The University since its inception has performed well to produce quality young agricultural human resources and continuously engaged in the maintenance and enhancement of student centric learning environment. ANGRAU received prestigious ‘PG Scholarship Award’ from ICAR for securing second position with a total of 33 PG scholarships obtained by its students during 2018. Mr. R. Maurya, a student at College of Agril. Engineering, Madakasira, achieved All India II Rank in GATE Exam-2019. The university took all measures to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the ragging in its colleges and no incidence of ragging was reported from past few years. ANGRAU’s research programmes range across all disciplines of Agricultural sciences, Home sciences, Agril. Engineering and Technology. ANGRAU conducts need based research at its 36 research stations of six agro-climatic zones spread across the State. To augment infrastructural facilities for academic, research and extension education, foundation stones were laid for many buildings in this quarter. Extra-curricular activities such as sports, literary and cultural meet are regularly organized for both teaching and non-teaching staff. To address the problem of malnutrition in rural communities, ANGRAU in collaboration with the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) is implementing Farming System for Nutrition (FSN) models in KVK farms, so that farmers can see and adopt in their own fields. ANGRAU is also collaborating with ICAR for implementation of Cereal System Initiative for South-Asia Project (CSISA). Two-day conference on “Strategic Approaches for World Class Agricultural Universities” was conducted as a part of NAHEP- Institute Development Plan (IDP) project. A National seminar on “Challenges and Opportunities in Statistics and Informatics for Futuristic Humanosphere Especially in Agriculture; A National Conference on “Novel approaches for doubling farmer income through sustainable agricultural production systems” for Post Graduate students were also organized. Workshop on deriving genetic coefficients of dominant rice varieties grown in different soils of Andhra Pradesh was conducted. The newly established Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre at Lam, Guntur has organized stakeholders meeting and orientation training. Webcasting of PM KISAN scheme was organized at all KVKs and scientists have created awareness to the farmers about the scheme. Kisan Melas were conducted and ANGRAUs latest technologies and varieties were showcased to benefit the farmers. Republic Day and World Water Day were celebrated with enthusiasm by ANGRAU centres.

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**ANGRAU bagged National Award for second highest PG Scholarships**

Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India conferred ‘PG Scholarship award’ to ANGRAU for securing second position at national level with a total of 33 PG scholarships during 2018 at the “Annual Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities & Directors of ICAR Institutes” organized at National Agricultural Science Centre Complex, New Delhi during 30th January to 1st February - 2019. Dr.V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU; Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture received the award.

**Kisan Mela and Farmer-Scientist Interaction**

Swarna Bharath Trust, Atkur, Vijayawada in collaboration with ANGRAU conducted Kisanmela and farmer-scientist interaction on 15.3.2019. Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Vice President, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest. In his address, Mr. Naidu said concerted efforts were required to mitigate agrarian distress in the country and insisted that doubling the income of farmers by making agriculture resilient, sustainable and profitable, is the need of the hour. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU; Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research; Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension; Dr.S.R.Koteswara Rao, Dean of Student Affairs; Sri M. Lakshmi Narayana, Member, Board of Management participated in the discussion. Scientists from RARS, Lam and ARS, KVK and DAATTC, Krishna Dist. have also participated in the interaction.

**Model Training Course on Seed Quality Control System**

Model Training Course on “Seed Quality Control System to meet the national and international standards” was conducted by Dept. of Seed Science and Technology, Advanced P.G. Centre, Lam, Guntur during 18th to 25th January, 2019. The eight days training programme was sponsored by Directorate of Extension, Ministry of Agricultural Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The training was imparted to improve the knowledge on the legislative provisions & processes, mechanisms of seed control, create awareness on various aspects related to quality control and export of seeds. A total of 21 participants from nine States have attended the training.
Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ghantasala conducted “One day awareness programme to farmers on different Rabi crops” as part of Pre Rabi Campaign at Challapalli on 24.01.2019. The programme was presided over by Dr. T. Gopi Krishna, Principal Scientist (Extn.), ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur. The Chief Guest, Shri. M. Buddha Prasad, Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly, A.P. advised the farmers to follow ANGRAU’s technical recommendations so that they can achieve the highest yields. Also, he inaugurated the exhibition arranged on different new technologies. Dr. V. Satyanarayana Rao, Associate Director of Research, Krishna Zone, Guntur explained to the farmers that at present the motto of sustainable agricultural development is to achieve high yields with less investment. Dr. Prabhu Prasadini, Associate Director of Research (HQ), ANGRAU, Guntur has explained about the soil health management and advantages of waste decomposer. Farmer-Scientist interaction meeting was organised and scientists have given various suggestions to farmers. About 225 farmers and officers from various line departments attended the programme. Dr. K. Jhansi, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Ghantasala coordinated the campaign.

