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EGVF-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation is established in 2015. The foundation works for livelihood development in the fields of Health, Agriculture, organic farming, water sheds, Community Empowerment, urban slum education and community development activities in rural and underprivileged areas.

Dr. RamaNaidu Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation - Krishi Vigyan Kendra (EGVF- KV) was started during May, 2017 at Tuniki village of Kowdipally mandal in Medak district of Telangana State which falls under ‘Agriculture Technology Application Research Institute’ (ATARI) Zone-X, Hyderabad. The EGVF-KV became fully operational in May, 2018 with Senior Scientist & Head and 6 scientists specializing in Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering& Farm Machinery, Agricultural Extension, Home science, Horticulture and Plant Protection.

25 DAYS ASCI - SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “GARDEN KEEPER”



A 25 days Skill training programme on “Garden Keeper” sponsored by NSDC-ASCI under RKVY Project through ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad has started on 18.03.2023 and completed on 11.04.2023 at EGVF-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tuniki. During the training programme participants were given hands on experience training for proper utilization of gardening tools and participants were evaluated in presence of NSDC-ASCI regional representative. All 25 participants has shown extraordinary skills during their practical evaluation, written test and Viva-voce in the presence of Dr. Laxman, Assistant Professor and Assessor for NSDC-ASCI Garden Keeper training. The participants will be provided with training completion certificate from NSDC-ASCI.



25 DAYS ASCI - SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “HONEY BEE FARMER”



A Skill training programme of 25 days on “Honey Bee Farmer” sponsored by NSDC-ASCI under RKVY Project through ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad has started on 20.03.2023 and completed on 14.04.2023 at EGVF-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tuniki. During the training programme participants were given hands on experience training on handling of Honey Bee combs, identifying features of Queen Bee feeding mechanism of Honey Bees as a colony and types of honey bees. The participants facilitated with exposure visit to Bee fresh honey company, Hyderabad for observing the maintenance of Honey bee boxes, as the company has 1500 honey bee boxes for commercial apiculture. The participants were evaluated in presence of NSDC-ASCI regional representative. All 25 participants has shown extraordinary skills during their practical evaluation, written test and Viva-voce in the presence of Dr. Prathap Reddy, Scientist (Agronomy) and Assessor for NSDC-ASCI Honey bee farmer training. The participants will be provided with training completion certificate from NSDC-ASCI.

STATE LEVEL TECHNICAL PROGRAMME AT EEI, PJTSAU



The Senior Scientist & Head along with all Subject Matter Specialists have participated in State Level Technical Programme conducted by Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University (PJTSAU), Hyderabad from 3rd to 5th May 2023. During this programme the Senior Scientist & Head has presented and explained to the panelists about EGVF-KVK activities and achievements in different aspects, CSR projects, Special project and KVK Farm development activities

Later, all SMSs of EGVF-KVK have presented their work done and action plan of 2023 to respective department experts from Extension Educational Institute, ICAR- Agriculture Technology Application Research Institute, Hyderabad and PJTSAU for finalizing OFTs, FLDs and Extension studies to be conducted for the year 2023-24.

TECHNICAL VISIT TO J-FARM, RAJENDRANAGAR, HYDERABAD



A technical visit to TAFE J-Farms, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad has been conducted on 5th May 2023 to identify the suitable farm machinery to introduce in KVK Custom Hiring Centre and to provide those implements at minimal charges for Farmers in operational villages of EGVF-KVK and to FPOs formed by EGVF-KVK as CBBO. Dr. A.S. Rao, Director, J-Farms Sri. Anjaneyulu and Sri. Raju from J-Farm app services facilitated KVK Scientist visit. During the visit they have explained training activities to students, farmers and FPO board members. The J-Farms services management team has expressed their interest to collaborate with EGVF-KVK for their projects implementation under CSR programme.

VISIT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (EXTENSION), ICAR AND DIRECTOR, ICAR-ATARI, ZONE-X, HYDERABAD



Dr. Udhamp Singh Goutham, DDG (Extension), ICAR and Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad has visited EGVF-KVK on 20th May 2023. Sri. T. Vinod Rao, Chairman, EGVF-KVK explained unique activities conducted by EGVF-KVK along with KVK mandatory activities. Later, Dr. S.D. Nalkar, Senior Scientist & Head, EGVF-KVK presented KVK Salient achievements in organic farming since inception. During the visit dignitaries have interacted with KVK scientist and Organic Farmers of KVK operational villages and appreciated the efforts of both scientist and farmers for their achievements and concern for soil health & Sustainability of Agriculture. The farmers felicitated Deputy Director General (Extn) and Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad. In this programme total of 50 farmers and KVK staff has participated.

