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Preface



It is with immense pride and fulfilment that I present the 2023 Annual Report of ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad. This year, our Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have not only achieved but often surpassed the targets set for our mandated activities, recording significant accomplishments in technology assessment, demonstration, and training. We have made notable strides in advancing and modernizing our agricultural extension research and knowledge management initiatives.

ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Hyderabad, is entrusted with the coordination and monitoring of technology application and frontline extension education programs of KVKs in Zone X, which encompasses three states—Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana—and the Union Territory of Puducherry. Currently, the Zone comprises 75 sanctioned KVKs: 32 in Tamil Nadu, 24 in Andhra Pradesh, 16 in Telangana, and 3 in Puducherry. Our mandate also includes strengthening agricultural extension research and knowledge management.

This year, our KVKs have assessed a record number of technologies, introducing several innovative approaches. Through frontline demonstrations, we have successfully engaged a vast number of farmers. In 2023, KVKs assessed 1,573 technologies through 4,779 On-Farm Trials (OFTs) and conducted 11,950 Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs) on farmers' fields. We organized 9,489 training programs, reaching 370,431 participants, including farmers, farm women, rural youth, and extension functionaries. Additionally, 7,699 Cluster Frontline Demonstrations on pulses under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) were conducted by 63 KVKs, covering 3,582 hectares. Similarly, 5,389 Cluster Frontline Demonstrations on oilseed crops, spanning 2,156 hectares, were organized by 56 KVKs during the kharif and rabi seasons of 2023.

Our twelve seed hub KVKs for pulses (six in Tamil Nadu, four in Andhra Pradesh, and two in Telangana) produced 3,266.42 quintals of seed, significantly contributing to varietal replacement with high-yielding, disease-tolerant, and recently released varieties. Additionally, KVKs produced and supplied 13,120 quintals of seed and 11.156 million saplings of elite field/horticultural crops. They also distributed 1.044 million livestock, including cattle, goats, sheep, poultry chicks, and fish fingerlings, to farmers.

Our training programs were meticulously designed to be focused, need-based, and demand-driven. During the year, our KVKs organized 9,489 training programs, covering 370,431 participants, including 238,103 farmers, 33,827 rural youth, and 41,950 extension functionaries. The skilling of rural youth under the Attracting Rural Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) project benefited 2,210 rural youth by establishing 421 enterprise units. The Farmer FIRST centers implemented 69 technology application interventions, covering 2,327 hectares and 6,589 households in the operational villages. Under the Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG) initiative, implemented by ten ICAR institutes in the zone, 256 villages were adopted by 77 teams of scientists, who organized 1,430 activities benefiting 21,870 farmers and rural residents.

Our state-of-the-art District Agro-met Units (DAMU) prepared and disseminated 18,838 block-level and 8,106 district-level weather-based advisory bulletins through digital and other channels. KVKs conducted 48,804 extension activities, engaging 4,154,945 farmers, farm women, and extension personnel, promoting awareness of the latest technologies. A total of 44,892 soil samples were analyzed by the KVKs, benefiting 45,249 farmers across 8,546 villages.

We acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Vice-Chancellors and Directors of Extension of State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Directors of ICAR institutes in Zone X for providing essential technological support to the KVKs. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE, and Director General, ICAR, and Dr. U.S. Gautam, DDG (AE), for their unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement.

I extend my heartfelt commendation to all the Senior Scientists, Heads, and staff of the KVKs in the Zone for their dedicated efforts in implementing the scheme and to my colleagues at ATARI for compiling this comprehensive Annual Report.

I am confident that ATARI, Hyderabad, and the KVKs will continue to play a pivotal role in agricultural development and farmer welfare. We remain steadfast in our commitment to working with farmers and other stakeholders to ensure that Indian agriculture is sustainable, profitable, and provides food, nutritional, and income security for all.

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कार्यकारी सारांश

कृषि तकनीकी अनुप्रयोग अनुसंधान संस्थान (अटारी), हैदराबाद को क्षेत्र-X के लिए स्वीकृत 75 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों के समन्वय की जिम्मेदारी दी गई है। उनमें से 72, वर्ष 2023 के दौरान कार्यरत थे। वार्षिक रिपोर्ट वर्ष 2023 में तमिलनाडु के 32, आंध्र प्रदेश के 23, तेलंगाना के 16 और पुदुचेरी के 2 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों की गतिविधियों का उल्लेख है।

प्रौद्योगिकी का मूल्यांकन

वर्ष के दौरान, कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 4779 खेतों पर परीक्षण कर 1573 तकनीकों का मूल्यांकन और परिशोधन किया। जांच की गई प्रौद्योगिकियों में, 1087 प्रौद्योगिकियां फसल संबंधी, 223 पशु संबंधी एवं 62 महिला सशक्तिकरण संबंधी थी। फसलों के मामले में शामिल किए गए महत्वपूर्ण विषयगत क्षेत्रों में किस्मों मूल्यांकन, फसल प्रणाली, समेकित रोग प्रबंधन, समेकित कीट प्रबंधन, समेकित पोषक तत्व प्रबंधन, समेकित खरपतवार प्रबंधन, समेकित फसल प्रबंधन, संसाधन संरक्षण प्रौद्योगिकियां, कृषि मशीनरी और उपकरण शामिल थे। पशुओं के मामले में, प्रजनन मूल्यांकन, रोग प्रबंधन, चारा और पोषण प्रबंधन और आश्रय प्रबंधन जैसे विषयगत क्षेत्रों का मूल्यांकन और परिष्करण किया गया। ग्रामीण महिलाओं के सशक्तीकरण के अंतर्गत, विषयगत क्षेत्रों जैसे कि शारीरिक श्रम में कमी, स्वास्थ्य और पोषण, मूल्य संवर्धन और उद्यमिता विकास पर खेतों पर परीक्षणों का आयोजन किया गया।

तमिलनाडु के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने फसलों सहित बागवानी प्रजातियों (485) एवं पशुओं (217) पर, 1998 खेतों पर परीक्षण कर 637 प्रौद्योगिकियों की उपयुक्तता का मूल्यांकन किया। आंध्र प्रदेश के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने फसलों सहित बागवानी प्रजातियों (405), पशुओं (118) एवं ग्रामीण महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण (50) पर, 1770 खेतों पर परीक्षण कर 664 प्रौद्योगिकियों की उपयुक्तता का मूल्यांकन किया। तेलंगाना के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने फसलों सहित बागवानी प्रजातियों (599), पशुओं (105) एवं ग्रामीण महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण (68) पर, 909 खेतों पर परीक्षण कर 234 प्रौद्योगिकियों की उपयुक्तता का मूल्यांकन किया। पुदुचेरी के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने फसलों सहित बागवानी प्रजातियों (32), पशुओं (4) पर, 108 खेतों पर परीक्षण कर 28 प्रौद्योगिकियों का मूल्यांकन किया।

प्रौद्योगिकी प्रदर्शन

2932.18 हे क्षेत्र में फसलों (6112), पशुओं (2597) एवं कृषि उपकरणों (319) पर कुल 11950 अग्रिम प्रदर्शन कार्यान्वित किए गए। अनाजों पर किए गए 1224 प्रदर्शनों में चावल पर ही 1153 प्रदर्शन शामिल थे। दलहनों पर किए गए 685 प्रदर्शनों में, उड़द पर 292 एवं अरहर पर 136 प्रदर्शन शामिल थे। तिलहनों पर किए गए 478 प्रदर्शनों में 373 प्रदर्शन मूंगफली पर ही थे। व्यावसायिक फसलों पर 105 प्रदर्शन करने पर थे। तमिलनाडु में किए गए 5700 प्रदर्शनों में 592 सब्जियों पर एवं 856 प्रदर्शन अनाज पर थे। आंध्र प्रदेश में किए गए 3952 प्रदर्शनों में से, 399 फलों पर एवं 295 प्रदर्शन सब्जियों पर थे। तेलंगाना में प्रदर्शित किए गए 2014 प्रदर्शनों में, 138 अनाजों पर एवं 197 सब्जियों पर थे। पुदुचेरी में किए गए 284 प्रदर्शनों में 30 दलहनों पर, 20 अनाजों पर शामिल थे। पशुपालन और विभिन्न उद्यमों के विभिन्न पहलुओं के अंतर्गत प्रौद्योगिकियों को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए 2597 प्रदर्शनों का आयोजन किया गए।

प्रशिक्षण

प्रशिक्षण, कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों की एक महत्वपूर्ण गतिविधि है, जो विभिन्न बेहतर तकनीकों के बारे में ज्ञान और कौशल को बढ़ाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है। वर्ष के दौरान क्षेत्र-X में कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने फसलों, डेअरी एवं अन्य उत्पादन एवं उत्पादकता में वृद्धि करने के लिए कृषि एवं उससे संबंधित प्रौद्योगिकियों पर 9489 प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया। जिसमें 238103 किसान एवं कृषि महिलाएं, 33827 ग्रामीण युवा एवं 41950 प्रसार अधिकारी को शामिल किया गया।

तमिलनाडु के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने कृषि महिलाओं, ग्रामीण युवाओं और प्रसार अधिकारियों सहित 169485 किसानों की भागीदारी के साथ 4725 प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम आयोजित किए, जबकि आंध्र प्रदेश के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 82025 किसानों की भागीदारी के साथ 3281 प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम आयोजित किए, जिसमें किसान के साथ-साथ कृषि महिलाएं, ग्रामीण युवा और प्रसार अधिकारी शामिल हुए। तेलंगाना के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 59613 लाभार्थियों के लिए 1311 पाठ्यक्रम संचालित किए। पुदुचेरी के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 4366 लाभार्थियों के लिए 172 पाठ्यक्रम संचालित किए। प्रशिक्षण के अंतर्गत आने वाले मुख्य विषयगत क्षेत्रों में फसल उत्पादन, बागवानी, मृदा स्वास्थ्य और

उर्वरता प्रबंधन, पशुधन उत्पादन और प्रबंधन, गृह विज्ञान / महिला सशक्तीकरण, कृषि अभियांत्रिकी, पादप संरक्षण, मत्स्य पालन, क्षमता निर्माण और सामूहिक शक्ति, कृषि-वानिकी आदि शामिल हैं।

जोन-X के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 47127 किसानों और कृषि कार्य में शामिल महिलाएं और ग्रामीण युवाओं को शामिल करते हुए 676 प्रायोजित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए। उद्यमिता विकास, आय सृजन और स्वरोजगार की सुविधा के लिए, विशेष रूप से 9424 ग्रामीण युवाओं और स्कूल बीच में छोड़ने वाले जैसे लोगों के लाभ लिए, कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 371 व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए। इसमें शामिल किए गए महत्वपूर्ण विषयगत क्षेत्रों में फसल उत्पादन और प्रबंधन, कटाई के बाद की तकनीक और मूल्य संवर्धन, पशुधन और मत्स्य पालन और आय सृजन की गतिविधियां हैं।

