



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



Significant Activity for the month of September, 2025

Training cum awareness programme on Agro Forestry and Natural Farming

RASS-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirupati with the support of “Greenpanel Foundation” conducted Two one day days training programmes on “**Agro Forestry and Natural Farming**” for the farmers of Buchi Naidu Kandriga, Thottambedu and Srikalahasthi Mandals on 09th and 10th of September, 2025. Dr.P. Manikanta, Senior Manager, Greenpanel Foundation, Dr.M. Sreenivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist and Head, Agricultural Research Station, Kavali were attended as chief guests of the event.

Dr. P. Manikanta, Senior Manager, Greenpanel foundation explained about how farmers can earn additional income by growing agro forestry crops alongside their regular food and horticultural crops. He also elaborated on the various welfare programs undertaken by the Green Panel Foundation for farmers and students in government schools at the village level.

Dr. Srinivasulu, Head of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, explained that farmers are currently facing health issues and high cultivation costs due to the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. To overcome these challenges, he stressed the importance of adopting **natural farming** methods. He also detailed the various initiatives undertaken by RAAS KVK to promote agro forestry in collaboration with the central and state's forest departments.

Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist, Agricultural Research Station, Kavali explained about management practices to be followed in various agro forestry crops, different types of timber crops, characteristics of quality timber, uses, and the management techniques required to obtain high-quality, durable timber etc.

KVK scientists, Dr. Divya and Sudhakar, explained the natural farming methods to be adopted for various food and horticultural crops, including the preparation and use of Ghana and Drava Jeevamrutham, various infusions used in natural farming etc.

Afterward, Dignitaries released KVK publications on “Management practices in Agro forestry crops” and “Preparation of different infusions used in natural farming”. Later they demonstrated the preparation of ghana and Drava jeevamrutham, Neemasthram, and Agnasthram. The farmers were then taken on a visit to Demonstration units at KVK farm.

Dr. S. Srinivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head of RAAS-KVK; Dr. P. Manikant, Senior Manager, Green Panel Foundation; Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist and Head, Agricultural Research Station, Kavali; KVK scientists Divya, Sudhakar, Ramu Kumar, Anusha, and Divya Sudha; KVK staff; 120 farmers from Buchi Naidu kandriga, Thottambedu and Srikalahasthi mandals; and 50 agricultural students were participated in the two days event.