VALUE ADDITION AND FOOD PROCESSING LAB AT EGVF-KVK



KVK has established a small-scale food processing lab with FSSAI certification on 6th June 2023. The lab takes pride in crafting a diverse range of value-added products that enhances the nutritional power of millets. It also underscores our commitment to advancing the value addition of millets, which are not only ecologically sound but also hold immense nutritional value. Our range of products include enticing options like Instant Jowar Pongal Mix and Instant Foxtail Kichidi Mix, Instant Little millet Payasam Mix, Finger Millet both carefully formulated to bring together the goodness of millets with convenience and taste. These blends provide a harmonious fusion of traditional flavors and modern convenience, making it easier for individuals to incorporate nutrient-rich millets into their daily diets. But our commitment to holistic well-being extends beyond edibles as we've also ventured into the realm of personal care with our meticulously hand crafted Organic Aloe Vera soap, gel, and shampoo. These products leverage the natural healing properties of Aloe Vera (*Aloevera cameronii*), promoting healthier skin and hair. This facility will be used for Skill development trainings and Agri-preneurship development training to Rural women for economic upliftment.



PRE KHARIF CAMPAIGN AND FARMER-SCIENTIST INTERACTION MEETINGS



Dr. Ramanaidu Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Tuniki, Medak Dist has been conducting Farmer-Scientist interaction meetings in KVK operational area to discuss problems faced by farmers in agriculture and horticulture crops. KVK Scientists conducts weekly Farmer-Scientist interaction meeting to address the farmer's problems. During these meetings farmers are encouraged to express their problems and respective scientist will explain the management practices to overcome that particular problem. Farmers are also provided with information of suitable crops, suitable varieties, good agricultural practices, nutrition sensitive agriculture, integrated crop management practices, farm mechanization and kisan Sarathi toll free number for real time information.

METHOD DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY EGVF-KVK



EGVF-KVK Scientists has conducted various Method demonstrations in farmer fields to help and encourage farmers of KVK operational area to adopt skill oriented, drudgery reduction, cost effective and yield increasing technologies. During the kharif 2023 method demonstration were conducted on Direct Seeded Rice with drum Seeder and ferti-cum-seed drill, Soyabean sowing with ferti-cum-seed drill, Rice seedlings treatment with liquid bio fertilizers, usage of pheromone traps, solar light traps and blue & yellow sticky traps, vegetables cultivation with mulch sheet, raised bed technology, HDPS cotton, azolla application in Rice fields, organic and natural farming inputs preparation.

INAUGURATION OF BIO CONTROL LABORATORY AND FARMERS DORMITORY



Dr. Ramanaidu Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation Krishi Vigyan Kendra(KVK), Tuniki, Medak Dist has inaugurated Bio Control Laboratory and Farmers Dormitory at KVK campus on 25.06.2023 by Dr. Shri. Sandip Trivedi, Group General Manager (HRD), IRCTC, New Delhi and Shri. Atul Dinakar Rane, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, BrahMos Aerospace Limited in the honorary presence of Shri. V. Bhagaiah garu, Akhil Bharatiya Karyakarini Sadasya, RSS. As a part of the programme Sri.T. Vinod Rao, Chairman, EGVF-KVK, Tuniki Medak District has addressed the gathering and briefed the importance of Bio fertilizers in present agriculture scenario. In this programme, Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR- Agriculture Technology Application Research Institution (ATARI), Hyderabad; Dr. Vinod Kumar Singh, Director, ICAR- Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad; Dr. Neeraja Prabhakar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticulture University, Mulugu, Siddipet District; Shri. Sandip Trivedi, Group General Manager (HRD), IRCTC, New Delhi; Shri. Atul Dinakar Rane garu, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, BrahMos Aerospace Limited, Directors of Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation, KVK Scientists and Staff and 50 Farmers were participated.