प्रौद्योगिकी प्रसार

उन्नत प्रौद्योगिकियों के बारे में जागरूकता प्रदान करने के लिए 4154945 किसानों, कृषि महिलाओं एवं प्रसार अधिकारियों की भागीदारी से क्षेत्र-X के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों में 48804 प्रसार गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया। प्रसार गतिविधियों में सलाह सेवाएं, प्रदर्शन दौरे, पशु स्वास्थ्य शिविर, प्रौद्योगिकी सप्ताह, सामूहिक विचार-विमर्श, प्रदर्शनों की पद्धति, मृदा स्वास्थ्य शिविर, किसान मेले, किसान गोष्ठियां आदि शामिल थे। उन्नत कृषि प्रौद्योगिकियों पर सूचना को तुरंत प्रसारित करने के लिए क्षेत्र-X के कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 3302 प्रकाशन प्रकाशित किए।

संस्थागत संसाधनों तक किसानों की सीधी पहुंच की सुविधा के लिए, भाकृअनुप ने विभिन्न प्रौद्योगिकी उत्पादों की एकल गवाक्ष वितरण के उद्देश्य से क्षेत्र-X में तीन कृषि प्रौद्योगिकी सूचना केंद्रों की स्थापना की। वर्ष के दौरान कुल 12512 किसानों ने नवीनतम तकनीकी जानकारी जानने और महत्वपूर्ण प्रौद्योगिकी उत्पादों अर्थात् बीज और रोपण सामग्री प्राप्त करने के लिए तीन एटीआईसी का दौरा किया।

परीक्षण सेवाओं और महत्वपूर्ण निवेशों की आपूर्ति

कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने मृदा की पोषक स्थिति का पता लगाने और जिले में मौजूदा सूक्ष्म कृषि स्थितियों में किसानों को मृदा परीक्षण आधारित पोषक सिफारिशें देने के लिए मृदा और जल परीक्षण किया। कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों द्वारा मृदा के 44892 नमूनों, पानी के

6309 नमूनों, पौधों के 661 नमूनों और उर्वरकों / खादों के 50 नमूनों सहित कुल 52124 नमूनों का विश्लेषण किया गया, जिससे तमिलनाडु, आंध्र प्रदेश, तेलंगाना और पुदुचेरी के 8546 गांवों के 45249 किसानों को लाभ हुआ।

कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने 13120 क्विंटल बीज और 111.56 लाख पौधे खेत / बागवानी फसलों की कुल सामग्री का उत्पादन और आपूर्ति की। दालों के लिए कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र के बारह बीज हबों (तमिलनाडु में छह, आंध्र प्रदेश में चार और तेलंगाना में दो) ने किसानों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण बीज की आपूर्ति के लिए 3266.42 क्विंटल बीज (मूंग, उड़द, अरहर और चना) का उत्पादन किया।

राष्ट्रीय जलवायु समुत्थान कृषि में नवप्रवर्तन (निक्रा)

जोन-X के 8 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों द्वारा कार्यान्वित निक्रा परियोजना के प्रौद्योगिकी प्रदर्शन घटक ने तीन राज्यों में जलवायु समुत्थान कृषि प्रौद्योगिकियों और प्रक्रियाओं का प्रदर्शन किया। परियोजना के अंतर्गत, कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने चार मापदंडों अर्थात् प्राकृतिक संसाधन प्रबंधन (364), फसल उत्पादन (875), पशुधन और मत्स्य पालन (940) में 2627 प्रदर्शन किए। संस्थागत हस्तक्षेपों जैसे किराए केंद्र, चारा बैंक और बीज बैंक के तहत 807 किसान लाभान्वित हुए। क्षमता निर्माण और प्रसार गतिविधियों के माध्यम से, जलवायु समुत्थान तकनीकों पर जागरूकता चलाए गए 85 और 64 गतिविधियों से क्रमशः 3481 और 4285 किसान लाभान्वित हुए।

कृषि की ओर युवाओं को आकर्षित करना एवं उस कार्य में उन्हें बनाए रखना (आर्या)

क्षेत्र के दस कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों (तमिलनाडु में 4, आंध्र प्रदेश में 3, तेलंगाना में 2 और पांडिचेरी में एक) द्वारा आर्या परियोजना कार्यान्वित की गई। परियोजना के तहत उद्यम इकाइयों की स्थापना के लिए 81 प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से 2210 ग्रामीण युवाओं को कौशल प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया गया। जीविकापार्जन सुरक्षा को सुनिश्चित करने एवं 727 ग्रामीण युवाओं को लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए वर्ष 2023 के दौरान 421 उद्यम इकाइयों को स्थापित किया गया।

किसान पहले परियोजना (एफएफपी)

चार भाकृअनुप संस्थानों (आईआईएमआर, आईआईओपीआर, आईआईओआर और क्रीडा) और एक विश्वविद्यालय (टीएएनयूवीएस) ने किसान पहले परियोजना को लागू किया। पहले किसान परियोजना लागू किए गए गांवों के 2327 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र



में, 6589 घरों को शामिल करते हुए 69 फसल हस्तक्षेप अपनाए गए। 75 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में 15 बागवानी हस्तक्षेप कार्यान्वित किए गए। 9 प्राकृतिक संसाधन प्रबंधन (NRM) हस्तक्षेप कार्यान्वित किए गए। पशुधन के अंतर्गत बेहतर चारा किस्मों, आहात कुक्कुट नस्लों का प्रदर्शन, खनिज और पोषक तत्वों के मिश्रण की शुरुआत, एस्ट्रो सिंक्रोनाइजेशन प्रोटोकॉल, पशु स्वास्थ्य शिविर, भेड़ और बकरियों में नस्ल सुधार आदि से संबंधित कुल 9 हस्तक्षेप आरंभ किए गए।

जिला कृषि-मौसमविज्ञान की इकाइयां (डीएमयु)

उप-जिला स्तर पर किसानों को कृषि-मौसमविज्ञान के सलाहों को जारी एवं प्रसार करने के लिए पहले चरण में भारतीय मौसमविज्ञान विभाग (आईएमडी) के सहयोग से ग्रामीण कृषि मौसम सेवा (जीकेएमएस) के अंतर्गत 28 कृषि-मौसम इकाइयों (डीएमयु) (आंध्र प्रदेश में 9, तेलंगाना में 8, तमिलनाडु में 10 और पुडुचेरी में 1) स्थापना की गई। वर्ष के दौरान जिला कृषि-मौसमविज्ञान इकाइयों (डीएमयु) केंद्रों ने कृषि-मौसमविज्ञान-डीएसएस पर 26944 कृषि-मौसमविज्ञान सलाहों को तैयार कर विभिन्न प्रसार साधनों के माध्यम से मौसम संबंधी सलाह का प्रसार किया। मौसम आधारित सलाह की उपयोगिता और उन्हें उपयोग करने के तरीकों पर 21740 किसानों के लाभ के लिए कुल 370 किसान जागरूकता कार्यक्रम/बैठकें आयोजित की गईं।

दलहनों एवं तिलहनों पर केंद्र पर अग्रिम प्रदर्शन

वर्ष 2020 के तीन मौसमों के दौरान क्षेत्र-X में स्थित तमिलनाडु, आंध्र प्रदेश, तेलंगाना और पुडुचेरी के 63 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों द्वारा राष्ट्रीय खाद्यान्न सुरक्षा मिशन (एनएफएसएम) के अंतर्गत दलहनों पर अग्रिम प्रदर्शनों (Cluster Frontline Demonstration) का आयोजन किया गया। उन्नत उत्पादकता के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी पैकेज को शामिल कर दलहनों के अंतर्गत 3582.5 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र को शामिल किया गया। इसी प्रकार, वर्ष 2023 के खरीफ और रबी के दौरान 56 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों द्वारा तिलहनी फसलों के लिए 2156 हेक्टेयर में 5389 केंद्र पर अग्रिम प्रदर्शन (Cluster Frontline Demonstration) आयोजित किए गए। क्षेत्र स्तरीय प्रदर्शनों (FLDs) में प्राप्त की गई दलहनों और तिलहनों की उत्पादकता जिले / राज्य के औसत से अधिक थी, जो पैदावार के अंतर को कम करने का संभावित संकेत था।

जनजाति उप योजना (टीएसपी)

19 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों (आंध्र प्रदेश में 7 तेलंगाना में 7 और तमिलनाडु में 2) द्वारा जनजाति समुदायों की सामाजिक-आर्थिक स्थितियों को उन्नत बनाने के उद्देश्य से जनजाति उप योजना (टीएसपी) को कार्यान्वित किया गया और 2359 परिसंपत्तियों/सूक्ष्म-उद्यमों का निर्माण कर 4285 लाभार्थियों को आय सृजन का अवसर प्रदान किया गया। 1194 लाभार्थियों को कौशल विकास प्रशिक्षण (50) प्रदान किए गए।

स्वच्छता ही सेवा

स्वच्छता ही सेवा कार्यक्रम को 71 कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों द्वारा लागू किया गया, जिसमें कृषि विज्ञान केंद्रों ने गांवों में श्रमदान किया और अपनाए गए गांवों/सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर स्वच्छता और स्वास्थ्य-रक्षा के लिए योगदान दिया। 2023 के दौरान केवीके द्वारा स्वच्छता गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें 96118 प्रतिभागी शामिल थे।

मेरा गाँव मेरा गौरव (एमजीएमजी)

मेरा गाँव मेरा गौरव कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत, 10 भाकृअनुप के अनुसंधान संस्थानों ने 77 टीमों के माध्यम से कुल 321 वैज्ञानिकों ने 256 गाँवों को अपनाया और विभिन्न गतिविधियों को कार्यान्वित किया।

Executive Summary

ICAR- ATARI, Hyderabad is mandated to coordinate technology application interventions of 75 sanctioned KVKs located in Zone-X comprising the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and the union territory of Puducherry. Among the established KVKs of the zone, 72 are functional during 2023. The Annual Report 2023 documents the activities of 31 KVKs in Tamil Nadu, 23 in Andhra Pradesh, 16 in Telangana and 2 in Puducherry.

