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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

Development and release of high-yielding vegetable varieties with superior nutritional and quality characteristics is a key priority for the university for increasing the productivity of vegetable crops and improving the livelihoods of vegetable growers. Although Telangana has diverse agro-climatic conditions favorable for vegetable cultivation, there is big gap between vegetable production and demand forcing to depend on imports from the neighboring states. This highlights the need for improved varieties that can deliver higher productivity per unit area, tolerance to major pests, diseases and climatic stresses, superior nutritional quality and better market acceptance. Increased productivity, together with expansion of vegetable area, can substantially increase the vegetable production and reduce the dependence on imports.

In this direction, the University has recently achieved an important milestone by developing and releasing 'Telangana Koora Bobbara-1', a vegetable cowpea variety, 12 years after the formation of the State of Telangana. This achievement marks an important step towards providing Telangana farmers with locally adapted improved vegetable varieties and demonstrates the University's commitment to address the State's specific horticultural needs. In future also, SKLTGHU will intensify its efforts to develop and release high-yielding, nutritionally superior, climate-resilient vegetable varieties and standardization of associated management practices. Through participatory research, quality planting material, demonstrations, capacity building and effective technology transfer, the University will strive to increase the production of vegetables to meet the demand of the state and also aiming for exports. The university is committed to make the vegetable cultivation profitable and sustainable and ensuring nutritional and economic security in the state.

D. Raji Reddy
Vice Chancellor

Academics



Ph.D. Conclave was conducted at PGIHS, Mulugu on 01.04.2026 to identify the areas of for the Ph.D. scholars as per their interest and priority.



Raitusadassu programme was conducted by RHWEF students College of Horticulture, Rajendranagar allotted to MAPRS and VRS at Bahadurguda(V), Shamshabad(M), R.R (Dist.) on 20.04.2026.



Students of College of Horticulture, Mojerla attached to Show Bio Private Limited under the Horticulture Industrial Attachment Programme gained experience in landscaping.



The Sub-Inspector of the SHE Team, Mulugu addressed the PG students on the occasion of SHE Team Awareness Programme at PGIHS, Mulugu, on 01.04.2026.



RHWEF students, College of Horticulture, Mojerla organized Farmer's meeting at Nerada(V), Kuravi(M), Mehaboobabad(Dist.) on 25.04.2026 interacted with the farmers on the cultivation practices being practiced.



Students of Horticulture Polytechnic, Kolhapur participated in Diploma in Horticulture Internship programme (DHIP) at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Chegur, Shamshabad for training on vegetable grafting and nursery maintenance.

Inauguration of “Aeroponic Methodology of Saffron Farming in Telangana”



“Aeroponic Methodology of Saffron Farming in Telangana” funded by NABARD, Telangana was Inaugurated on 10th April, 2026 in the presence of Chief Guest Shri B. Uday Bhaskar Garu, Chief General Manager (CGM), NABARD Telangana Regional office. Sri P. Shanmukha Chary, DDM, NABARD, Sri P. Manohar Reddy, DDM, NABARD, Sri Shiva Kumar, LDM, Wanaparthi, Sri Ranadeep, Assistant Manager, NABARD Regional Office and Dr. Pidigam Saidaiah, Professor, SKLTGHU have attend the programme & addressed the farmers.

Inauguration of new College of Horticulture at Aswaraopet, Bhadradri Kothagudem district



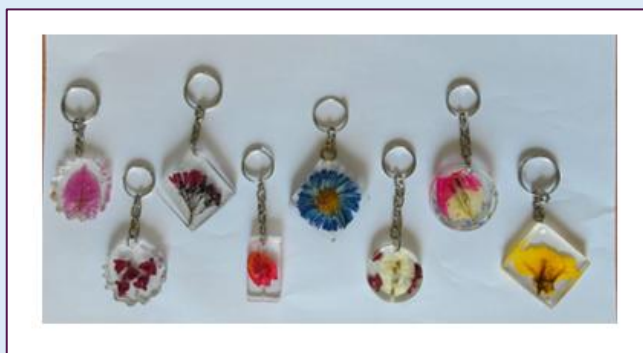
Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Sri. Thummala Nageswar Rao garu inaugurated new college of Horticulture at Aswaraopet on 14.05.2026 in the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Danda Raji Reddy. The programme was presided over by Jare Adinarayanagaru, MLA Aswaraopet. K. Surendra Mohan IAS, APC & Secretary to Government, graced the occasion as Hon'ble guest. University Officers Dr. A. Bhagwan, Registrar, Dr. J. Cheena, Dean of Horticulture Dr. D. Lakshmi Narayana, Director of Research and Er. Nageshwar Reddy Estate Officer participated in the programme.

Students of college of Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramgirikhila prepared Ecofriendly colours for Holi festival.