TRAINING PROGRAMME ON INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN PADDY



KVK-Tuniki, Medak has conducted a training programme on Integrated Pest Management and Integrated Nutrient Management practices in paddy along with Agriculture Department at Rythu Vedika in Masapet on 11th July 2023. The programme was attended by Ravi Palthiya, SMS(PP) and Dr. N. Prathap Reddy, SMS(Agronomy) and MAO. Ravi Palthiya, SMS (PP) explained about various aspects of Integrated pest management to be followed in paddy and elaborated about the role of biopesticides in integrated pest management. Dr.N.Prathap Reddy, SMS(Agronomy) explained about the role of green manure crops, organic manures and biofertilizers in improving soil health and integrated nutrient management. Also created awareness about the role of nano fertilizers in improving nutrient use efficiency. Farmers were created awareness about the integrated usage of organic manures and chemical fertilizers. A total of 56 farmers have attended the training programme.

CLUSTER BASED BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Medak has been provided with the status of CBBO (Cluster based Business Organization) by NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation) to promote and form two FPO's in Nizampet and Medak blocks of Medak district, Telangana under CSS- Promotion and Formation of 10,000 FPO. These FPOs has a combined membership of 1064 farmers and started their business of Agri Input centers and paddy procurement center. The FPO CEO of FPO Naskal and Chairman of FPO Thogita has participated in FPO Mega Conclave held on 14th July 2023 in New Delhi along with NCDC representatives. These FPO performance has been evaluated on 17th July 2023 in the presence of Sri. V. Bhagaiah Ji, Akhila Bharthiya Karyakarini Sadasya by Sri T. Vinod Rao, EGVF-KVK Chairman, EGVF Directors and KVK scientific staff. They suggested FPOs to work in integration with rural artisans and micro enterprises for livelihood development in rural areas. EGVF-KVK Chairman extended his support for growth of these FPOs in future. FPO board members of FPO Naskal & FPO Thogita and KVK Scientists participated in this programme.



TECHNOLOGY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On the occasion of 95th Foundation Day of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), EGVF-KVK has organized Technology day celebrations at KVK premises and KVK operational villages namely Tuniki, Silampalli, Thogita, Choutlapally etc. to create awareness on role of ICAR in development of 21st Century agriculture from the day of its foundation on 16th July 1931. In this programme, students from different colleges like ITM university, Green Fields Institute of Agriculture, Dr. Ramanaidu Vigyan Jyothi Institute for Rural Development and farmers from different villages were participated.



SPECIAL PROJECT ON COTTON



KVK-Medak, Tuniki has been implementing a Special Project on Cotton “Targeting technologies to Agro-ecological zones-large scale demonstrations of best practices to enhance cotton productivity” in Siddipet district. As a part of the project Dr. Sambhaji Dattatray Nalkar, Senior Scientist & Head, Ravi Palthiya, SMS (PP) and Dr.N.Prathap Reddy, SMS(Agronomy) carried out field visit in Jagdevpur and Markook clusters and observed cotton sown under HDPS. Created awareness among the farming community about the role of mepiquat chloride in canopy management under High density plating system of cotton and advised to spray mepiquat chloride @ 60 ppm at square initiation and based on the need at 65-70 days of crop stage. Elaborated about the nutrient management, weed management and pest management practices to be followed to achieve the targeted yield under this project. A total of 2 clusters, 4 villages and 16 farmers were covered during the visit.

PRIME MINISTER PROGRAMME LIVE TELECASTING IN KVK ON THE OCCASION OF RELEASING 14TH INSTALLMENT OF PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI

On 27th July 2023, EGVF-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tuniki, Medak, Telangana has arranged live telecasting of Prime Minister Shri.Narendra Modi's speech on the occasion of releasing 14th installment of Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi. In this program Prime minister has launched sulfur coated Urea (Urea Gold) and 1.25 lakh Prime Minister Kisan Samriddhi Kendras were dedicated to farmers of the Nation. During this programme Hon'ble Prime Minister has released about Rs.17,500 crores to 8.5 crores of farmers has 14th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. 1600 Farmer Producer Organizations formed under CSS- formation and Promoyion 10000 FPOs in India were brought under one platform of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) for this programme, In this 1600 FPOs two are from KVK Tuniki. Hon'ble Prime Minister has addressed the nation in Hindi; the same has been explained to Farmers in Vernacular language. Hence, farmers of Medak District, Agriculture students, KVK Scientist's and other employees of KVK have participated in this programme.