First Inter Polytechnics Sports, Games, Literary and Cultural Meet

First inter Polytechnics sports, games, literary and cultural meet was organised at College of Agricultural Engineering, Madakasira during 27th to 31st January, 2019. Dr. M. Thippeswamy, MLA, was the Chief Guest and Dr. S.R. Koteswara Rao, Dean of Student Affairs and Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Dean of Agril. 'Engineering & Technology were the dignitaries present. A total of 18 constituent Agril.' Polytechnics of ANGRAU have participated in the meet. Total number of students participated are 376, out of which boys are 233 and girls are 143. Overall Championship in Sports and Games was bestowed to Agricultural Polytechnic, Maruteru and Overall Championship for Cultural activities was bagged by Agricultural Polytechnic, Utukur (Kadapa).

Workshop on Farming System For Nutrition

A workshop to discuss setting up of Farming System for Nutrition models in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of A.P. to address the problem of malnutrition was organised by Directorate of Extension, ANGRAU in collaboration with the M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai at Lam, Guntur during 10th to 11th January, 2019. The objective of the workshop was to orient scientists from three selected districts, viz., KVK, Reddipalli, KVK, Rastakuntubai and KVK, Undi on setting up FSN demonstration models in their respective campuses and train farmers to adopt in their own fields. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized on the importance of addressing malnutrition, particularly among rural women and children and the relevance of farming system for nutrition approach. Dr. P. Ram babu, Director of Extension said that the participating KVKs will include the development of the FSN model on their KVK farm and its dissemination. Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research said that low nutrition literacy among men and women in A.P. is an area of concern that needs to be addressed. Dr. L. Uma Devi, Dean of Home Science highlighted the importance of balanced diet and quality nutrition for a healthy life. Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, University Head (Extension); Dr. R.V. Bhavani, Dr. G. Anuaradha and Dr. R. Gopinath from MSSRF, Chennai oriented the KVK scientists about Farming System for Nutrition approach.
National Conference on World Class Agricultural Universities

Two day national conference on “Strategic approaches for developing world class Agricultural Universities” was organized at Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla during 19th to 20th March, 2019. Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture, ANGRAU delivered the welcome address. Dr. Narendra Singh Rathore, DDG (Education), ICAR, Chief Guest, said that focus on the three areas viz., financial resources, talent and working environment will lead to attaining the status of world class agricultural universities in India.

In his presidential address, Dr.V.Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU, said that digitalization of information sources, expanding the horizons of education, development of projects, revenue generation, exposure visits, global curricula, entrepreneurial skills are few of the important interventions being adopted by the university towards attaining world class agricultural university.

Dr. Edward William Bresnyan Jr., Senior Agriculture Economist and Team Leader NAHEP, World Bank, said that India needs to focus on intensive cultivation. Dr. R.P.Singh, Executive Secretary, Indian Agricultural Universities Association highlighted the history of agricultural education in India and the present challenges of attaining world class agricultural universities.

Dr. B. Rajsekhar, Principal Secretary to Govt. of A.P., Agriculture and Cooperation Department stated that the real education should be of experiential learning and it must be relevant to real life of the farming community.

Dr. K.Yella Reddy, Dean of Agril. Engineering & Technology; Dr. D. Balaguravaiah, Dean of P.G. Studies; Dr.S.R. Koteswara Rao, Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research; Dr. A. Mani, Associate Dean & Organizing Secretary, Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering; Associate Deans of Colleges, faculty of various colleges and students of local colleges participated in the conference. AI&CC, Guntur organized an exhibition showcasing ANGRAU latest technologies.