Technology Assessment

During the year, KVKs assessed 1573 technologies by laying out 4779 On-Farm Trials. Of these technologies tested, 1087 technologies are related to crops, 223 are related to animals and 62 are related to women empowerment. The important thematic areas covered in case of crops include varietal evaluation, cropping systems, integrated disease management, integrated pest management, integrated nutrient management, integrated weed management, integrated crop management, resource conservation technologies, farm machinery and equipment. In case of animals, thematic areas such as breed evaluation, disease management, feed and nutrition management and shelter management are assessed and refined. Under the empowerment of rural women, on-farm trials were conducted in thematic areas *viz.*, drudgery reduction, health and nutrition, value addition and entrepreneurship development.

KVKs in Tamil Nadu assessed the suitability of 637 technologies by conducting 1998 OFTs covering crops including horticultural species (485) and animals (84). KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, assessed the suitability of 664 technologies by conducting 1770 OFTs covering crops including horticultural species (405), animals (118) and empowerment of rural women (50). KVKs in Telangana, assessed the suitability

of 234 technologies by conducting 909 OFTs covering crops including horticultural species (599), animals (105) and empowerment of rural women (68). KVKs in Puducherry, assessed 38 technologies by organizing 102 OFTs that include crops including horticultural species (5) and animals (7).

Technology demonstrations

KVKs in Zone X conducted 11950 frontline demonstrations on crops (6112), animals (2597) and farm implements (319) in an area of 2932.18 ha. Among the 1224 demonstrations in cereals, 1153 were on rice. Among the 685 demonstrations on pulses, 292 were in blackgram and 136 in redgram. Among 478 demonstrations in oilseeds, 373 were in groundnut. In commercial crops 105 demonstrations were in sugarcane.

In Tamil Nadu, out of 5700 demonstrations, 856 were in cereals and 592 in vegetables. In Andhra Pradesh out of 3952 demonstrations, 399 were in fruits, 295 on vegetables, 181 in millets and 210 in cereals. Out of 2014 demonstrations in Telangana, 197 were in vegetables and 138 in cereals. In Puducherry, out of 284 demonstrations, 20 were in cereals, 15 in vegetables, 30 in pulses and 20 in millets. KVKs of the zone conducted 2597 demonstrations on livestock, poultry and fisheries involving 716400 animals, poultry birds and fish fingerlings.

Trainings

Training is an important mandated activity of KVKs, which plays an important role in enhancing the knowledge and skill about various improved technologies. During the year, KVKs in Zone-X organized 9489 training programmes covering 370431 participants that include 238103 farmers, 33827 rural youth and 41950 extension functionaries.

KVKs in Tamil Nadu, organized 4725 training courses with a participation of 169485 farmers including farmwomen, rural youth and extension functionaries, while KVKs in Andhra Pradesh organized 3281 training courses with a participation of 82025 farmers including farmwomen, rural youth and extension functionaries. KVKs in Telangana conducted 1311 courses for 59613 beneficiaries. KVKs in Puducherry, conducted 172 courses for 4366 beneficiaries. The main thematic areas covered under training include crop production, horticulture, soil health and fertility management, livestock production and management, home science/women empowerment, agricultural engineering, plant protection, fisheries, capacity building and group dynamics, agro-forestry *etc.*

KVKs in Zone-X also organized 676 sponsored training programmes covering 47127 farmers and farmwomen and rural youth. In order to facilitate entrepreneurship development, income generation and self-employment, especially among rural youth and school dropouts, KVKs organized 371 vocational training programmes for 9424 beneficiaries. The important thematic areas include crop production and management, post-harvest technology and value addition, livestock and fisheries, income generation activities *etc.*

Technology dissemination

To create awareness on improved technologies the KVKs in Zone-X organized 48804 extension activities with the participation of 4154945 farmers, farmwomen and extension personnel. The extension activities included advisory services, exposure visits, animal health camps, technology week, group discussions, method demonstrations, soil health camps, *kisan melas*, *kisan ghostis* *etc.* To accelerate rapid dissemination of information on improved farm technologies, KVKs in Zone-X brought out 6955 publications.

Testing services and supply of critical inputs

KVKs undertook soil and water testing to ascertain the soil nutrient status and also to make soil test based nutrient recommendations to farmers in the prevailing micro-farming situations in the district. A total of 52124 samples including 44892 soil samples, 6309 water samples, 661 plant samples and 50 fertilizers/manures were analyzed by the KVKs that benefited 45249 farmers belonging to 8546 villages in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry.

KVKs produced and supplied 13120 q of seed and 111.56 lakh saplings of elite material of field/horticultural crops. Twelve seed hub KVKs for pulses (6 in Tamil Nadu, 4 in Andhra Pradesh and 2 in Telangana) produced 3266.42 q of seed (G reengram, blackgram, redgram and Bengal gram) for supply of quality seed to farmers. KVKs distributed 9.16 lakh livestock materials including cattle goat and sheep, poultry chicks and fish fingerlings to farmers.

National Innovations in Climate Resilience Agriculture (NICRA)

Under Technology demonstration component of NICRA project in Zone-X, eight KVKs demonstrated climate resilient agricultural technologies and practices across the three states. Under the project, 364 demonstrations were organized benefiting 680 farmers under NRM interventions. Under crop production module, 875 demonstrations were taken up covering 1310 farmers. Under livestock and fisheries interventions, 1000 farmers were benefited. Under institutional interventions like custom hiring center, fodder bank and seed bank 807 farmers were benefited. Through capacity building and extension activities, awareness on climate resilient technologies was brought about benefitting 3481 and 4285 farmers through 85 and 64 activities respectively.



Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA)

ARYA project was implemented by 10 KVKs of the Zone (4 in Tamil Nadu, 3 in Andhra Pradesh, 2 in Telangana and one in Puducherry). Skill training was imparted to 2210 rural youth through 81 training programmes for establishing enterprise units under the project. Enterprise units numbering 421 were established benefiting 727 rural youth during 2023 ensuring livelihood security.

Farmer FIRST Project (FFP)

Four ICAR Institutes (IIMR, IOPR, IIOR and CRIDA) and one University (TANUVAS) implemented Farmer FIRST project. The Farmer FIRST centers undertook 69 interventions covering 2327 ha area and 6589 households in the operational villages. Twenty four crop-based technologies were demonstrated in 1735 ha. Horticultural interventions on 5 technologies were demonstrated in 75 ha. In livestock module, 6 technologies were demonstrated involving 978. Nine NRM technologies were demonstrated in 517 ha. Five enterprises were established for the benefit of 322 households.

District Agro Met Units (DAMU)

Under Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva (GKMS) 28 District Agro Met Units (DAMUs) were established (Nine in Andhra Pradesh, eight in Telangana, 10 in Tamil Nadu and one in Puducherry) in collaboration with IMD for issuing and disseminating agromet advisories to farmers at sub-district level. A total of 18838 block level bulletins and 8106 district level bulletins were prepared and disseminated weather related advisories through different means. Various Programmes such as trainings, kisan goshtis etc are conducted to create awareness about weather forecast and weather based agro advisories, benefits and avoiding probable loss due to unexpected events. About 385 such programmes were organized with the participation of about 21740 farmers and farm women during the year 2023 in ICAR-ATARI,

zone X. KVKs conduct feedback and impact studies to assess the accuracy and usefulness of the agro advisories sent to the farmers. About 43 feedback studies and 37 impact studies were conducted by the KVKs of zone X.

Cluster Frontline Demonstrations on Pulses and Oilseeds

Cluster Frontline Demonstrations on Pulses under NFSM were organized by 63 KVKs comprising of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry in Zone-X during 2023 across three seasons. A total of 7699 FLDs were conducted covering an area of 3582.5 ha under pulses. Similarly, 5389 cluster frontline demonstrations covering 2156 ha were conducted under NFSM in oilseed crops by 56 KVKs during *kharif* and *rabi* 2023. Productivity of pulses and oilseeds realized in FLDs was higher than the district/ state averages indicating potential for bridging the yield gap.

Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)

The Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) aimed at ameliorating the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities was implemented by 19 KVKs in the zone (7 in Andhra Pradesh, 9 in Telangana and 3 in Tamil Nadu) and facilitated creation of 2359 assets/ micro-enterprises and provided income generating opportunities to 4285 tribals. Skill development trainings (50) were imparted to 1194 beneficiaries.

Natural Farming

44 KVKs of the zone implemented the project "Outscaling of natural farming through KVKs during 2023-24. The KVKs conducted 381 awareness programmes related to natural farming involving 25418 farmers. The capacity of 8885 farmers was built on the concept and practice of natural farming in different crops through 236 training programmes. Field demonstrations on the performance of natural farming practices were conducted at 528 locations in comparison with conventional method of farming.



Kisan Sarathi

ATARI, Hyderabad implemented Kisan Sarathi involving a total of 71 KVKs, 13 DATT Centers in which a total of 1346000 farmers have been registered in the portal by the KVKs of Andhra Pradesh (572555), Tamil Nadu (411221), Telangana (445074) and Puducherry (2946) to receive personalized advisories on agriculture and allied areas directly from the respective scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs).

Swachhta Hi Sewa

ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad has been implementing Swachh Bharat Mission for promoting cleanliness. KVKs of the zone are conducting various programmes every month. During the year 2023, KVKs of zone 10 conducted these activities with the participation of 96118 rural population. Special campaign on Swachhata Abhiyana conducted during October 2022-23 in which Swachhata activities were conducted every day of the month.

Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav

Under *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* (MGMG), which is implemented by 10 ICAR institutes in the zone, 256 villages were adopted by 77 teams of scientists and they organized 1430 activities which benefited 21870 farmers and rural people.

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1. Introduction

ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI)

“Lab to Land” was launched by the National Co-ordination committee during 1979-80, the golden jubilee year of ICAR for ensuring successful transfer of economically viable and socially acceptable technologies generated in the laboratories to farmers’ fields. The objective of the programme was to adopt 50000 small and marginal farmers and landless labourers throughout the country to transfer available farm technologies of crop production, livestock farming, farm tools and implements, pisciculture, sericulture, apiculture *etc.* including crop-livestock integration and the programme was implemented from September, 1979.

To facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the Lab to Land programme, the country was divided into eight zones and Zonal Co-ordination units were established for each zone during the same year. Zonal Coordination Unit for Transfer of Technology, Zone-V was established in September, 1979 as Cess Fund Scheme at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad primarily to monitor the activities of the Lab to Land Programme in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The unit was shifted to the campus of Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad during the year 1985 and it remained operational till 1986. It was later brought under the plan scheme of ICAR during the year 1986.