Industrial Attachment No.2 : Preparation of Eco friendly Holi colors from Horticulture crops



Students of college of Horticulture Polytechnic, Ramgirikhilla prepared value added products with Resin art.



Horticulture Polytechnic College, Adilabad students participated in Praja Palana Pranalika – 99 days programme launched by Govt. of Telangana during Rythuvaaram for Soil Health card distribution and creating awareness on "Soil Health Management Practices" at RythuVedika, Ankole on 04.05.2026.

Participation as resource person



Mr. B. Chandrashekar, Assistant Professor (SSAC), PGIHS attended as Resource Person for RythuVaaraamu Farmers Week Programme on Soil Health Protection Balanced Nutrient Management and Natural Farming at Mulugu(M), Kokkonda(V), Siddipet (Dist.) on 04.05.2026.



Sri. A. Prashanth Kumar, Scientist (Plant Pathology) & Head, participated as a Resource Person in the programme on Oil Palm cultivation held at Chintan Konda village on 17.04.2026 and gave recommendations to the farmers.



Dr. B. Naveen Kumar addressed Farmers on Cultivation practices in oilpalm gathering at Rythu Varotsavalu at Zaheerabad on 5th May, 2026.



Mr. P. Puli Srinivas, Assistant Professor (PSMA), PGIHS attended as Resource Person for RythuVaaraamu Farmers Week Programme on Cultivation of Management Practices and Alternative Crops Cultivation at Husnabad(V), Siddipet (Dist.) on 05.05.2026.



Dr. V. Suresh, Scientist (Pl. Path) delivered lecture on "Integrated management of Pest and Diseases in Vegetables" in Udyana pantalasaagu programme under Prajapalana pragathi pranalika on 05.05.2026 at Alwal (V), Mirudoddi(M), Siddipet (D).



Dr. B. S. K. Nikhil, Scientist (Breeding) delivered lecture on Udyana Pantala Saagu Programme under Prajapalana Pragathi Paranalika on 05.05.2026 at Sangareddy(D).



Dr. Vidya, Scientist (PSMA), attended as Resource person at Alur(V), Armur(M), Siddipet (Dist.) to deliver lecture on advanced techniques and management practices to be followed in Turmeric cultivation on 25.05.2026 organized by coromandel fertilizers pvt. ltd.

Research

2nd REAC Meeting



Conducted 2nd Research and Extension Council meeting on 24.04.2026 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor at Administrative office, Mulugu. REC members representing experts, agribusiness, Farmers organizations, progressive farmers, Officials from Department of Horticulture, line departments attended the programme. Director of research and Director of Extension presented the research and extension highlights for 2025-26. Research gaps were identified and prioritized for conducting the future research programs in the university.

ZREAC Meeting



Conducted Zonal Research and extension advisory Council meeting on 29.05.2026 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Scientists of the university, officials from the Department of Horticulture, progressive farmers from three zones attended the programme. Zonal heads and programme coordinator, KVK presented the research highlights in three zones and extension highlights were presented by programme Coordinator, KVK. Department officials and farmers presented the constraints and problems in cultivation of horticultural crops. Research and extension gaps in all the three zones were identified.

SLTP Meeting



SLTP was Conducted from 23.06.2026 to 25.06.2026 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Scientists presented the work done report of 2025-26 and tentative technical programmes for the year 2026-27. Invited experts Dr. SD. Shikamany, Dr. Y. G. Prasad and Dr. IP Reddy participated in the discussions and finalised the Research extension programmes 2026-27. Kuragayala sagu (Book), benda sagu (Bulletin), Mamidi, jama, seethaphalamu mariyu theega jathi kuragayalalo pandu eega nivarana(Bulletin) publications were released.



Vegetable Cowpea variety Telangana Koora Bobbara-1 was released. Early-maturing vegetable variety with 50-55 days to first harvest, and continuous pod picking possible up to 70-85 days. Short duration, photo insensitive variety suitable for both the seasons (Kharif and Rabi). Determine bush vegetable cowpea.

Extension



Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ramagirikihilla, organized live streaming of the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi on 20.06.2026 at Rythu Vedika, Palakurthy (V&M), Peddapalli District, with 118 farmers and farm women participating. Farmers were sensitized on soil sampling, soil-test-based fertilizer application, crop diversification, and intercropping strategies as climate-resilient practices in view of the anticipated El Niño effect.



Smt. V. Krishnaveni, Scientist (PSMA)& Head visited Oilfed Nursery Velpupally (Vill.) Turkapally (Mdl.), YadadriBhuvanagiri (Dist.) on 12.05.2026 and TG Oilfed Nursery Mulugu (V & M), Siddipet (Dist.) on 20.05.2026 respectively under periodical inspection of Oilpalm.