Review Meeting on Village Adoption Programme

A Review meeting on implementation of Village Adoption Programme at Colleges, Regional Agricultural Research Stations and Agricultural Research Stations was held on 18.1.2019 under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice- Chancellor, ANGRAU. In his address, Vice- Chancellor said that in the adopted villages focused group discussions shall be conducted regularly; farm mechanization through custom hiring centres shall be promoted; seed village concept and seed production shall be encouraged; organic farming shall be promoted; foundation seed has to be supplied by Univ. centres; cost of cultivation shall be reduced through awareness creation; scientists shall interact with the farmers on weekly basis on a fixed day; farmers clubs shall be formed and convergence with all the stakeholders for overall development of village shall be acheived. Dr. Damodara Naidu also said that scientists should disseminate technologies generated by ANGRAU in the adopted villages and explore the scope for veterinary, horticulture and sericulture activities. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension gave clear picture about the objectives of the programme, criteria for selection of village, bench mark survey guidelines, reporting particulars, impact of the programme along with budget details of 2018-19. Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture said that the programme is a pragmatic approach and targets achievement is important.

Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao, Comptroller said that uniform allocation of budget for each centre is needed. Later, presentations were given by Associate Deans, Associate Directors of Research, and Heads of Research Stations. Dr. L. Uma Devi, Dean of Home Science; Dr. D. Balaguravaiah, Dean of P.G. Studies; Dr. R.P.Singh, Executive Secretary, Indian Agricultural Universities Association; Dr. L. Uma Devi, Dean of Home Science participated in the discussions.
Review Meeting on Preparation of Crop Diagnostic Bulletins was conducted on 08.2.2019. The coordinators of crop diagnostic bulletins presented their progress. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension and Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research reviewed the progress of crop diagnostic bulletins and gave suggestions for bringing bulletins intime. Principal Agril. Information Officer, AI&CC, Guntur and Sr. Scientist (Extension), AI&CC, Guntur coordinated the meeting.

Technology and Farm Machinery Demonstration Mela

AICRP on Post Harvest Engineering and Technology, Anakapalle in collaboration with AICRP on FIM Scheme, Bapatla and AICRP on PHET, Bapatla have jointly organized one day “Technology and Farm machinery Demonstration Mela” on 15.02.19 at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Anakapalle. The farmers from Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts; Staff of Line departments, National Renewable Energy Development Corporation of A.P. Ltd. (NREDCAP), Andhra Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project (APMIP), Andhra Pradesh Agro Industries (A.P. AGROS) have attended the mela. Twenty-five stalls were exhibited by various companies and dealers.

Dr. P. Jamuna, Associate Director of Research presided the function. Sri P. Govinda Satyanarayana, Hon’ble MLA, Anakapalle & Chief Guest, addressed the gathering about importance of farm mechanization, various schemes the government has undertaken to improve the mechanization and subsidies provided to the farmers under different schemes. Dr. D.V. Ramana Reddy, ADR, RARS, Chintapalle; Dr. M. Bharatha Lakshmi, Principal Scientist (Sugarcane); Sri. Nageswara Rao, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam; Dr. John Wesley, Principal Scientist, PHET, Bapatla participated in the programme and addressed the farmers on importance of farm mechanization and post-harvest processing of agricultural produce. Farmers’ interaction with the scientists, technical session and quiz was conducted.

Web Casting of PM KISAN Scheme at KVKs

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched PM Kisan Samman Nidihi Yojana (PM KISAN) for small and marginal farmers on 24.2.2019 from Gorakhpur, U.P. by pressing the button to electronically transfer the first instalment of Rs.2000 to the farmers. All the KVKs of A.P. have telecasted/webcasted the inauguration of government’s new flagship programme. KVKs PCs read the talking points at the launch of the PM KISAN scheme. The programme was attended by approximately 200 farmers at each KVK and scientists have created awareness to the farmers about the scheme.
Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre Stakeholders Meeting

Agricultural Marketing Intelligence Center (AMIC) stakeholders meeting was organized on 22.02.19 at RARS, Lam, Guntur for which Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU was the Chief Guest. Sri. D. Muralidhar Reddy, IAS, Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, Govt of A.P., Sri Y. Madhusudan Reddy, IFS, Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED & AGROS, Sri. M. Lakshminarayana, Member, Board of Management, ANGRAU graced the occasion as guests of honour. While Dr. N. V. Naidu, Director of Research, ANGRAU presided the meeting. Dr. M. Chandrasekhar Reddy, PI, AMIC and Dr. G. Raghunadha Reddy, Co-PI, AMIC coordinated the meeting.