All the other ICAR supported Transfer of Technology Projects that were implemented in the zone *viz.* Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), Trainers Training Centre (TTC), National Demonstration Scheme (NDS), Operational Research Projects (ORP), All India Coordinated Project on SC / ST (AICRP SC/ST) and Special Projects on Oilseeds were brought under the umbrella of the Zonal Co-ordination unit

during the year 1987. The additional responsibility of monitoring the Frontline Demonstrations (FLD) on oilseeds under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and pulses under National Pulse Project (NPP), farm implements, and cotton was entrusted with the ZC Unit during the years 1990 and 1991. In 1995, a pilot project on Institute Village Linkage Programme (IVLP) launched by the council for Technology Assessment and Refinement (TAR) was also implemented in the zone by the unit. In 1998, Zonal Research Stations under the State Agricultural Universities (SAU) were strengthened to take up the additional functions of KVKs and these re-mandated KVKs have also been monitored by the unit since then.

The X and XI Five Year Plan (FYP) period was marked by a phenomenal impetus in the establishment of new KVKs in Zone-V covering the states of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. During XI FYP period, Council approved establishment of 97 new KVKs which included 24 additional KVKs in geographically larger districts, 12 each in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. With the addition of several new KVKs in each zone, ICAR has upgraded all the eight Zonal Coordination Units to the status of Directorates and thus Zonal Project Directorate (ZPD), Zone-V came into existence during the year 2009. The status of the ZPDs was changed into Institutes with the mandate of Extension Research being added and the post of Zonal Project Director being upgraded to that of Director with effect from 2015. The ZPD was re-designated as “Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI). Further, ICAR reorganized the 8 ATARIs into 11 with revised jurisdiction of states. ATARI, Hyderabad is re-designated as Zone-X for coordination of KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. In XII plan, 11 additional KVKs were sanctioned out of which six were established in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Mandates of ATARI

- a. Coordination and monitoring of technology application and Frontline Extension Education Programs
- b. Strengthening Agricultural Extension Research and Knowledge Management

The ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad functions under the administrative control of Division of Agricultural Extension of ICAR headed by the Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension). The ATARI is headed by the Director who is assisted by the Principal Scientists, Senior Scientists, Scientists, technical, administrative and supporting staff. The requisite infrastructure for the smooth functioning of ATARI was built in the same premises as ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Santoshnagar, Hyderabad.

Among many others, ATARI focuses on the following functions.

1. Technology assessment and refinement: ATARI assesses and refines agricultural technologies developed by various research institutions before recommending them to farmers. They assess the suitability and feasibility of technologies based on micro agro-climatic conditions and farming systems.
2. Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs): One of the important mandates of ATARI is to conduct FLDs in their respective regions. FLDs are an essential component of technology assessment, refinement, and transfer, aiming to showcase the performance and benefits of new agricultural technologies and practices to farmers.
3. Technology dissemination and training: ATARIs play a crucial role in transferring agricultural technologies and knowledge to farmers. They organize, through KVKs, training programs, workshops, demonstrations, and field days to educate farmers and extension workers about the latest farming techniques, crop varieties, and livestock management practices.
4. Monitoring and evaluation: ICAR ATARI monitors the adoption and impact of technologies

promoted in their regions. They assess the effectiveness of interventions, gather feedback from farmers, and provide recommendations for improvement.

5. Knowledge management: ATARI focuses on the effective management and dissemination of agricultural knowledge to facilitate technology transfer and capacity building.
6. Strengthening agricultural extension research: ATARI evolves new extension research paradigm in order to create evidence-based decision making, creating empirical evidence of extension interventions, technology evaluation and adaptation, new models of extension, action researches for improving the livelihoods, help identify the most suitable technologies for specific areas etc.,

In future, ICAR ATARI is likely to continue its efforts to enhance agricultural productivity, sustainability, and income generation for farmers. They may focus on developing and promoting climate-resilient technologies, precision agriculture, secondary agriculture, FPOs, digital farming solutions, and value chain development. Additionally, ATARI might increasingly emphasize the use of data analytics, remote sensing, and other advanced technologies for decision-making and resource management in agriculture.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Farm Science Center) is a science/ technology led, farmer centric institution, established with the purpose of providing knowledge and skill training to the farmers, rural youth and field-level extension workers. Vocational training in agriculture and allied fields through KVK has become the need of the hour for ensuring livelihood security and enhancing farm income which is envisaged to be doubled. The farmers not only require knowledge and understanding of intricacies of new technologies but also more skills to adopt the same in varied and complex field situation on their farms. In view of this, the role of KVK was further enhanced by adding the responsibility of on-farm testing and front-line

demonstrations of major agricultural technologies to dovetail the same with location specific environment. To equip the present-day farmers to face the challenges of information explosion and to bridge the digital divide, KVKs were also given the other responsibility of acting as knowledge and resource center of agricultural and allied technologies. The use of ICT by KVKs has been substantial to provide necessary and timely information on weather, markets and solutions to various day to day problems faced by farmers.

Mandates of KVKs

- Organize frontline demonstrations to establish production potential of technologies on the farmers' fields.
- Capacity development of farmers and extension personnel to update their knowledge and skills in frontier agricultural technologies and enterprises.
- Work as Knowledge and Resource Centre for improving overall agricultural economy in the operational area.
- On-farm testing to assess the location specificity of agricultural technologies under various farming systems.



ICAR ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad



2.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

2.1. Status

The sanctioned strength of KVKs in Zone-X is 75 out of which 72 are in operation during 2023-24. The state-wise sanctioned KVKs include 32 in Tamil Nadu, 24 in Andhra Pradesh, 16 in Telangana and three in Puducherry. Out of 32 KVKs in Tamil Nadu, 20 are with SAUs (15 with TNAU, four with TANUVAS and one with TNJFU), one with DU and twelve with NGOs. One KVK with NGO is non-functional during 2022-23. Of the 24 KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, 18 are with SAUs (13 with

ANGRAU, four with Dr YSRHU and one with SVVU), two with ICAR (ICAR-CTRI) and four are with NGOs. One among the NGO KVKs is non-functional. Of the 16 KVKs in Telangana, 10 are with SAUs (eight with PJTSAU, one each with SKLBTSHU and PVNRTSVU) one with ICAR (ICAR-CRIDA) and five with NGOs. In Puducherry, all three KVKs are administered by State Department of Agriculture. One among the three KVKs is not established.

Table 2.1.1. Status of KVKs

State	No. of rural districts	No. of KVKs Sanctioned						Functional during 2021
		SAU	ICAR	NGO	DU	SDA	Total	
Tamil Nadu	38	20	-	11	1	-	32	31
Andhra Pradesh	13	18	2	4	-	-	24	23
Telangana	33	10	1	5	-	-	16	16
Puducherry	4	-	-	-	-	3	3	2
Total	88	47	3	20	2	3	75	72

2.2 Staff

The details of staff position of KVKs in different states is given in Table 2.2.1. The total sanctioned staff strength of KVKs in Zone-X stands at 1152, out of which 929 (80.64%) positions are filled. Scientific staff strength is 432 out of which 359 (83.10%) are filled. In Tamil Nadu, 434 out of 496

positions are filled (87.50%), in Andhra Pradesh, 264 out of 368 positions are filled (71.74%), in Telangana, 210 out of 256 positions are filled (82.03%) and in Puducherry, 21 out of 32 positions are filled (65.63%).

Table 2.2.1 Consolidated staff position

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	S	F	V	S	F	V	S	F	V	S	F	V	S	F	V
Programme Coordinators	31	27	4	23	21	2	16	12	4	2	2	0	72	62	10
Subject Matter Specialists	186	170	16	138	106	32	96	74	22	12	9	3	432	359	73
Farm Managers	31	26	5	23	14	9	16	13	3	2	2	0	72	55	17
Programme Assistant (Computer)	31	26	5	23	16	7	16	13	3	2	2	0	72	57	15
Programme Assistant (Lab Tech)	31	27	4	23	14	9	16	14	2	2	1	1	72	56	16
Assistant	31	28	3	23	17	6	16	14	2	2	0	2	72	59	13
Stenographer (Grade-III)	31	25	6	23	14	9	16	13	3	2	0	2	72	52	20
Driver	62	53	9	46	30	16	32	28	4	4	2	2	144	113	31
SSS	62	52	10	46	32	14	32	29	3	4	3	1	144	116	28
Total	496	434	62	368	264	104	256	210	46	32	21	11	1152	929	223

S=Sanctioned; F= Filled; V=Vacant



2.3. Infrastructure

To facilitate proper functioning of KVKs, modest infrastructure is provided by ICAR. The details of land, buildings, laboratory, vehicles, demonstration units and other facilities available at KVKs are presented in Tables 2.3.1 to 2.3.4. The

other infrastructure such as rainwater harvesting structure and Integrated Farming System models are provided to some KVKs, while the buildings and vehicle are provided to all the KVKs by ICAR.

Table 2.3.1. Details of infrastructure facilities available with KVKs in Tamil Nadu

KVK	Land area (ha)	Cultivable area (ha)	Admin Building	Farmers Hostel	Staff Quarters	Soil & Water Testing Lab	Mini Soil Testing Kit	Sales Counter	IFS Unit	Jeep	Tractor	Two-wheeler	No. of Demo Units
Ariyalur	20.00	18.64	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	26
Coimbatore	20.50	11.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25
Cuddalore	20.00	19.90	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18
Dharmapuri	16.16	12.14	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	31
Dindigul	20.00	17.20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	29
Erode	22.00	19.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	23
Kancheepuram	20.00	11.92	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	19
Kanyakumari	15.89	2.26	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	16
Karur	21.51	12.31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	19
Krishnagiri	20.30	10.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22
Madurai	20.98	3.68	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	21
Nagapattinam	22.67	14.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	31
Namakkal	20.00	8.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44
Nilgiris	20.00	0.00	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0
Perambalur	21.54	21.32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	13
Pudukkottai	23.20	20.15	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	24
Ramanathapuram	17.76	13.63	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
Salem	9.95	7.10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	41
Sivagangai	17.95	15.50	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	17
Theni	21.58	21.58	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	21
Thiruvallur	16.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
Thiruvannamalai	20.48	9.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	33
Thiruvarur	18.66	14.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	16
Thoothukudi	20.00	16.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	20
Tiruchirappalli	20.00	15.00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22
Tirunelveli	20.00	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	34
Tiruppur	15.62	12.82	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	17
Vellore	22.40	14.98	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	24
Villupuram	16.10	12.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	13
Villupuram II	20.00	16.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	16
Virudhunagar	16.00	7.30	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22
Total	597.25	397.91	30	26	21	25	24	26	26	30	28	29	681

Table 2.3.2. Details of infrastructure facilities available with KVKs in Andhra Pradesh

