



RASS- Krishi Vigyan Kendra
Vanasthali, Karakambadi (P), Renigunta (M), Chittoor (Dt.) – 517520



Significant Activity for the month of April, 2022

Kisan Mela as a part of Kisan Bhagidari Prathamiktha Hamari" campaigns

RASS Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Karakambadi has organized "Kisan Mela" as part of a series of events under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Kisan Bhagidari Prathamiktha Hamari" campaigns. Sri. S. Venkataratnam, General Secretary, RASS and Chairman, RASS – KVK, Smt. S. Dorasani, District Agriculture Officer, Tirupati, Dr. P. Rajasekhar, Associate Director of Research, Regional Agricultural Research Station, and Tirupati were attended as chief guests of the programme.

After the chief guests inaugurated and visited the agricultural exhibition set up by KVK, Dr. S. Srinivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head, RASS-KVK spoke about the main purpose of the program, which is being organized across the country as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav series of events to mark the 75th anniversary of our country's independence. He said the main objective of the Kisan Mela was to create awareness among farmers on nature farming, millet cultivation and Biofortified varieties in various crops. He also explained about the various programs being carried out by RASS KVK towards farming community.

Smt. S. Dorasani, District Agriculture Officer, said that the week-long awareness program would also provide awareness on Kisan credit card scheme, crop loans and crop insurance to farmers. She also explained the services of the Rythu Bharosa Kendras set up in the district and advised the farmers to utilize their services.

Sri. G. Ratnaprasad, Deputy Director, District Training Center, Tirupati, explained the services of ATMA at the district level, the importance of training programs for rural youth and extension services to agricultural input dealers.

Dr. P. Rajasekhar, Associate Director of Research, Regional Agricultural Research Station, said that KVKs act as a bridge between research institutes and farmers, conveying research results to farmers and farmer problems to researchers. In the same way he explained about crop rotation, multi-cropping and the importance of nature farming.

Mr. S. Venkatratnam, General Secretary, RASS and Chairman, RASS – KVK said that farmers can reduce the cost of cultivation and earn good returns by cultivating crops following the advice of scientists. Similarly, allied activities such as dairy, sheep, poultry, beekeeping and mushroom farming can generate additional income to the farmers.

Dr. K. Gangadharam, Secretary, WORD, said that nature farming is paramount in the future. Consumers want foods that are free from chemical residues. In the same way he elaborated on the preparation and use of Ghana and Drava jeevaamruthams used in nature farming .

Dr. M. Shanthi Priya, Principal Scientist, Agricultural Research Station, Perumallapalli explained the importance of cereals in our diet and the biofertilized varieties released in crops like sorghum, Bajra and Finger millet etc.

Dr. P. Bala Hussain Reddy, Senior Scientist explained the importance of agricultural start-ups and their management. The main purpose of this is to provide investment to the business idea of farmers and rural youth.

Sri M. Bhaskarayya, Assistant Director of Agriculture, District Training Center, spoke on the importance of soil testing in agriculture and Natural farming.

Later the dignitaries released the publications developed by RASS-KVK, organized scientist farmer interaction followed by demonstration of agriculture drone for spraying and visited the demo units at KVK farm. The event was attended by scientists, agriculture department officials, 40 agricultural input dealers, KVK scientists, 245 farmers and women farmers.