Dr. Damodara Naidu in his address said that farmers who are having more than ten acres cultivable land should raise more than one crop to overcome the problems of fluctuations in prices and there is also need to improve storage facilities for getting remunerative prices. Sri. Muralidhar Reddy stated that with latest technology good information is available on crops acreage, production, etc. AMIC will collect all the information required for predicting prices for various crops well in advance, analyze scientifically and has to develop a predictive model for important crops. Dr. N. V. Naidu said that RKVY-RAFTAAR was submitted to the Govt. of A.P. with an objective of disseminating information to farmers related to demand and supply at national and international level, export and imports information, area under various crops and market fluctuations well in advance in a scientific manner, hence, will be useful to the farmers for improving their economic position.

Sri Madhusudan Reddy stated that the sudden rise or fall in the prices of various commodities is due to increase /decrease in area, production and imports. Prediction of price for various agricultural commodities is very difficult, and AMIC will play an important role, he added. Dr. P. Raghuram explained his experiences as PI of Market intelligence Project during the period from 2009-2015. Dr. M. Chandrasekhar Reddy said that the centre will start to give information on 12 crops in different spells i.e. before sowing and harvest, post-harvest and in the middle of crop season based on national and international situations.

Kisan Melas were organized at RARS, Lam (22.1.2019); ARS, Vizianagaram (30.1.2019); RARS, Chintapalle (07.2.2019); ARS, Nellore (27.2.2019); ARS, Peddapuram (28.2.2019) and RARS, Maruteru (26.3.2019) and Agricultural College, Naira (30.3.2019). Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU; Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension; Dr. N. V. Naidu, Director of Research participated in the Kisan Melas. Farmer-Scientist interaction, Quiz for Farmers and Agricultural Technology Exhibition including Farm Machinery were conducted during these Kisan Melas. Various publications were released during the Kisan Melas.
Challenges and Opportunities in Statistics and Informatics for Futuristic Humanosphere Especially in Agriculture

Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture, ANGRAU presided the function. The Chief Guest, Dr. R.B. Barman, Former Chairman of National Statistical Commission, Mumbai emphasized the importance of Statistics and Computers in the modern era to reach the goal in scientific research. Dr. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor, Assam University, Silchar was the Guest of Honour and Dr. V.K. Gupta, President of SSCA was special guest. Dr P. Ramesh Babu, AD & Chairman, Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao, Convener and Dr. G Mohan Naidu, Organizing Secretary were the dignitaries present. Dr K. Srinivasa Rao, Professor & Head, Dept. of Statistics, Andhra University delivered the Keynote address on “linear models with non-normal errors and their applications”. During the three- day conference eight speakers delivered the plenary talks. Around 58 speakers delivered their invited lectures on various thrust areas of statistics and informatics. Seventy- three (73) scientists and research scholars presented their research highlights in the sessions. Overall, 150 delegates participated.

Two day national conference on “Novel approaches for doubling farmer income through sustainable agricultural production systems” was organized for postgraduate students at RARS, Tirupati during 7th to 8th March, 2019. Dr. M.B. Chetti, Vice- Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad was the Chief Guest. In his address, he said that farmers shall be trained on how to increase their income through cultivation of diversified crops. Young scientists shall come with plans to double farmers income, he added. Dr. Ch. Sreenivasa Rao, Director, NAARM has given key note address and emphasized 16 ways through which farmers income can be doubled. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU said that quality seed usage, soil test based fertilizer usage, post- harvest technology and E-NAAM can help farmers in increasing their income. Dr. D. Balaguravaiah, Dean of P.G. Studies; Dr. I. Bhavani Devi, Member, Board of Management, Dr. T. Gopikrishna, Principal Scientist (Extension); Dr. Y. Yugandhar Kumar, Coordinator, KVK, Lam and PIs and Co- PIs of the Project from 9 KVKs of A.P. participated in the programme.

