on the Vegetable seeds scenario in the state, which led to the future TG seed plan



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice Chancellor, SKLTGHU attended the book launch of "Aadarana Karuvaina Adivasi pandlu" written by retired principal scientist Dr. M. Padmaiah at the Horticultural College, Rajendranagar as the chief guest on 30.08.2025. and said that forest wild fruits will be the basis for nutritional security in the future. Chief Conservator of Forest Dr. Priyanka Varghese, Dr. Achalender Reddy, Former Chairman of the National Biodiversity Authority, B. Mohanaiah, Retired CGM NABARD, Dr. RK Mathur, Director, IIOR attended the program.



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