RURAL AGRICULTURAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME



The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has initiated ‘Student READY (Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana)’ programme for the final year students of the undergraduate programme to provide rural entrepreneurship awareness, practical experience in real-life situation in rural agriculture and creating awareness to under graduate students about practical agriculture and allied sciences. RAWEP is a part of Student READY programme to enable the students to gain rural experience, give them confidence and enhance on-farm problem solving abilities in real life situations, especially in contact with farmers, and growers. EGVF-KVK has been implementing this programme since 2018. In order to meet the objectives of the programme, each student is attached to one host farmer. Every student is expected to work for a semester with farmers within the vicinity of KVK. During this programme students will be trained by KVK Scientists on organic farming and other practical aspects of agriculture. Every year our KVK trains about 200 students, for the year 2023 so far 150 students from ITM University, Green Fields Institute for Agriculture and Lovely professional university joined in RAWEP at EGVF-KVK.

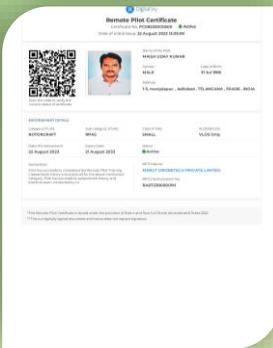
AWARENESS PROGRAMMES UNDER MISSION LiFE (LIFE STYLE FOR ENVIRONMENT)



Under Mission Life (Life style for environment) conducted campaign on Soil Health Management. Training programme on role of biofertilizers in improving nutrient use efficiency was conducted and created awareness to the farming community. Awareness programme on role of green manure crops in improving organic carbon was conducted and explained to the farmers about different green manure crop and advocated them to broadcast the green manure crop and incorporate in the soil at 50% flowering stage. Exhibition cum awareness programme on Natural farming was conducted and explained about various aspects of natural farming to the farmers. A total of 78 farmers have attended this programme.



DRONE PILOT TRAINING UNDER SMAM (ADP)



EGVF-KVK, Medak has been sanctioned with on Agriculture Drone under Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization. To demonstrate the purpose of Agriculture Drones and its efficiency in spraying agriculture chemicals like pesticides, fungicides etc., our Agriculture Engineering Scientist has undergone Drone pilot training at National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad from 7th to 14th August 2023. Its mandatory to acquire license as a drone pilot from a Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved agency to fly agriculture drones.

MERI MAATI MERA DESH



Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign was organized by EGVF-Krishi Vigyan Kendra Tuniki from 9th -15th August 2023. During this Campaign KVK Scientists has taken the pledge of Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign to whole heartedly participate to “Make India developed and self-reliant by 2047, Remove any trace of colonial mindset, Celebrate our heritage, Strengthen unity and respect those who protect the country, Perform the duties of a citizen.” The same pledge has been taken up by RAWEP Students from ITMU and GFIA Agriculture Students in presence of KVK Scientists. Mera Maati, Mera Desh Awareness programmes were conducted different villages like Railapur, Kulcharam etc.

TATA CHEMICALS LTD. AND TATA RALLIS CEO'S VISIT TO EGVF-KVK



Tata Chemicals Ltd. CEO Shri. Mukundan, Tata Rallis Ltd. CEO Sanjeev Lal and Tata Rallis Assistant Vice President Mr. Kamlesh and other Tata Group employees visited EGVF- KVK on 12th August 2023. In this program, EGVF-KVK Chairman Sri. T. Vinod Rao garu, KVK advisor Sri. M. Subramanyam Raju garu and KVK scientists has shown them the Biocontrol laboratory, Farmers' Dormitory, Demo units and crops in the agricultural field at Krishi Vigyan Kendra. KVK's efforts on organic farming have been appreciated by the guests. During this programme the guests have interacted with Organic farmers, women farmers and progressive farmers of KVK and suggested them to completely avoid chemicals with Red Triangle indicating extreme poisonous nature on plants, animals and humans. They also invited EGVF-KVK Chairman and KVK Scientists to visit TATA aeroponics unit for Technical observations.



FELICITATION OF PROGRESSIVE FARMER



Progressive Farmer Sri. B. Mahipal Reddy of Mohammad Nagar village, Kowdipally Mandal has been felicitated on 12th August 2023 in Dr. Ramanaidu Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Tuniki, Medak by Tata Rallis Assistant Vice President Mr. Kamlesh garu, EGVF- KVK Sri. T. Vinod Rao garu, KVK Advisor Sri. M. Subramanyam Raju garu and KVK scientists for his achievements in Tomato crop yield and highest recorded income in short duration through tomato marketing. Organic farmers, women farmers, RAWEP students and KVK employees participated in this programme.