An Orientation Training Program on Diagnostic Production Practices Survey using open data tool kit under CSISA Project was organized during 6th to 7th March, 2019 by ANGRAU in collaboration with ICAR at KVK, Lam, Guntur which is under administrative control of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension, ANGRAU & Chief Guest said that priority will be given to small and marginal farmers under Cereal System Initiative for South Asia Project (CSISA). Rainfed areas with low productivity will be benefitted through this project, he added. Dr. R.K. Malik, Coordinator, India, CSISA Project stated that KVKs in India are playing a major role in Transfer of Technology. Dr. A. Bhaskaran, Principal Scientist, ATARI, Zone X; Dr. B. Vijayabhanindana, University Head (Extension); Dr. T. Gopikrishna, Principal Scientist (Extension); Dr. Y. Yugandhar Kumar, Coordinator, KVK, Lam and PIs and Co- PIs of the Project from 9 KVKs of A.P. participated in the programme.
Review Meeting with DBT Kisan Hub Farmers

Review Meeting with DBT Kisan Hub farmers of North Coastal Zone and Scarce Rainfall Zone was conducted at APGC, Lam on 25.3.2019. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Vice- Chancellor, ANGRAU said that farmers should stop indiscriminate use of fertilizers and reduce their cost of cultivation upto Rs. 2000- Rs.4000/-. Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture stated that Kisan Hub project is aimed at increasing the yields of pulses and groundnut by 20%. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension said that 240 farmers from four districts of A.P. will be benefited by this project. Dr. D. Venkateswarlu, Guest of Honour said that few farmers will be trained at national and international organizations and afterwards they will serve as master trainers. Dr. N. V. Naidu, Director of Research said that women farmers’ participation in the project is need of the hour. PI and Co-PIs of the project coordinated the meeting.

Review Meeting on Genetic Coefficients of Rice Varieties

One day workshop on deriving genetic coefficients of dominant rice varieties grown in different soils of Andhra Pradesh was conducted at RARS, Lam on 29.3.2019 and Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research presided the meeting. The workshop discussed on aspects such as ORYZA model for accurate yield predictions and deriving genetic coefficients of popular rice varieties, etc. Dr. P. Prabhu Prasadini, ADR (HQ), AP- SRMS project head Dr. Tresetiano, scientists of geo spatial technology centre, scientists of various agro-climatic zones involved in AP- SRMS project participated in the meeting.

Review and Pre Action Plan Workshop

One day Workshop on review of the activities and pre action plan of Extension Specialists/ Subject Matter Specialists (Extension)/Scientist (TOT) working at RARSs, ARS, KVKs, DAATTCs was conducted at RARS, Lam on 29.3.2019. Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension presided the meeting and Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research was Guest of Honour. In his address, Dr. P. Rambabu said that the workshop is to review pre-action plans of Kharif and Rabi. He told that the scientists should plan OFTs, FLDs, minikits distribution, field visits, field days, RKVY activities, TSP activities and all other extension activities well in advance considering location specific problems. Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research reviewed Seed hub project, KVKs seed production and implementation of Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority Act -200, etc and gave directions for successful implementation. Programme Coordinators of KVKs and Extension Specialists attended the review workshop.

Dr. B. Vijayabhinandana, PS & Univ. Head(Extn), Convener of the meeting suggested the extension specialists to take up extension studies which can be helpful to the University and State Govt.
To make farmers aware about Annapurna Krishi Prasara Seva and get the timely personalized agro advisories from the concerned scientists through Toll free number (1800 425 3141), KVK, Garikapadu; DAATTC, Kondempudi; KVK, Nellore; DAATTC, Guntur and DAATTC, Peddapuram organized the Farmers’ Sensitization Meetings under AKPS on 26.2.2018, 28.2.2018, 02.3.2019, 08.3.2019 and 21.3.2019 respectively, with the AKPS registered farmers. Participated farmers were sensitized about the IVRS application (of AKPS model and explained about the registration process, calling process through toll free number and options available in IVRS (Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries) including other options newly added in IVRS i.e., listen back previous advisory, Govt. schemes, record & listen the best practices, weather information and market rates, etc.

Farmers who are using the smart phones were also sensitized about the AKPS application and its features and scientists downloaded the AKPS app (available under UMANG Platform) from Google Play Store into farmer’s smart phones and explained about the process of raising the multimedia query (in the form of text, image, audio & video modes) from the field itself. In a meeting held at DAATTC, Guntur, Dr. M.V. Ramana, PS(Pulses); Dr.B. Vijayabhinandana, University Head (Extension); Dr. P. Punna Rao, PAIO, AI&CC and Dr. G. Sivanarayana, Extension Specialist & Coordinator, RARS, Lam participated.