KVK	Land area (ha)	Cultivable area (ha)	Admin Building	Farmers Hostel	Staff Quarters	Soil & Water Testing Lab	Mini Soil Testing Kit	Sales Counter	IFS Unit	Jeep	Tractor	Two-wheeler	No. of Demo Units
Ananthapuram (Reddipalli)	21.25	10.58	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	20.23	15.40	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Chittoor (RASS)	17.80	13.46	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	29
Chittoor (Kalikiri)	20.22	5.00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	10
East Godavari (Kalavacharla)	14.55	11.55	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	18
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	19.40	16.98	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	yes	Yes	Yes	No	24
Guntur (Lam)	23.60	21.60	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	11
Kadapa (Utukur)	13.20	9.66	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	8
Kadapa (Vonipenta)	42.36	10.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	15
Krishna (Garikapadu)	21.29	18.19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	23
Krishna (Ghantasala)	15.18	12.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14
Kurnool (Yagantipalle)	20.00	12.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30
Kurnool (Banavasi)	20.00	8.00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20
Nellore	24.00	10.00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	8
Nellore (Pariyavaram)	22.70	12.50	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	13
Prakasam (Darsi)	22.66	19.01	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	11
Prakasam (Kandukur)	20.00	14.00	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	11
Srikakulam	19.27	14.07	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Visakhapatnam (Haripuram)	40.00	15.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	18
Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi)	20.00	14.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
Vizianagaram	22.55	11.30	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	59
West Godavari (Undi)	15.00	11.70	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	yes	No	13
West Godavari (VR Gudem)	20.00	14.50	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	40
Total	495.26	300.50	22	16	10	16	9	13	20	21	20	13	410

Table 2.3.3. Details of infrastructure facilities available with KVKs in Telangana

KVK	Land area (ha)	Cultivable area (ha)	Admin Building	Farmers Hostel	Staff Quarters	Soil & Water Testing Lab	Mini Soil Testing Kit	Sales Counter	IFS Unit	Jeep	Tractor	Two-wheeler	No. of Demo Units
Adilabad	6.35	5.40	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2
Kammam (Wyra)	13.38	10.60	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	16
Kammam (Kothagudam)	20.00	5.00	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2
Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	25.60	20.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	31
Karimnagar (Ramagirikhilla)	64.10	25.60	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4
Mahabubnagar (YFA)	20.00	13.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	14
Mahabubnagar (Palem)	21.26	14.27	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	17
Mancherla	20.00	11.40	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	13
Medak (DSS)	25.80	12.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	21
Medak (Tuniki)	12.00	8.63	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22
Nalgonda (Gaddipally)	25.60	25.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	24
Nalgonda (Kampasagar)	20.00	18.40	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7
Nizamabad	20.00	20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Ranga Reddy	20.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	10
Warangal (Malyal)	18.30	11.70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Warangal (Mamnoor)	20.00	3.20	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	10
Total	352.39	206.50	16	13	6	12	12	2	10	13	16	13	205

Table 2.3.4. Details of infrastructure facilities available with KVKs in Puducherry

KVK	Land area (ha)	Cultivable area (ha)	Admin Building	Farmers Hostel	Staff Quarters	Soil & Water Testing Lab	Mini Soil Testing Kit	Sales Counter	IFS Unit	Jeep	Tractor	Two-wheeler	No. of Demo Units
Karaikal	24.38	14.00	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	14
Puducherry	58.00	39.20	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	23
Total	82.38	53.20	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	37

2.4. Revolving Fund

The total receipts through revolving fund by KVKs in the Zone-X is Rs.2111.35 lakhs of which Rs.1049.28 lakhs are generated by KVKs in Tamil Nadu, Rs.706.87 lakhs by KVKs in Andhra Pradesh,

Rs.322.18 lakhs by KVKs in Telangana and Rs.33.01 lakhs by KVKs in Puducherry (Table 2.4.1.). Closing Balance as on 31.03.2024 is Rs.2001.93 Lakhs. KVK wise status is given in Tables 2.4.2 to 2.4.5.

Table 2.4.1. Status of revolving fund (Rs. in lakh)

State	Receipts 2023-24	Expenditure 2023-24	Balance on 31.03.2024
Tamil Nadu	1049.28	990.44	622.02
Andhra Pradesh	706.87	626.77	694.57
Telangana	322.18	253.82	664.99
Puducherry	33.01	24.62	20.35
Total	2111.35	1895.66	2001.93

**Administrative building - KVK, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu**



Soil testing lab – KVK, Palem , Telangana



Solar Drying Unit – KVK, Villuppuram, Tamil Nadu



Inauguration of Admin. Building – KVK, Adilabad, Telangana



ITK Museum – KVK, Vizianagaram, AP

Table 2.4.2. Status of revolving fund in KVKs of Tamil Nadu (Rs. In lakhs)

KVK	Receipts (2023-24)	Expenditure (2023-24)	Balance as on 31.03.2024
Ariyalur	28.28	33.59	4.73
Coimbatore	7.26	9.20	12.69
Cuddalore	47.26	32.28	25.73
Dharmapuri	30.22	40.00	19.59
Dindigul	10.32	12.71	38.04
Erode	1.79	0.95	13.08
Kancheepuram	11.04	11.25	16.02
Kanyakumari	10.89	9.69	8.20
Karur	57.33	52.36	12.00
Krishnagiri	120.64	101.78	57.08
Madurai	28.86	5.88	35.33
Nagapattinam	9.92	9.56	0.89
Namakkal	118.52	119.61	95.24
Nilgiris	4.00	0.00	4.00
Perambalur	119.56	139.01	39.71
Pudukkottai	14.99	9.90	8.48
Ramanathapuram	12.75	8.58	7.01
Salem	45.59	43.09	19.54
Sivagangai	11.69	5.82	33.45
Theni	11.47	5.16	15.83
Thiruvallur	10.37	4.47	12.78
Thiruvannamalai	85.70	86.64	16.99
Thiruvarur	41.63	28.99	13.30
Thoothukudi	58.81	82.29	3.99

KVK	Receipts (2023-24)	Expenditure (2023-24)	Balance as on 31.03.2024
Tiruchirappalli	22.24	29.30	7.94
Tirunelveli	26.39	20.82	13.99
Tiruppur	18.66	19.79	7.64
Vellore	19.40	16.29	38.10
Villupuram	25.99	20.34	25.01
Villupuram II	23.42	18.55	11.15
Virudhunagar	14.30	12.56	4.48
Total	1049.28	990.44	622.02

Table 2.4.3. Status of revolving fund in KVKs of Andhra Pradesh (Rs. In lakhs)

KVK	Receipts (2023-24)	Expenditure (2023-24)	Balance as on 31.03.2024
Ananthapuram (Reddipalli)	33.04	28.81	74.97
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	17.52	15.75	22.43
Chittoor (RASS)	42.57	39.42	74.15
Chittoor (Kalikiri)	5.16	4.18	10.81
East Godavari (Kalavacharla)	0.00	0.00	21.00
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	24.85	14.92	54.71
Guntur (Lam)	5.18	3.10	10.08
Kadapa (Utukur)	8.83	13.99	9.80
Kadapa (Vonipenta)	3.19	0.25	7.15
Krishna (Garikapadu)	35.58	32.87	13.44
Krishna (Ghantasala)	37.46	37.87	33.08
Kurnool (Yagantipalle)	167.57	168.61	7.19
Kurnool (Banavasi)	17.67	11.52	30.97
Nellore (Nellore)	8.90	2.81	14.44
Nellore (Periyavaram)	1.98	0.00	10.17
Prakasam (Darsi)	24.15	15.28	52.84
Prakasam (Kandukur)	1.28	0.00	11.81
Srikakulam	29.12	52.31	12.38
Visakhapatnam (BCT)	27.97	34.46	69.38
Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi)	149.51	91.64	64.76
Vizianagaram	13.90	8.06	22.40
West Godavari (Undi)	35.88	33.76	29.24
West Godavari (VR Gudem)	15.57	17.16	37.36
Total	706.87	626.77	694.57

Table 2.4.4. Status of revolving fund in KVKs of Telangana (Rs. In lakhs)

KVK	Receipts (2023-24)	Expenditure (2023-24)	Balance as on 31.03.2024
Adilabad	20.27	3.50	52.46
Khammam (Wyra)	31.65	17.97	183.42
Khammam (Kothagudam)	1.78	0.00	13.39
Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	2.72	0.07	70.54
Karimnagar (Ramagirikhilla)	12.36	9.26	11.82
Mahabubnagar (YFA)	21.27	16.29	31.68
Mahabubnagar (Palem)	20.49	11.97	29.75
Mancherial	2.21	0.30	11.81
Medak (DSS)	19.48	8.71	19.47
Medak (Tuniki)	82.29	103.28	14.70
Nalgonda (Gaddipally)	36.31	43.13	92.06

KVK	Receipts (2023-24)	Expenditure (2023-24)	Balance as on 31.03.2024
Nalgonda (Kampasagar)	41.09	24.79	22.49
Dr.S.Naveen Kumar	13.24	4.60	30.52
Ranga Reddy	1.01	0.07	2.26
Warangal (Malyal)	9.05	7.70	72.43
Warangal (Mamnoor)	6.95	2.20	6.18
Total	322.18	253.82	664.99

Table 2.4.5. Status of revolving fund in KVKs of Puducherry (Rs. In lakhs)

KVK	Receipts (2023-24)	Expenditure (2023-24)	Balance as on 31.03.2024
Karaikal	9.57	11.40	3.00
Puducherry	23.45	13.23	17.36
Total	33.01	24.62	20.35

2.5 Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meetings

The Scientific Advisory Committee meetings are conducted by KVKs to get necessary guidance and

support to carry out the mandated activities of KVK in a more planned and scientific manner. A total of 71 Scientific Advisory Committee meetings were conducted by KVKs for the year 2023-24 (Table 2.5.1).

2.5.1. Details of SAC meetings conducted in Zone-X

State	No. of operational KVKs	No. of SAC meetings conducted
Tamil Nadu	31	31
Andhra Pradesh	23	23
Telangana	16	16
Puducherry	2	2
Total	72	72

Under the guidance of KVK, Kalikiri I cultivated high yielding Groundnut variety Visishta (TCGS-1694) and got a yield of 14q/ha under rainfed conditions. I earned an additional income of Rs.12,000/- per ha. Now farmers of my village and surrounding 4 villages are cultivating this variety.

Adinarayana Reddy
Kaikiri, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh





3. Achievements

3.1. Technology Assessment

During the year, KVKs in Zone X assessed 1573 technologies in 4779 trials conducted at different locations on farmers' fields (Table 3.1.1) through On-farm Trials (OTF). The technologies included 1087 on crops, 223 on animals 62 on women empowerment, 122 technologies on Enterprises 52 on farm machinery, 2 on ICT and 25 others. KVKs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Puducherry assessed 637, 664, 234 and 38 technologies in 1998, 1770, 909 and 102 trials, respectively.