PARTHENIUM AWARENESS WEEK



Parthenium awareness week was observed by EGVF-Krishi Vigyan Kendra Tuniki from 15th-22nd August 2023. In this program the scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra explained to participants about the crop losses caused by Parthenium, various diseases caused to animals and humans. Parthenium weed is toxic to animals causing dermatitis with pronounced skin lesions on various animals including Cows and other cattle. If eaten, it is responsible for mouth ulcers with excessive salivation in milch animals. The pollen grains, airborne dried plant parts, and roots of parthenium cause various allergies like contact dermatitis, hay fever, asthma, and bronchitis in human beings. Biological control is an environmentally sound and effective means of reducing or mitigating pests and pest effects through the use of natural enemies Eg. Zygogramma cards. To eradicate this weed early removal and burning can be more effective. Farmers from Different villages, ITMU Agriculture students, GFIA agriculture students, KVK Advisor Amaresh Kumar, KVK Scientists and employees participated in this programme.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON VERMICOMPOST PRODUCTION IN GI RINGS UNDER MANGO ORCHARD.



Training cum awareness programmes was conducted on production of vermicompost in GI rings. Dr.N.Prathap Reddy, SMS(Agronomy) explained about the production procedure of vermicompost, type of earth worms suitable for vermicomposting, precautions to be taken during the production process and also explained about the economics of production of vermicompost in GI rings under Mango orchard. Created awareness about role of vermicompost in integrated nutrient management and its role in improving soil health. A total of 100 farmers and students have attended this programme.





Training cum input distribution programme under CFLD pulses 2023-24 was conducted in Navabpet. In this programme Ravi Palthiya SMS (PP), briefed about the importance of CFLD Pulses and critical input role in enhancing the yield levels in the red gram crop and also explained about role of IPM in Red gram. Dr.N.Prathap Reddy, SMS(Agronomy) explained about Integrated crop management practices in red gram. Hanuma (TDRG-4) variety was distributed to farmers. A total of 45 farmers have attended this training programme.

SOIL TESTING LABORATORY



Training programmes were conducted on soil sampling and soil testing procedure to RAWEP students & Farmers. During the training programmes created awareness on Soil sampling procedures and explained about the importance of soil sample analysis in reducing the fertilizers use and improving the soil health. Soil Testing Laboratory (STL) has collected a total of 349 soil samples and 297 soil samples were analyzed. Soil Health cards have been provided to Farmers with Nutrient recommendations.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND INPUT DISTRIBUTION UNDER SCSP



KVK-Tuniki conducted one day training program on Natural farming under SC-Sub plan to encourage the chemical free farming by SC farmers from Pothireddipalli village on 27.07.2023. M.Srinivas, SC Sub plan Incharge and SMS (Horticulture) briefed about importance of Natural farming, its role in present human life and environment and also it is responsible of every individual to save the nature for future sustainability. In this training program 25 farmers were participated. After completion of this training program, critical Inputs like Bio fertilizers (NPK & Zn Consortium), solar light traps and pheromone traps were distributed to the 25 farmers by the chief guest Sri.Bhaskar, President of Telanagan state BJP OBC Morcha and Dr. Sambhaji Dattatreya Nalkar, Senior Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tuniki.

On 17.08.2023 KVK, Tuniki conducted awareness programme on Natural Farming in Horticultural Crops and distributed Bio fertilizers (NPK& Zn Consortium) and Solar light traps to the 30 farmers of Railapur Village of Medak District and also distributed vermicompost to 15 farmers who have been demonstrating Natural farming in Paddy. Sri. D. Amaresh Kumar, KVK Advisor has emphasized on importance of Bio-fertilizers and Solar traps. M.Srinivas, SC-Sub plan Incharge & SMS (Horticulture), Ravi Palthiya, SMS (Plant protection), M.Sreekanth, SMS (Extension) and Dr. Prathap Reddy, SMS (Agronomy) were participated in this program.