Review Meeting on Integrated Farming System

A Review meeting was organized on ‘Establishment of Integrated Farming System Model Demo Unit’ at APGC, Lam on 28.3.2019. Dr.V.Damodara Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU & Chief Guest said that all the research units, KVKs and Colleges of ANGRAU should establish model demo unit of IFS in one acre with the crops, livestock and trees components. Vice-Chancellor also said that crop component may contain cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds, fibre and forage crops; livestock component may contain cattle, goat, sheep and poultry; each IFS model should have at least 6-10 components and shall be planned based on local resources and farmers needs; priority shall be given to vermicompost, micro irrigation, bee keeping, mushroom cultivation, organic farming, bio fertilizers application, prawn culture, pisciculture, etc. Kadaknath birds shall be given priority under poultry, Vice-Chancellor added. Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research; Dr. P. Rambabu, Director of Extension; Dr. J. Krishna Prasadji, Dean of Agriculture; Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Dean of Agril. Engineering & Technology; Dr. S.R. Koteswara Rao, Dean of Student Affairs participated in the discussions. Heads of all the units of ANGRAUs participated in the review and prepared action plans for Kharif, 2019.

Republic Day Celebrations

The 70th Republic day was celebrated with zeal at Administrative Office, Guntur on 26.1.2019. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor was the Chief Guest and hoisted the tri colour national flag. During his speech, Vice-Chancellor said that after bifurcation of the University, ANGRAU lacked infrastructure and now it is progressing well in terms of infrastructure development. Dr. M. Lakshmi Narayana, Member, Board of Management, ANGRAU; University Officers, teaching and non-teaching staff attended the ceremony.
Vice-Chancellor participated in IAUA Convention at PAU

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana hosted 43rd V-C’s convention of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) on the theme “Artificial Intelligence for Smart Agriculture” during 11th to 12th Feb, 2019. The convention was organized keeping in view the emerging need of giving new and innovative directions of applying artificial intelligence to the field of agriculture. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor made a presentation “Sensor based technologies for Precision Agriculture and Advanced Farming System” and also explained ANGRAU’s commitment to these advanced technologies.

Foundation Stones/ Inaugurations

Sri S.Chandramohan Reddy, Hon’ble Minister of A.P for Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture and Agri-Processing laid Foundation stones for four research buildings of PHTC, FIM, SWS and ARS at College farm, Agricultural College, Bapatla on 22.1.2019; Foundation stones for four buildings (Experiential learning building, Central Instrumentation Cell, Girls hostel and Boys Hostel) at Agricultural College, Naira on 06.2.2019; Research and laboratories Buildings at RARS, Chintapalle on 06.2.2019; Laboratory and training centre at ARS, Seetampeta on 06.2.2019; Technology dissemination centre and farmers hostel at RARS, Chintapalle on 06.2.2019; Millet processing and value added products manufacturing centre at ARS, Vizianagaram on 06.2.2019; Engineering Section and Seed Processing Centre on 06.2.2019; Research Centre at ARS, Amadalavalasa on 06.2.2019; post-harvest technology and value added products manufacturing centre on 06.2.2019 at KVK, Undi; Agricultural training and skill development centre at KVK, Amadalavalasa on 06.2.2019. Seed Godown and Seed treatment Centre, Threshing Floor at Thotapalli, Gudur on 27.2.2019; Agricultural training and skill development centre at KVK, Nellore on 27.2.2019.

Sri S.Chandramohan Reddy also inaugurated newly constructed College and hostel buildings of College of Home Science, ANGRAU at Lam, Guntur on 22.1.2019 in the presence of Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU. Sri S. Chandramohan Reddy also inaugurated three buildings (Experiential learning building, Girls Hostel and Boys Hostel) at Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla on 22.1.2019; Inauguration of three buildings (Experiential learning building, Girls Hostel and Boys Hostel) at Dr. NTR College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla on the same day (22.1.2019); Inauguration of four buildings (Students Knowledge Centre, Central Instrumentation Cell, Girls Hostel and Sports Complex) at Agricultural College, Bapatla on 22.1.2019. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated Renovated Agricultural Research Station building at Bapatla on 15.2.2019 and Roof Top Solar Grid at Administrative Office, Guntur on 08.3.2019.
International Women's Day Celebrations

International Women's Day was celebrated by ANGRAU at RARS, Lam Auditorium on 8th March, 2019. Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Vice-Chancellor & Chief Guest spoke on the occasion and said that Indian women are succeeding in various walks of life and are role models in many fields. Dr. D. Bhaskara Rao, Registrar, ANGRAU spoke on the challenges being faced by rural women and how to overcome them. Dr. L. Uma Devi, Dean of Home Science made a power point presentation on extraordinary women who have received highest civilian awards (for the year 2018) from Indian Govt. for their contributions in various fields. Teaching and non-teaching staff participated. Prizes were distributed to winners of various games events.