A total of 1087 technologies assessed were on crops of which 421 were new and improved crop varieties (Table 3.1.2.). Among the other crop production and protection technologies, 89 were on ICM, 85 on IDM, 156 on INM, 34 on IPDM and 154 on IPM. Out of 223 technologies assessed in the animal category, 59 were on nutrition management and 46 on disease management. In women empowerment 62 technologies were assessed and in enterprises, 70 technologies were assessed. Under farm machinery, 52 technologies were assessed.

Table 3.1.1. Abstract of technologies assessed in OTFs by KVKs in Zone X (Updated)

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs
Agricultural Crops	268	648	29	214	460	22	95	358	14	18	55	2	595	1521	67
Horticultural Crops	217	540	29	191	498	22	70	241	14	14	34	2	492	1313	67
Total Crops	485	1188	30	405	958	23	165	599	16	32	89	2	1087	2834	71
Animals	84	248	17	118	324	20	17	105	4	4	8	1	223	685	42
Women empowerment	0	0	0	50	264	9	12	68	5	0	0	0	62	332	14
Enterprises	47	124	13	66	166	9	7	62	4	2	5	1	122	357	27
Farm Machinery	2	3	1	18	43	3	32	70	9	0	0	0	52	116	13
ICT	2	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	1
Others	17	385	5	7	15	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	25	405	8
Total	637	1998	31	664	1770	23	234	909	16	38	102	2	1573	4779	72

Tech. = No. of Technologies; Trials = No. of Trials; KVKs = No. of KVKs

In Tamil Nadu, 485 crop based technologies were assessed for their suitability in 1188 locations, 84 technologies on animals in 248 locations, 47 technologies on enterprises in 124 locations, two technologies on ICT were assessed in 50 locations and 17 technologies on Others in 385 locations. The KVKs of Andhra Pradesh assessed the suitability of 405 crop-based technologies in 958 locations, 118 animal-based technologies in 324 locations, 50 technologies for women empowerment in 264 locations and 66 technologies on enterprises

in 166 locations. In Telangana, 165 crop-based technologies were assessed for their suitability in 599 locations, 17 animal-based technologies in 105 locations, 12 technologies for the empowerment of women in 68 locations and 7 technologies for enterprises in 62 locations. On farm machinery and 32 technologies were assessed at 70 locations. In Puducherry, 32 crop-based technologies were assessed for their suitability in 89 locations, in animals four technologies in eight locations and two enterprises technologies in five locations.

Thematic Area	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total							
	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	KVKs				
Agricultural Crops																				
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	1			
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	3	0	0	0	4	6	12	3			
	0	0	0	0	6	13	28	4	7	10	21	3	0	0	13	23	49	7		
	15	30	75	8	11	22	43	10	5	8	32	5	0	0	31	60	150	23		
	14	20	50	8	10	19	45	8	9	11	37	7	0	0	33	50	132	23		
	40	78	190	18	11	20	48	8	5	7	31	5	3	6	20	2	59	111	289	33
	2	3	20	2	5	10	21	4	6	6	26	5	0	0	0	13	19	67	11	
	19	22	55	8	6	11	26	4	11	11	40	8	2	4	10	2	38	48	131	22
	2	4	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	8	2	2
Post Harvest Technology / Value addition	2	4	10	2	12	24	55	8	3	3	18	3	0	0	0	17	31	83	13	7
	1	2	2	1	3	6	12	3	4	4	15	3	0	0	0	8	12	29	7	7
	46	93	213	25	36	65	144	17	21	22	91	10	3	6	15	2	106	186	463	54
	10	12	25	5	5	10	15	4	6	6	30	5	2	2	10	1	23	30	80	15
	0	0	0	0	7	14	23	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14	23	4	4
	151	268	648	29	112	214	460	22	82	95	358	14	10	18	55	2	355	595	1521	67
	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	1
	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	9	3	0	0	0	4	6	14	4	4
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	1
Fertigation Technique	5	8	21	3	4	9	18	3	9	12	33	6	0	0	0	18	29	72	12	12
	11	22	51	9	5	10	30	4	2	3	9	2	0	0	0	18	35	90	15	15
	13	26	61	12	6	12	41	3	4	5	19	4	1	2	5	1	24	45	126	20
	7	11	27	3	2	4	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	37	5	5
	18	36	88	13	24	48	146	18	16	18	75	9	2	4	9	2	60	106	318	42
	3	6	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	15	3	3	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1
	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	1	
	47	99	254	22	57	102	235	20	23	26	87	11	4	8	20	2	131	235	596	55
	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	1	1
Weed Management	2	3	8	2	2	4	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4					

Thematic Area	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	OFTs	Tech.	Trials	OFTs	Tech.	Trials
Production and Management	2	3	8	2	14	29	69	11	2	2	15	2	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Total (Animals)	44	84	248	17	62	118	324	20	17	17	105	4	8	1	125
Enterprises															
Drudgery Reduction	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Entrepreneurship Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	0	1	6
Fish seed production	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Health and Nutrition	3	6	15	2	19	20	70	3	1	1	30	1	0	23	115
Mushroom Cultivation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	0	1	6
Organic farming	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Post Harvest Management	3	6	13	3	2	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	10
Processing and value addition	15	30	83	10	11	25	57	5	1	2	10	1	1	28	59
Small scale income generation	0	0	0	0	2	7	12	2	2	2	10	1	0	4	9
Storage techniques	2	4	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Value Addition	0	0	0	0	3	4	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
Total (Enterprises)	24	47	124	13	39	66	166	9	6	7	62	4	1	70	122
Farm Machinery															
Cost saving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13	15	3	0	4	13
Drudgery reduction	0	0	0	0	3	6	15	1	4	5	31	3	0	7	11
Labour saving	0	0	0	0	6	12	28	2	4	11	13	4	0	10	23
Manpower saving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	11	3	0	3	11
Quality improvement	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total (Farm Machinery)	1	2	3	1	9	18	43	3	15	32	70	9	0	25	52
ICT															
ICT	1	2	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total (ICT)	1	2	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Women empowerment															
Drudgery Reduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	9	1	0	3	6
Entrepreneurship Development	0	0	0	0	2	4	10	2	1	1	5	1	0	3	5
Health and Nutrition	0	0	0	0	5	11	67	4	3	3	48	3	0	8	14
Processing and value addition	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Kitchen Gardening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	3
Value Addition	0	0	0	0	14	29	175	5	0	0	0	0	0	14	29
Others	0	0	0	0	3	4	10	2	1	1	3	1	0	4	5
Total (Women Empowerment)	0	0	0	0	25	50	264	9	9	12	68	5	0	34	62
Others															
Others	9	17	385	5	5	7	15	2	1	1	5	1	0	15	25
Total (Others)	9	17	385	5	5	7	15	2	1	1	5	1	0	15	25
Grand Total	339	637	1998	31	353	664	1770	23	189	234	909	16	20	901	1573

OFTs = No. of Technologies; Trials = No. of Trials; KVKs = No. of KVKs



Performance of technologies

3.1.1. Varietal assessment

I. Field Crops

a. Cereals

Rice varieties ADT 38, ADT 51, ADT 54, ADT 58, BPT 2486, BPT 2782, CO 55, CO 56, CR 1009 sub

1, CSR 56, KNM 1638, MCM 100, MCM 103, MTU 1212, MTU 1232, MTU 1310, RNR 15048, TKM 15, TPS 5 and TRY 5 were assessed by KVKs of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and were found superior to Farmer's Practice with an average yield increase of 23.37 per cent and higher economic returns (Table 3.1.3).

Table 3.1.3. Performance of rice varieties in On Farm Trials of Zone

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Andhra Pradesh								
Visakhapatnam (BCT)	MCM 100	5	69.00	42	1:1.88	RGL 2527	48.75	1:1.67
Visakhapatnam (BCT)	MCM 103	5	65.00	33	1:2.55	RGL 2527	48.75	1:1.67
West Godavari (Undi)	MTU 1212	3	75.74	14	1:2.35	MTU 7029	66.25	1:1.98
East Godavari (Kalavacharla)	MTU 1212	5	51.12	19	1:1.64	MTU 7029	43.00	1:1.52
Krishna (Ghantasala)	MTU 1310	3	61.88	10	1:1.39	MTU 1061	56.25	1:1.29
Tamil Nadu								
Ramanathapuram	ADT 38	5	38.00	46	1:1.98	Jothi mattai	26.00	1:1.87
Kanyakumari	ADT 51	5	65.25	20	1:1.96	TPS 3	54.38	1:1.63
MADURAI	ADT 54	5	58.40	16	1:2.34	BPT 5204	50.50	1:1.90
Ramanathapuram	ADT 54	5	37.00	32	1:1.97	Jothi mattai	28.00	1:1.73
Thiruvannamalai	ADT 54	5	59.62	19	1:2.13	Local variety	50.28	1:1.65
Tiruchirappalli	ADT 54	5	50.46	17	1:1.40	BPT 5204	43.20	1:1.23
Cuddalore	ADT 58	5	68.78	49	1:3.18	ADT 39	46.02	1:1.50
Thiruvallur	ADT 58	5	62.30	11	1:2.57	ADT 39	56.25	1:2.03
Thiruvarur	ADT 58	5	58.00	45	1:3.14	ADT 39	40.00	1:2.16
Tiruchirappalli	BPT 2486	5	48.80	13	1:1.38	BPT 5204	43.20	1:1.23
Tiruchirappalli	BPT 2782	4	62.00	13	1:1.29	Local variety	55.00	1:1.20
Ramanathapuram	CO 55	5	41.00	58	1:2.04	Jothi mattai	26.00	1:1.87
Sivagangai	CO 55	5	58.30	18	1:2.76	BPT 5204	49.20	1:1.90
Theni	CO 55	5	61.12	24	1:2.32	Local variety	49.27	1:1.52
Tiruchirappalli	CO 56	4	65.00	18	1:1.33	Local variety	55.00	1:1.20
Cuddalore	CSR 56	5	36.97	11	1:1.41	BPT 5204	33.39	1:1.41

b. Millets

Finger millet varieties Indhravathi, Vegavathi, and KMR 630 performed better than farmers varieties with 11 to 54 per cent higher yield. Foxtail millet varieties Renadu, SiA 3222 and SiA 3223

performed better than farmers varieties with 10 to 38 per cent higher yield and economic returns. Pearl millet varieties ABV 04 and CO 10 performed better than the local varieties with 42 to 46 per cent higher yield (Table 3.1.4).