AWARDS AND APPRECIATIONS

EGVF-KVK RECEIVED TELANGANA STATE INNOVATION COUNCIL AWARD



EGVF-KVK's dedicated efforts towards promoting sustainable agriculture and enhancing the nutritional landscape in rural households have been recognized and honored by the Telangana State Innovation Council, Telangana State (TSIC). Dr G Bhargavi Scientist Home Science from EGVF-KVK received innovator award in the presence of Smt. Padma Devendar Reddy (Member of Telangana Legislative Assembly), Shri Rajarshi Shah (IAS) District Collector Medak along with other officials.

This recognition highlights the impactful work conducted by our KVK in advancing the concept of nutritional gardens, a cornerstone of holistic health and sustainable living. Our EGVF-KVK's unwavering dedication to establishing nutritional gardens in rural communities has resulted in a positive and lasting impact on the health and well-being of countless rural households. By empowering rural women with the knowledge and resources to cultivate diverse and nutrient-rich crops, we have not only contributed to improved nutrition but also strengthened local food security. This accolade is a testament to the collaborative spirit of our team, the commitment of the rural households, and the visionary support of the Telangana State Innovation Council. As we move forward, we are invigorated to extend our reach and deepen our impact, fostering healthier lives and more resilient communities through the promotion of nutritional gardens.

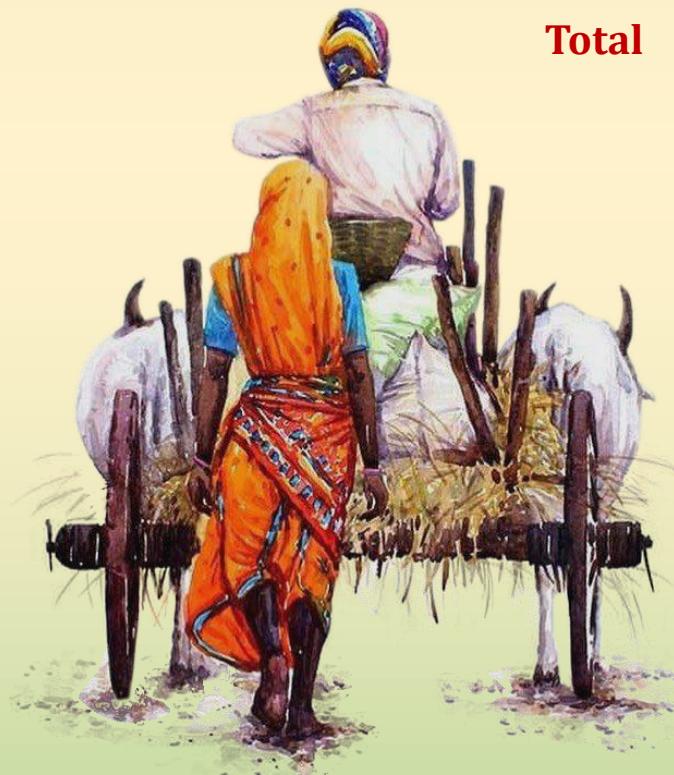
CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AT ZONAL LEVEL FROM ICAR-ATARI, HYDERABAD



Dr. Ramanaidu Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Tuniki, Medak Dist has received appreciation certificates in 5 different categories namely '**Second Place for Extension Activities**', '**Third Place for No. of Extension Workers Trained**', '**Third Place in Revolving Fund Revenue**', '**Revolving Fund Expenditure**' and '**Revolving Fund Receipts**' during Annual Zonal Workshop held from 17th -19th August 2023 in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. The Certificates of Appreciations were awarded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-X, Hyderabad. These certificates were presented by Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad and Dr. Neeraja Prabhakar, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticulture University, Mulugu to Dr. S.D. Nalkar, Senior Scientist & Head, EGVF-KVK.

ACTIVITIES APRIL TO AUGUST 2023

| | Particulars | No.s | Beneficiaries |
|----|--|--------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Field visits | 66 | 117 |
| 2 | Diagnostic visits | 27 | 90 |
| 3 | Group meetings | 67 | 1753 |
| 4 | Trainings to Farmers & Farm Women | 40 | 1399 |
| 5 | Farmer visit to KVK | - | 169 |
| 6 | Method Demonstrations | 20 | 211 |
| 7 | Skill Development trainings | 2 | 48 |
| 8 | Soil Samples Tested | 297 | 297 |
| 9 | Publications | 11 | - |
| 10 | Press coverages | 32 | - |
| | | Total | 4084 |



With wrong farming methods, we turn fertile land into desert. Unless we go back to organic farming and save the soil, there is no future.

- Jaggi Vasudev

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