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Farmers exposure visit

Farmer exposure was visit organized by Dept of Agriculture on 07.04.2026. During the visit about 80 farmers from Srikalahasthi, Satyavedu, Thottambedu, Varadaiahpalem, Nagalapuram, Pichatur and Yerpedu mandals were participated and KVK staff explained about Soil Test Based Fertilizer application, Balanced use of fertilizers, Natural farming practices, Integrated farming Systems and showed demonstration units at KVK instructional farm. Also organized Swachh Bharath Abhiyan programme and rally as a part of Intensive campaign on Balanced use of fertilizers with the farmers.

Activities

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Intensive Campaign on “Balanced use of Fertilizers”

“Intensive awareness campaign on Balanced use of fertilizers” was conducted by KVK during April and May, 2026. As a part of campaign KVK has conducted 26 programmes which includes awareness programmes, training programmes and kisan ghosties at KVB Puram, Srikalahasthi, Satyavedu, Thottambedu, Varadaiahpalem, Nagalapuram, Pichatur, Yerpedu, Narayanavanam, Chandragiri, Puttur, Renigunta, Yerravaripalem, Chinnagottigallu, Rompicherla, Karvetinagaram, Nindra, Puthalapattu and Penumuru mandals of Tirupati and Chittoor districts. About 1032 farmers were participated in the programmes and benefitted with the balanced application of fertilizers as per soil testing, green manuring, natural and organic farming practices, Bio fertilizers and their role in soil health management etc.



Skill Training Programme on Mushroom Production Technology

KVK has conducted 3 days "Skill Training Programme on Mushroom Production Technology" at KVK from 16-18 April 2026. A total of 35 trainees from Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamaiah, Guntur and Ongole districts were attended the programme.

During the Inaugural session of the programme Dr.S.Sreenivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head, explained about scope and importance of mushroom production to develop as entrepreneurs. He also briefed about various activities of KVK towards entrepreneurial development like Nursery grower, Vermicompost Producer, Poultry rearing, Sheep rearing and Value addition to millets, fruits and vegetables etc.

The course Coordinator, B.Divya Sudha explained about different species of edible mushroom and their nutritional values, suitable conditions for various mushroom species, scope for marketing and preparation of different value-added products with mushrooms, control measures for various pest and diseases in mushroom production etc. Participants also gained hands-on knowledge on production of quality spawn, preparation of mushroom beds by using

various bedding material like paddy straw, cocopeat, sugarcane trash, maintenance of room temperature and humidity according to type of mushrooms, identification of matured mushrooms for harvesting, method of harvesting, packing and branding during three days training.

SMS, Ag Extension, has given presentation on preparation of Detailed Project Report for establishment of small-scale mushroom unit and various schemes from Govt. to support mushroom entrepreneurs.

All the trainees were provided with Certificates during the valedictory session.



Khet Bachao Abhiyan

RASS-KVK under the guidance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, has been organized the "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" (Save the Farms Campaign) across various mandals of the erstwhile Chittoor district in June, 2026. During the entire campaign, a team lead by KVK scientist, scientists from the State Agricultural University, and officials from the Department of Agriculture and ATMA visited villages and created awareness among farmers regarding balanced fertilizer application, importance of soil testing, natural farming, soil and water conservation practices, importance of biofertilizers in Integrated Nutrient Management, management practices to mitigate upcoming El Nino conditions, contingency crop planning, farm mechanization, and various welfare schemes for agriculture and allied sectors.

In the Abhiyan KVK has conducted 5 awareness programmes, 16 trainings, 2 Kisan Ghosti's and 2 rallies and reached about 5438 farmers in both Tirupati and Chittoor districts.



Release of Khet Bachao Abhiyan Poster by Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt of A.P.



As a part of Khet Bachao Abhiyan programme, Sri Kinjaraapu Atchannaidu, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt of A.P., released the "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" poster developed by our KVK during an official visit to Tirumala on June 13, 2026. Dr. S. Venkataratnam, General Secretary, RASS and Chairman, RASS-KVK, Dr. S. Sreenivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head and Sri V. Nagaraju, Superintendent were attended the event.

Awareness Programme on Natural Farming

KVK has organized Farmer awareness programme on Natural farming" in association with Kisan Morcha, Tirupati at KVK campus on 18.06.2026. The participants were enlightened about achievements of the Central government during the last 12 years tenure, Welfare schemes for agriculture and allied sectors, Balanced use of fertilizers, Soil Health Management through STBF, Importance of Organic and Natural farming, Water conservation practices, various types of bio-Fertilizers, uses and their method of application in various crops. Also arranged exhibition with natural farming products and critical inputs for natural farming. Conducted method demonstration on Drone spraying. The programme attended by Sri Surendra Reddy, State vice President, Kisan Morcha, Sri Samanchi Sreenivas, District President, Sri K. Nagaraju, District President, Kisan Morcha, Sri Naveen Kumar Reddy, General Secretary, Kisan Morcha, Sri Shanmugam, DPM, APCNF, Dr Gangadharam, Secretary, WORD NGO, Dr Harathi, Principal Scientist, RARS, Tirupati, KVK staff and 324 farmers attended the programme.



Live telecast of 23rd instalment of PM KISAN release

Live screening of PM KISAN 23rd instalment by Hon'ble Prime Minister from Tarakeswar, Huglee district, West Bengal and Khet Bachao Abhiyan was conducted at KVK on 20.06.2026. The participant farmers were enlightened about PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Annadata Sukhibhava and other welfare schemes towards agriculture and allied sectors. Imparted knowledge on Balanced Fertilizers application, Importance of Soil testing and STBF, Green manuring, Biofertilizers, Water conservation practices, farm mechanization and Agri startups. Supplied Drum seeders to farmers for establishing Community Custom Hiring Centers under SC Sub Plan. Also organised field visit to demonstration units at KVK farm. Dr V. Chandrika, ADR, RARS, Tirupati, Dr Kadiri Mohan, Scientist, Extension, RARS, Tirupati, Officials from DRC, Tirupati, KVK staff and 122 farmers attended the programme.