Table 3.1.4. Performance of millet varieties in On Farm Trials of Zone X

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Finger millet								
Andhra Pradesh								
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	Indravathi	5	8.10	11	1:1.28	Kayani variety	7.30	1:1.12
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	Indravathi	5	9.60	54	1:1.79	Local variety	6.25	1:1.68
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	Vegavathi	5	8.75	40	1:1.79	Local variety	6.25	1:1.68
Tamil Nadu								
Ariyalur	KMR 630	3	21.02	12	1:2.92	Local variety	18.75	1:2.46
Foxtail millet								
Andhra Pradesh								
Srikakulam	Renadu	3	13.50	10	1:2.05	Konda korralu	12.30	1:1.86
Prakasam (Kandukur)	SiA 3156	3	10.50	38	1:3.15	Local variety	7.62	1:2.29
Prakasam (Kandukur)	SiA 3223	3	9.50	25	1:3.15	Local variety	7.62	1:2.29
Telangana								
Medak (DSS)	SIA 3222	5	14.50	13	1:1.89	Local variety	12.80	1:1.78
Kodo millet								
Tamil Nadu								
Virudhunagar	ATL 1	5	18.50	42	1:2.79	CO 3	13.00	1:2.02
Virudhunagar	Dahod Kodo 2	5	17.90	38	1:2.79	CO 3	13.00	1:2.02
Pearl millet								
Andhra Pradesh								
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	ABV 04	5	8.60	42	1:1.78	Local variety	6.05	1:1.71
Tamil Nadu								
Theni	CO 10	5	23.50	46	1:2.55	Local variety	16.11	1:1.97
Sorghum								
Tamil Nadu								
Krishnagiri	CO 32	5	23.16	33	1:2.14	Local variety	17.35	1:1.44

c. Pulses

Blackgram variety TBG 104 gave 21 per cent higher yield than the local variety and variety VBN 8 gave 12 per cent higher yield than farmers variety. Varieties VBN 4, VBN 11, WGG 42 and GBG 1 performed better than the farmers varieties with 21 to 64 per cent higher yields. Chickpea variety

NBeG 452, NBeG 49 and NBeG 776 gave 11 to 44 per cent higher yield than farmers varieties. Greengram varieties CO 9, VBN 4, VBN 5, WGG 42 and GAM 1 performed better than farmers varieties with 10 to 55 per cent higher yield and economic returns (Table 3.1.5).

Table 3.1.5. Performance of pulses varieties in On Farm Trials of Zone X

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Blackgram								
Andhra Pradesh								
Prakasam (Kandukur)	TBG 104	3	8.75	21	1:2.04	Local variety	7.25	1:1.63
Prakasam (Kandukur)	VBN 8	3	8.12	12	1:1.89	Local variety	7.25	1:1.63
Puducherry								



State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Karaikal	VBN 4	5	7.76	64	1:3.26	Local variety	4.73	1:2.50
Karaikal	WGG 42	5	6.61	40	1:2.78	Local variety	4.73	1:2.50
Tamil Nadu								
Perambalur	GBG 1	5	7.10	21	1:2.11	VBN 6	5.88	1:1.81
Ariyalur	LBG 884	5	10.20	42	1:3.06	VBN 8	7.20	1:2.52
Perambalur	VBN 11	5	7.80	33	1:2.25	VBN 6	5.88	1:1.81
Ariyalur	VBN 11	5	8.90	24	1:3.07	VBN 8	7.20	1:2.52
Chickpea								
Andhra Pradesh								
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	NBeG 452	5	14.40	13	1:2.65	JG 11	12.80	1:2.44
Nellore (Nellore)	NBeG 452	3	20.00	14	1:2.04	Local variety	17.50	1:1.60
Prakasam (Darsi)	NBeG 452	5	18.50	35	1:1.65	JG 11	13.75	1:1.53
Prakasam (Kandukur)	NBeG 452	3	17.50	28	1:1.89	Local variety	13.70	1:1.49
Nellore (Nellore)	NBeG 49	3	19.50	11	1:1.93	Local variety	17.50	1:1.60
Prakasam (Darsi)	NBeG 49	5	19.75	44	1:1.67	JG 11	13.75	1:1.53
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	NBeG 776	5	14.52	13	1:2.67	JG 11	12.80	1:2.44
Prakasam (Kandukur)	NBeG 776	3	17.20	26	1:1.85	Local variety	13.70	1:1.49
Greengram								
Tamil Nadu								
Virudhunagar	CO 9	5	8.30	11	1:2.55	CO 8	7.50	1:2.04
Tiruppur	CO 9	5	6.90	23	1:2.34	VBN 2	5.60	1:2.10
Perambalur	GAM1	5	7.28	16	1:1.88	VBN 1	6.30	1:1.66
Dindigul	VBN 4	5	6.30	29	1:1.52	Local variety	4.90	1:1.12
Dindigul	VBN 5	5	7.10	45	1:1.8	Local variety	4.90	1:1.17
Perambalur	VBN 5	5	8.23	31	1:2.04	VBN 1	6.30	1:1.66
Namakkal	VBN 5	5	9.50	10	1:2.1	CO 8	8.65	1:1.92
Tiruppur	VBN6	5	7.10	27	1:2.41	VBN 2	5.60	1:2.10
Dindigul	WGG 42	5	7.20	47	1:1.75	Local variety	4.90	1:1.12
Dindigul	WGG 42	5	7.60	55	1:1.89	Local variety	4.90	1:1.17
Horse gram								
Tamil Nadu								
Dharmapuri	ATPHG 11	5	9.25	23	1:2.89	Local variety	7.55	1:2.27
Dharmapuri	CRIDA 22 R	5	8.82	17	1:2.56	Local variety	7.55	1:2.27
Tirunelveli	RMO 2251	10	5.60	17	1:2.36	Local variety	4.80	1:1.89
Redgram								
Andhra Pradesh								
Kadapa (Utukur)	LRG 105	3	11.50	31	1:2.63	LRG 2	8.80	1:2.02
Prakasam (Kandukur)	LRG 105	3	7.20	37	1:1.74	Local variety	5.25	1:1.47
Kadapa (Utukur)	TRG 59	3	10.20	16	1:2.34	LRG 2	8.80	1:2.02
Prakasam (Kandukur)	TRG 59	3	7.50	43	01:02.0	Local variety	5.25	1:1.47
Tamil Nadu								
Thiruvannamalai	CO 8	5	11.42	12	1:1.97	Local variety	10.20	1:1.71
Krishnagiri	CO 8	5	13.47	30	1:2.24	LRG 41	10.35	1:1.61
Krishnagiri	WRGE 93	5	12.46	20	1:1.94	LRG 41	10.35	1:1.61
Thiruvannamalai	WRGE 93	5	13.56	33	1:2.35	Local variety	10.20	1:1.71
Telangana								
Adilabad	TDRG 59	3	17.19	23	1:1.85	Local variety	14.00	1:1.80
Medak (DSS)	TDRG 59	5	11.20	16	1:2.52	Local variety	9.68	1:2.36
Nalgonda (Gaddipally)	WRG 255	4	14.30	17	1:2.83	LRG 41	12.18	1:2.32

d. Oilseeds

Groundnut variety K 1812, TCGS 1694, VRI 8, 9, 10 performed better than local varieties with 12 to 67

per cent higher yield and economic returns (Table 3.1.6).

Table 3.1.6. Performance of oilseed varieties in On Farm Trials of Zone X

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Groundnut								
Andhra Pradesh								
Nellore (Nellore)	K 1812	3	36.61	31	1:1.43	TAG 24	27.96	1:1.40
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	K 1812	5	5.06	41	1:1.13	K 6	3.60	1:1.28
Nellore (Nellore)	TCGS 1694	3	31.68	13	1:1.50	TAG 24	27.96	1:1.40
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	Visista	5	4.26	18	1:1.21	K 6	3.60	1:1.28
Tamil Nadu								
Erode	GPBD 4	3	26.06	19	1:2.34	VRI 2	21.82	1:1.60
Dindigul	K 1812	5	19.50	29	1:2.09	VRI 2	15.10	1:1.53
Erode	K 1812	3	26.41	21	1:2.27	VRI 2	21.82	1:1.60
Dindigul	K1812	5	18.60	30	1:1.95	VRI 2	14.30	1:1.43
Thiruvannamalai	K 1812	5	20.24	51	1:2.37	Local variety	13.42	1:1.89
Karur	TCGS 1694	3	24.98	66	1:3.68	TMV 7	15.04	1:2.29
Tirunelveli	TCGS 1694	10	16.20	12	1:1.72	Local variety	14.50	1:1.56
Dindigul	VRI 10	5	19.10	34	1:2.03	VRI 2	14.30	1:1.43
Karur	VRI 10	3	20.98	39	1:3.01	TMV 7	15.04	1:2.29
Tirunelveli	VRI 10	10	18.50	28	1:2.03	Local variety	14.50	1:1.56
Dindigul	VRI 8	5	18.60	23	1:1.96	VRI 2	15.10	1:1.53
Thiruvannamalai	VRI 9	5	22.39	67	1:2.91	Local variety	13.42	1:1.89
Telangana								
Adilabad	K1812	3	23.45	14	1:1.63	TAG 24	20.60	1:1.61
Mahabubnagar (Palem)	K1812	4	34.92	51	1:3.14	K 6	23.08	1:2.67
Kammam (Wyra)	K1812	3	31.61	22	1:2.33	K 6	25.83	1:1.84
Warangal (Mamnoor)	K1812	4	20.00	54	1:1.80	K 6	13.00	1:1.17
Medak (Tuniki)	K1812	3	23.75	19	1:1.90	K 6	20.00	1:1.55
Nizamabad	K1812	3	21.83	10	1:1.55	TAG 24	19.92	1:1.63
Nalgonda (Gaddipally)	TCGS 1694	4	26.50	13	1:2.57	K 6	23.50	1:2.33

II. Horticultural Crops

a. Vegetables

Amaranthus varieties Arka Samraksha, PLR1, Arka Arunima gave 20 to 40 per cent higher yield and economic returns than the local varieties. Bhendi varieties Arka Nikhita and CO Bh 4 gave 10 to 57 per cent higher yield and economic returns. Chilli varieties LCA 657, LCA 684, Arka Gagan, CO Ch 1

gave 12 to 32 per cent higher yield than farmers varieties. Ridge gourd varieties Arka Prasan, Arka Vikram, MDU 1 and COH 1 performed better than farmers varieties and private hybrids with 10 to 71 per cent higher yield and economic returns. Tomato varieties Arka Samrat, Arka Abhed, Arka Vikas and CO TH 4 were assessed and found to yield 11 to 31 per cent higher than the farmers varieties (table 3.1.7).

