

National Award to KVK, Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh

Dr. YSR Horticultural University, is second of its kind in the country, functioning with four Horticultural colleges, four Horticulture Polytechnics, twenty Research Stations, four affiliated private Horticultural Colleges, seven private Horticultural Polytechnics and four Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Andhra Pradesh with its headquarters at Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.

The Krishi Vigyan Kendras located at Venkataramannagudem (West Godavari district), Pandirimamidi (East Godavari district), Periyavaram (SPSR Nellore district) and Vonipenta (YSR Kadapa district) are working with a mandate of Technology assessment and Demonstration, its application and development with the financial assistance of ICAR-ATARI (Zone-X).

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), West Godavari District, Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh was established in the year 2010 as second KVK in the district under the administrative control of Dr. YSR Horticultural University and ICAR-ATARI (Zone-X). Operational area of KVK, Venkataramannagudem has five tribal agency mandals namely Buttaigudem, Polavaram, Jeelugumilli, Velerupadu and Kuknoor of West Godavari district.

Social, cultural and economic conditions of the rural and tribal villages in operational area were assessed. Accordingly, the mandated activities viz. OFTs, FLDs, Vocational Training Programmes and other extension activities were implemented in potential areas identified

Prosthahan Rashtriya Puraskar -2017 (Zonal) & 2019 (National) from ICAR, New Delhi on 92nd Foundation Day of ICAR. Seven appreciation certificates were also

received during the Annual Zonal Workshop conducted by the ICAR-ATARI (Zone-X) for the year 2019-20.

Among the above said successful activities during the period of one decade, this KVK have improved the income generation and also transformed a tribal women farmer **Smt. Tellam Ramana garu** into award winning successful entrepreneur and she received **Pandit Deendayal**

Upadhyay Anthyodaya Krishi Puraskar-2019 Awardee Success Story on Assured Income Generation through Integrated Farming System (IFS) from ICAR, New Delhi.

Other KVKs under Dr. YSRHU i.e KVK, Pandirmimidi (East Godavari district); KVK, Periyavaram (SPSR Nellore district) and KVK, Vonipenta (YSR Kadapa district) also received seven, two and one appreciation certificates respectively during the Annual Zonal Work



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ASCI Training program



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for the farmers, farm women and rural youth in order to improve the livelihood and income of those tribal families. Due to the exemplary work carried out in its operational areas, KVK, Venkataramannagudem has been awarded with **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Krishi Vigyan**

shop conducted by the ICAR-ATARI, (Zone-X) for the year 2019-20.

The success of KVKs is being led by Dr. B. Srinivasulu, Director of Extension, Dr. R.V.S.K. Reddy, Director of Research and Dr. E. Karunasree, KVK, VR Gudem.