

Brief Report on Kisan Diwas 2025 Celebrations at SAIRD–KVK, Gaddipally

SAIRD–Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Gaddipally, organized the Kisan Diwas (National Farmers' Day) celebrations on its campus on the occasion of Kisan Diwas 2025. As part of the programme, a Kisan Mela and Agricultural Exhibition were conducted at the KVK premises. The event witnessed the participation of around 600 farmers and 60 students, along with officials from ICAR, private industry representatives, and members of the press and media.

The programme was graced by Shri Tejas Nandlal Pawar, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate, Suryapet, as the Chief Guest. The Honorary Guests included Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR–ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad, and Dr. P. P. Murugan, Director of Extension, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Honorary Guests, district-level officers, and ICAR–ATARI officials.

Dr. A. R. Reddy, Principal Scientist, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the significance of Kisan Diwas and creating awareness about the VB-G RAM G programme. Sri D. Naresh, Senior Scientist and Head (I/c), SAIRD–KVK, Gaddipally, briefed the gathering on the institution's four decades of service to the farming community, its major achievements, ongoing projects and future roadmap. District-level officers, including the District Agriculture Officer (DAO) and District Horticulture and Sericulture Officer (DHSO), emphasized soil test–based nutrient management, National Mission on Natural Farming, crop diversification initiatives such as oil palm, and government support for horticultural crops including mango, lemon and sweet orange.

Dr. P. P. Murugan, Director of Extension, TNAU, encouraged farmers to transition from paddy cultivation to alternative high-value cash crops and proposed collaborative efforts for developing improved paddy and other crop varieties for the benefit of farmers in Suryapet district.

Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR–ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad, addressed the farmers on the benefits of the VB-G RAM G Bill, particularly the availability of farm labour during peak agricultural seasons. He also stressed the importance of restoring soil carbon and improving soil health, promoting high-income horticultural crops, effective utilization of government schemes, farm mechanization and allied sector enterprises such as beekeeping and backyard poultry.

Shri Tejas Nandlal Pawar, The Hon'ble District Collector and Magistrate, Suryapet conveyed his best wishes to farmers on the occasion of National Farmers' Day 2025. He expressed satisfaction over the paddy production achieved in the district and advised farmers to adopt crop diversification, especially oil palm and other cash crops. He highlighted the need to utilize government support schemes and modern agricultural technologies promoted by SAIRD–KVK and line departments. The Collector appreciated the dedicated efforts of KVK, Gaddipally, in serving the farming community and emphasized demand-based production, value addition, environmentally friendly practices, mechanization and the formation of Farmer Producer

Organizations (FPOs). He concluded by expressing his satisfaction with the programme and extended his best wishes for prosperous and sustainable farming in Suryapet district.