Training on Entrepreneurial Skill Development for Agri- Graduates

NAHEP has sanctioned Institute Development Plan (IDP) for ANGRAU. As a part of IDP, 45 agri- graduates (14 students from Agricultural College, Bapatla; 10 students from S.V. Agricultural College Tirupati; 7 students from Agricultural College, Mahanandi; 9 students from Agricultural College, Naira and 5 students from Dr. NTR College of Agril. Engineering, Bapatla) from five accredited colleges of ANGRAU were trained on “Entrepreneurial Skill development” at NAARM, Hyderabad during 14th February to 6th March, 2019. During the training course, entrepreneurial skills, ideas and strategies and start-up business opportunities were dealt. Students were also taken to exposure visits of successful start-ups and companies in and around Hyderabad.

Redesigned ANGRAU Website Launch, Annual Report & Brochure Release

The redesigned ANGRAU Website (www.angrau.ac.in) was launched by Dr. V. Damodara Naidu, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on 2nd January, 2019 during Bi-monthly Meeting of ANGRAU of ADs and ADRs. The Website was redesigned with several icons such as latest news, circulars, tenders, student corner, job corner, citizen chapter and press corner, etc.

The Annual Report of ANGRAU for the year 2017-18 prepared by P&M Cell was released by Dr.V. Damodara Naidu, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU in the presence of Members of Board of Management in the 290th Meeting of Board of Management held on 27th March, 2019. The ANGRAU Profile Brochure prepared by P&M Cell and Guidelines for thesis presentation prepared by Faculty of Post Graduate Studies were also released on the same day.

International Women's Day Celebrations
World Water Day Celebrations

World Water Day was celebrated by Advanced P.G Centre, Lam, Guntur on 22nd March, 2019. Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Dean of Agril. Engineering and Dr. D. Balaguravaiah, Dean of P.G. Studies were the Chief Guests. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Balaguravaiah explained the importance of water management in agriculture and advised faculty and students to create awareness among farmers in adopted villages about various water harvesting methods. Dr. Reddy said that many countries in the world are facing water shortage and advised faculty and students not to waste water and take measures to save it. Awareness on virtual water and water footprints shall be created, he added. Later, various programmes such as quiz and essay writing were held for students and prizes were distributed.

Agricultural Exhibitions

The AI&CC, Guntur has put up the ANGRAU stall at Exhibitions during the Rythu Radham Programme conducted by 24 x 7 News Channel at Vijayawada during 24th to 26th January, 2019 at Vijayawada and at National seminar on “Strategic Approaches for World Class Agricultural Universities” held at College of Agril. Engineering, Bapatla during 19th March to 20th March, 2019. The Scientists from RARS, Lam and Agricultural Information & Communication Center, Guntur were the resource persons at the exhibition stalls.

GATE Ranks -2019

Eleven students who studied at College of Agricultural Engineering, Bapatla and College of Agricultural Engineering, Madakasira secured good ranks (below 200) in the GATE EXAM- 2019. R. Maurya (Rank 2), Sanjay Raghuwanshi (Rank 39), N. Puja (Rank 41), Praveen Kumar (Rank 47) and A. Harikrishna (Rank 68) secured below 100 Ranks. Other rank holders are T. Gayatri (Rank 108), A. Harshavardhan Reddy (135), Rishab Raj and A. Sai Kumar (Rank 145), Sagar Patel (Rank 166) and Shivam Patel (Rank 199). Based on the ranks, these students will secure admission for Post-Graduation in premier IITs and NITs.

Dr. M. V. Ramana, Principal Scientist (Agril. Engineering) working at RARS, Tirupati received SCSI leadership award 2018 bestowed by Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi from Sri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon’ble Governor of Tamilnadu on 31.1.2019 during 28th National Conference on “Farmers friendly soil and water conservation technologies for mitigating climate impact” at Ooty, Tamilnadu, for his dedicated efforts and contribution in the field of soil and water conservation.