Yoga Day-2026 (Yoga Sangam)

International Yoga Day-2026 (Yoga Sangam) was conducted under the Theme “Yoga for wellness, wisdom and world peace” at KVK on 21.06.2026. Explained about importance of Yoga for healthy and peaceful life. Performed Pranayama and different yogasanaas. KVK staff and 86 farmers and students participated in the programme.



“Eruvaaka Pournami” programme

KVK has participated in “Eruvaaka Pournami” programme and Khet Bachao Abhiyan at M. Bandapalli village of Puthalapattu Mandal, Chittoor district & Konapareddypalli Village of Pakala Mandal, Tirupati district on 29.06.2026. Imparted knowledge about Balanced use of fertilizers, Soil Health Management through STBF, Organic and Natural farming, Water conservation practices, various types of bio-Fertilizers, uses and their method of application in various crops. Hon’ble MLA, Shri K. Murali Mohan, Puthalapattu and Hon’ble MLA, Shri Pulivarthi Venkata Mani Prasad, Chandragiri were attended as Chief guests. Senior Scientist and Head, SMS, Plant Protection, Officials from Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, and Animal Husbandry and 2547 farmers and farm women participated in the programme.



Animal Health Camps

KVK has conducted two animal health camps at Mamandur and Chengareddi palli villages of Renigunta mandal, in collaboration with RASS Mahila Jyothi Mutually Benefit Trust. The problems like Lumpy skin disease, maggoted wound, abscess, pox, skin infections, anoestrus and repeat breeding conditions were observed and treated about 181 animals, and required treatment and preventive measures were also suggested to farmers. Pregnancy diagnosis was done for 84 animals and artificial insemination for 46 animals in the camps. Deworming and deticking were done to all the animals. Method demonstration was conducted on identification of subclinical mastitis through SFMT reagent and prescribed antibiotics for 3 days for positive animals.



Resource Person

SMS, Agril. Extension, Veterinary and Home Science has attended as resource persons for capacity building program for input dealers under DAESI Program and delivered lectures on "Cost Reduction Technologies for Sustainable Farming", Poultry rearing and management and Importance of medicinal plants in daily human life and their value addition, respectively.



- All the scientific staff of KVK has attended Two days Refresher training programme on “Recent advances in Agriculture and Allied sectors” organized by ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur on 9th to 10th April, 2026.
- Sr.Scientist & Head attended State Level Technical Programme of Extension Centers at Lam, Guntur organized by ANGRAU from 29-31 May 2026 and Annual Action Plan Meeting of KVKs by ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad and ANGRAU, Guntur from 03-05, June 2026.
- Senior Scientist and Head participated in ‘Keth Bachao Abhiyan Rally’ organized by ANGRAU from SV Agriculture College to Cherlopalli on 27.6.2026. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Director of Research, Dean Agriculture, Dean Agri. Engineering, Dean Student Affairs, ADR, Scientists, farmers, students participated in the rally.



Students visit to KVK

KVK has hosted study visit of 29 no's of final year B.Sc. agriculture students from Agricultural College, Tirupati on 13.05.2026, final year students of B.Sc Agriculture, Sri Mekapati Goutham Reddy Agril. College, Udayagiri on 23.05.2026, 18 students from SRM engineering college, Chennai on 09.06.2026, 75 students from Annamacharya College of Engineering and Technology, Tirupati on 11.06.2026, 57 B.Sc. Agriculture students from Mohan Babu University, Tirupati on 24.06.2026 and 13 students from ITM University, Gwalior, MP on 29.06.2026 as part of their RAWE programme. KVK staff Explained about KVK activities and demonstration units at KVK farm. Created awareness on Balanced Fertilizers application and crop residual management under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



Mandated Activities

Particulars	No. of Progs.	No. of Beneficiaries
Trainings - PF	10	505
Trainings - RF	07	249
Trainings - EF	03	102

Other Extension Activities

Radio Talks

1. About Khet Bachao Abhiyan (Save the Farms Campaign) – **Sr. Scientist and Head**
2. Mitigation practices for El Nino effect on horticultural crops - **SMS, Horticulture**
3. INM practices in kharif field crops - **SMS, Agronomy**
4. Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Objective and mode of action - **SMS, Agril. Extension**
5. El Nino effect on livestock and precautions to farmers - **SMS, Veterinary**
6. Importance of usage of Bio Fertilizers in field crops – **Farm Manager**
7. Management of soil health in acidic and alkaline conditions – **Lab Technician**

Farmers visit to KVK : 9 visits, 563 farmers for seed, seedlings and to know about new technologies in different crops.

Scientist visit to Farmers Field : 16 visits, 219 farmers - suggested suitable crop management practices and plant protections measures to farmers in different crops.

Method Demonstrations : 6 demonstrations, 588 farmers

Awareness on Balanced use of fertilizers : 21 Discussions, 1054 farmers





Supply of seed & seedlings

Paddy	: 231.5 Q	Tomato	: 8000 No.
Groundnut	: 20.09 Q	Drum Stick	: 10000 No.
Sesame	: 1.08 Q	Brinjal	: 13000 No.
Tuberose	: 2 Q	Marigold	: 1500 No.
Turmeric	: 1 Q	Medicinal Plants	: 600 No.
		Mulberry	: 1500 No.
		Redsandal	: 500No.



Number of phone calls received
by KVK scientists: 1013



KVK has analyzed 199 soil & 6 water
samples and supplied soil health
cards to farmers

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