Front Line Demonstration on lemongrass was conducted by Smt. V. Krishna veni, Scientist (PSMA) & Head at Gadda MallaiahGuda (Vill.), Yacharam (Mdl.), Ranga Reddy (Dist.) on 17.06.2026 funded by MIDH.



Dr. Ch. Raja Goud, Principal Scientist (Ento) & Head and HRS, Kondamallepally and staff attended RythuSadassu program at Angadipet(V), Nalgonda(Dist.) on 10.04.2026.



Dr. G. Vijaya Krishna, Scientist (Hort.) participated in prajapalana pragathi pranalika rythu varostavali at Warangal on 06.05.2026.



Dr. Veena Joshi, Associate Dean, College of Horticulture, Mojerla attended RythuVaroathsavam Programme at Wanaparthi District on 6.05.2026 as



Dr. Malleesh, Scientist (Horti) participated in PrajaPalana Pragati Pranalika – 99 days programme launched by Govt. of Telangana during Rythuvaaram for farmers to create awareness on "crop diversification" on 05.05.2026 at HRS, Adilabad.



Mr. B. Rajasekhar Assistant Professor, COH, Mojerla attended Rythu Varoathsavam programme at Shadnagar on 5.05.2026



Dr. R. Preetham Goud, Associate Dean, CoH Malyal, delivered a lecture on Improved Production Technologies for higher yields and Profitable Inter crops in Oil Palm at the State Level Mega Raithu Mela conducted at Hanmakonda from 6th to 8th May, 2026.



Mr. B. Rajasekhar Assistant Professor, COH, Mojerla attended Rythu Varoathsavam programme at Shadnagar on 5.05.2026.

Workshops/ Conferences/ Seminars/ Guest Lectures

Workshops



Dr. G. Vijaya Krishna, Scientist (Hort.) participated as member in QRT on AICRP plantation crops and presented the work done report of HRS, Kondamallepally at NIRCA, Rajmundry on 08.05.2026.



Dr. V. Suresh, Scientist (Pl. Path) attended a workshop on "Validation workshop for sharing assessment findings and exploring pathways for scale up of bio input centers' under the CABI initiative on 08-05-2026 at NIPHM, Hyderabad.



Dr. J. Srinivas, Scientist (Veg. Science) and Dr. V. Suresh, Scientist (Pl. Path) attended "XVII Annual group meeting of Onion and garlic at MPKV, Rahuri" on 12th -13th May, 2026.



Dr. V. Suresh, Scientist (Pl. Path) attended "26th Annual group meeting of Tuber crops at College of Horticulture, GKV campus" on 21st -23rd May, 2026.

Guest Lectures



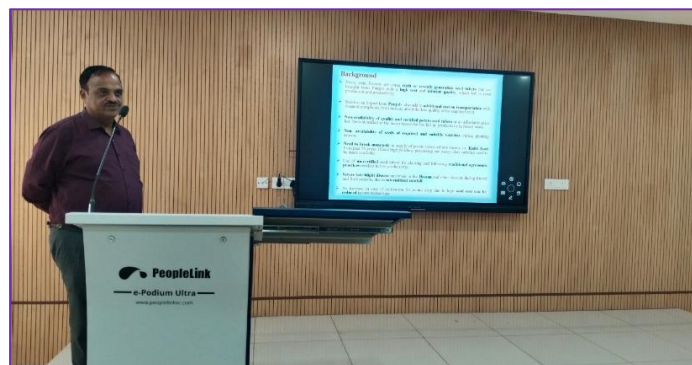
Guest Lecture on "Protected Cultivation in Hot and Humid Areas" was delivered by Dr. Muvva Ravindra Babu, Professor, Dr. YSRHU, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 15.04.2026



A Guest Lecture on "Women Entrepreneurship" was delivered by Dr. K. Vasumathi, Yoga Trainer, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 20.06.2026.



A Guest Lecture on "Role of AICRP on Fruits in Technology Spread Across the Country" was delivered by Dr. S. Priya Devi, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 28.04.2026.



Guest Lecture on "ARC Technology for Seed Tuber Production Technology in Potato" was delivered by Dr. Chandrashekhar N. Hanchinamani, Professor and Dean, College of Horticulture, Ilavala, Mysore, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 05.05.2026.



Guest Lecture on "Recent Varieties and Technology in Flower Crops" was delivered by Dr. Naveen Kumar, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Flower and Medicinal Crops, IIHR, Bengaluru, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 07.05.2026.



Guest Lecture on "AI in Horticulture" was delivered by Dr. S. D. Shikhamany, Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. YSRHU, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 11.06.2026.



Guest Lecture on "Career Opportunities in Horticulture" was delivered by Dr. K. Veeranjanyulu, Consultant (Admin), SKLTGHU, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 20.06.2026



Guest Lecture on "Oil Palm Based Cropping System" was delivered by Dr. K. Ramachandrudu, Principal Scientist (Hort.), ICAR-IIOPR, Pedavegi, Eluru, at PGIHS, Mulugu on 27.04.2026.

Visitors



Sri. Rajarshi Shah, I.A.S. along with District Officials visited HRS, Adilabad.



Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Coordinator, AICRP (Fruits) visited FRS, Sangareddy to review the technical programmes.



Under international training on 'Seed education and entrepreneurship development' participants from Africa visited the university on 23.05.2026. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Raji Reddy attend the programme as chief guest.



Exhibition



Arranged stall in PrajaPalana – Pragati Pranalika programme conducted at district level at Adilabad on 22.05.2026



Awards & Honours



Smt. V. Krishna veni, Scientist & Head Received "Best Horticulturist Award" on occasion of 13th International Conference "Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry & Allied Sciences For Sustainable Himalayan Ecosystem" (ICAHFAS-2026) jointly organized by (ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla) and in association with National Medicinal Plant Board, RRS, HP (Govt. of India). on 20.04.2026.

Other Events

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations & Mango Show at FRS, Sangareddy

Fruit Research Station (FRS), Sangareddy, SKLTGHU, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee marking 60 years of excellence along with a Mango Diversity Show on May 16th –17th, 2026. The event was inaugurated on 16th May, 2026 by Sri V. Nagi Reddy, IAS, Former State Election Commissioner of Telangana, in the presence of Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKLTGHU, Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Coordinator, AICRP on Fruits, ICAR–IIHR, Bengaluru, and Dr. A. Kiran Kumar, Director, TGSOCA, Government of Telangana, Dr. A. Bhagwan (Registrar) along with other university officials Dr. D. Laxminarayana (Director of Research) & Dr. T. Suresh Kumar (Director of Extension) and Dr. N. Seenivasan (Controller of Examinations). More than 300 mango varieties, including table, juice, commercial, pickle, coloured and off-season varieties, were displayed to showcase the rich mango diversity conserved at the station. Former teaching, non-teaching and field staff were felicitated for their valuable contributions over the past six decades. Various technologies, including orchard rejuvenation, fertigation, post-harvest disease management, fruit bagging and mechanized pruning, were demonstrated to farmers.

On 17th May, 2026 Smt. Shaik Yasmeen Basha, Director of Horticulture, Government of Telangana, appreciated the mango germplasm display and emphasized the use of horticultural schemes, post-harvest management and value addition for enhancing farmers' income. The successful two-day event highlighted the station's contributions to horticultural research, technology dissemination and farmer welfare.



In view of the forecast of El Nino in kharif 2026, The university has prepared Contingency crop plan for horticultural crops in Telangana: 2026-27 for creating awareness about the management practices to be followed under different weather conditions and distribution for Horticultural Officers for reference. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Higher Education, Govt. of Telangana released the of El Nino document on 10.06.2026.

Training Programs Organised



Organised one-Day Training Programme on "Export Oriented Production of Mango" at the Seminar Hall, PGIHS, Mulugu was held on 23.04.2026.



Organized Farmer's Training Programme under SC-SP of AICRP (VC) conducted for 25 farmers of Devarampalli Village, Mominpet Mandal, Vikarabad District, on 9th April 2026 at COH, Rajendranagar by vegetable Research Station, Rajendranagar.



RKVY Training programme on Pre – Harvest management of fruit fly with need-based interventions to minimize post-harvest losses and distribution and demonstration of material to the Tribal farmers on 20.04.2026.



Organized Farmer's Training Programme on '**Recent techniques in vegetable cultivation**' under SC-SP of AICRP (VC) conducted for farmers of Kurvaguda Village, Shabad Mandal, Rangareddy District on 10th April, 2026 at COH, Rajendranagar by vegetable Research Station, Rajendranagar.

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



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKLTGHU attended as chief guest for RythuSadassu Programme with RHWEF, COH-Mojerla Students at Ksheerasagar(V), Mulugu(M), Siddipet (Dist.) on 09.04.2026.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor sir attended consultation workshop on Bharat soil fertility policy at CRIDA on 7.05.2026.



Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKLTGHU attended 62nd Foundation day of PJTAU on 12.06.2026.



State Citrus seminar was jointly organised by sweet orange mutually aided cooperative society, Nalgonda and SKLTGHU at Police Headquarters, Nalgonda on 13.06.2026.



Sri. A. Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief minister, Govt. of Telangana released Horticultural crop contingency plan in the context of El Nino on 16.06.2026.

Research Articles : 11

Popular Articles : 34

Diagnostic Visits : 13

Radio & TV Programmes : 35

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