**Table 3.1.7. Performance of vegetable varieties in On Farm Trials of Zone X**

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Amaranthus								
Puducherry								
Karaikal	Arka Samraksha	5	69.70	24	1:2.00	Local variety	56.40	1:2.00
Puducherry	Arka Samraksha	5	70.02	25	1:1.99	Local variety	56.00	1:1.99
Puducherry	PLR 1	5	72.76	30	1:2.00	Local variety	56.00	1:1.99
Karaikal	PLR 1	5	72.60	29	1:2.00	Local variety	56.40	1:2.00
Tamil Nadu								
Coimbatore	Arka Arunima	5	69.71	28	1:2.22	Local variety	54.32	1:1.53
Tirunelveli	Arka Arunima	5	200	46	1:3.82	Local variety	137	1:2.34
Tirunelveli	KAU Vaika	5	165	20	1:3.03	Local variety	137	1:2.34
Coimbatore	VAIKA	5	73.51	35	1:2.37	Local variety	54.32	1:1.53
Bhendi/Okra								
Andhra Pradesh								
Krishna (Ghantasala)	Arka Nikhita	5	233	16	1:2.31	Radhika	201	1:1.86
Kurnool (Banavasi)	Arka Nikitha	3	162	10	1:3.83	Local variety	147.5	1:3.35
Krishna (Ghantasala)	Kashi Chaman	3	145	16	1:2.43	Local variety	125.6	1:2.04
Krishna (Ghantasala)	Punjab Suhavani	3	139	10	1:2.30	Local variety	125.6	1:2.04
Tamil Nadu								
Tiruchirappalli	Arka Nikita	5	161	37	1:1.60	Local variety	117.7	1:1.42
Thiruvallur	Arka Nikita	5	18.20	35	1:3.64	Nadhiya	13.50	1:2.33
Kanyakumari	CO Bh 4	5	260	26	1:2.60	Local variety	206	1:2.06
Thiruvallur	CO Bh 4	5	17.50	30	1:3.42	Nadhiya	13.50	1:2.33
Tiruchirappalli	CO Bh 4	5	184.5	57	1:1.65	Local variety	117.7	1:1.42
Vellore	CO Bh 4	5	269	13	1:3.60	Local variety	238	1:2.94
Kanyakumari	Kashi Chaman	5	235	14	1:2.35	Local variety	206	1:2.06
Telangana								
Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	Kashi Lalima	12	112	20	1:3.23	Private hybrid	93	1:2.57
Bottle gourd								
Puducherry								
Karaikal	Arka Ganga	5	389	23	1:2.55	Local variety	317	1:2.26
Karaikal	CO 1	5	427	34	1:2.73	Local variety	317	1:2.26
Tamil Nadu								
Thiruvarur	Arka Nutan	5	397	46	1:2.83	Local variety	272	1:1.94
Thiruvarur	PLR 1	5	305	12	1:2.18	Local variety	272	1:1.94
Brinjal								
Tamil Nadu								
Thiruvallur	Arka Unathi	5	44.08	14	1:2.54	Ujala	38.62	1:2.12
Thoothukudi	MDU 2	2	242	11	1:3.37	Local variety	218	1:2.91
Thiruvallur	VRM (Br) 2	5	69.70	80	1:3.16	Ujala	38.62	1:2.12
Chillie (Green)								
Andhra Pradesh								
Kadapa (Utukur)	Arka Gagan	5	45.00	18	1:1.60	Private hybrid	38.00	1:1.35
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	LCA 657	4	32.00	24	1:2.37	Local variety	25.75	1:1.66
Nellore (Periyavaram)	LCA 657	6	64.70	19	1:1.50	Local variety	54.50	1:1.38

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	LCA 684	4	30.03	17	1:2.14	Local variety	25.75	1:1.66
Nellore (Periyavaram)	LCA 684	6	61.05	12	1:1.47	Local variety	54.50	1:1.38
Tamil Nadu								
Tiruchirappalli	Arka Gagan	5	152	29	1:1.57	Local variety	118	1:1.47
Dindigul	CO Ch 1	5	256	26	1:3.76	Private hybrid	203	1:2.59
Tiruchirappalli	CO Ch 1	5	156	32	1:1.58	Private hybrid	118	1:1.47
Coriander (leaf)								
Tamil Nadu								
Thiruvallur	ACr 1	15	4.96	25	1:2.99	Local variety	3.96	1:2.15
Madurai	Arka Isha	5	44.50	28	1:1.72	Local variety	34.80	1:1.92
Thoothukudi	CO (Cr) 5	2	34.50	14	1:3.30	Local variety	30.20	1:2.91
Madurai	CO 5	5	47.20	36	1:1.68	Local variety	34.80	1:1.92
Thiruvallur	CO 5	15	5.25	33	1:3.25	Local variety	3.96	1:2.15
Thoothukudi	Suguna	2	35.60	18	1:3.37	Local variety	30.20	1:2.91
Onion (Bellary)								
Andhra Pradesh								
Kurnool (Banavasi)	Arka Bheem	3	356	34	1:2.28	Local variety	265	1:1.54
Kurnool (Banavasi)	Arka Kalyan	3	343	29	1:2.03	Local variety	265	1:1.54
Kadapa (Vonipenta)	NHRDF Fursungi	6	300	36	1:1.52	Local variety	220	1:1.30
Kadapa (Vonipenta)	NHRDF RED	6	250	14	1:1.44	Local variety	220	1:1.30
Kampasagar	Bhima Super	3	225	13	1:2.53	Private hybrid	199	1:2.17
Medak (DSS)	Bhima Super	5	120	20	1:4.17	Local variety	100	1:3.06
Ridge gourd								
Andhra Pradesh								
Kurnool (Banavasi)	Arka Prasan	3	268	21	1:1.44	Local variety	222	1:1.33
Kurnool (Banavasi)	Arka Vikram	3	282	27	1:1.56	Local variety	222	1:1.33
Nellore (Periyavaram)	Arka Vikram	6	28.40	26	1:1.65	Local variety	22.50	1:1.54
Tamil Nadu								
Salem	Arka Prasan	5	170	13	1:2.72	Local variety	150	1:2.18
Dharmapuri	Arka Vikram	5	290	71	1:4.43	Local variety	170	1:3.67
Tiruchirappalli	Arka Vikram	5	294	60	1:1.81	Local variety	184	1:1.60
Villupuram II	Arka Vikram	5	200	51	1:2.28	Private hybrids	133	1:1.45
Tiruchirappalli	COH 1	5	258	40	1:1.76	Local variety	184	1:1.60
Dharmapuri	MDU 1	5	200	18	1:3.92	Local variety	170	1:3.67
Salem	MDU 1	5	175	17	1:3.18	Local variety	150	1:2.18
Villupuram II	MDU.1	5	170	28	1:1.92	Private hybrid	133	1:1.45
Telangana								
Kammam (Kothagudam)	Arka Prasan	3	185	26	1:2.19	Private hybrid	147	1:1.97
Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	Arka Prasan	12	190	10	1:1.38	Private hybrid	172	1:4.37
Warangal (Malyal)	Arka Prasan	3	260	10	1:2.60	Private hybrid	236	1:1.97
Tomato								
Andhra Pradesh								
Chittoor (RASS)	Arka Abhed	10	630	19	1:4.03	Local variety	530	1:3.25
Chittoor (RASS)	Arka Samrat	10	595	12	1:3.71	Local variety	530	1:3.25
Tamil Nadu								
Salem	Arka Abhed	5	680	31	1:3.40	Private hybrid	520	1:1.96
Krishnagiri	Arka Abhed	5	766.12	20	1:1.53	Private hybrid	640	1:1.44



State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Thoothukudi	Arka Abhed	2	496	15	1:3.58	Local variety	430	1:3.10
Salem	Arka Samrat	5	610	17	1:2.49	Private hybrid	520	1:1.96
Coimbatore	Arka Vikas	5	648	11	1:4.11	Local variety	582	1:3.62
Thoothukudi	CO (TH) 4	2	501	17	1:3.69	Local variety	430	1:3.10
Coimbatore	CO (TH) 4	5	658	13	1:4.42	Local variety	582	1:3.62

b. Flowers fruits, spices and condiments

China aster varieties Arka Aadhya, Arka Purnima, Marigold varieties Arka Amar, Arka Abhi, Arka Bhanu and Arka Vibha were assessed and were found to yield 15 to 35 per cent higher than local varieties and private hybrids. Banana varieties CO 3 and Kaveri Kalki gave 11 to 46 per cent higher

yield than local varieties. Red chilli varieties Arka Swetha, LCA 643, LCA 657, LCA 684, CO CH 1 and Arka Tejashwi yielded 21 to 40 per cent higher than local varieties and hybrids. Garlic varieties Ooty 1 and 2m Mahima and Varada gave 15 to 48 per cent higher yield than local varieties. Tapioca varieties PDP CMR 1 and Sree Raksha gave 23 to 25 per cent higher yield than the local varieties. (Table 3.1.8).

Table 3.1.8. Performance of varieties of flowers, fruits, and spices in On Farm Trials of Zone X

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Flowers								
China aster								
Andhra Pradesh								
Vizianagaram	Arka Aadhya	5	4.52	26	1:2.58	Local variety	3.58	1:2.05
Vizianagaram	Arka Purnima	5	4.84	35	1:2.77	Local variety	3.58	1:2.05
Marigold								
Andhra Pradesh								
Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi)	Arka Amar	5	176	15	1:1.22	Arka Pradham	154	1:1.11
Srikakulam	Arka Abhi	5	85.60	20	1:3.01	Local variety	71.20	1:2.50
Srikakulam	Arka Bhanu	5	82.50	16	1:2.90	Local variety	71.20	1:2.50
Puducherry								
Karaikal	Arka Abhi	5	165	21	1:3.88	Private hybrid	136	1:3.29
Karaikal	Arka Vibha	5	159	16	1:3.77	Private hybrid	136	1:3.29
Tamil Nadu								
Nagapattinam	Arka Abhi	5	154	15	1:3.90	Private hybrid	134	1:3.29
Fruits								
Banana								
Tamil Nadu								
Salem	CO 3	5	650	35	1:3.12	Karpuravalli	480	1:2.09
Salem	CO 3	5	700	46	1:3.50	Karpuravalli	480	1:2.09
Tiruchirappalli	CO 3	5	544	11	1:2.15	Karpuravalli	490	1:1.83
Ariyalur	Kaveri Kalki	5	404	18	1:3.66	Poovan	343	1:3.25
Tiruchirappalli	Kaveri Kalki	5	562	15	1:2.72	Karpooravalli	490	1:1.83
Spices and Condiments								
Chilli (red)								
Andhra Pradesh								
Prakasam (Kandukur)	Arka Swetha	3	41.70	35	1:2.19	Local variety	30.80	1:1.88
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	LCA 643	5	11.02	22	1:3.00	HPH 2043	9.04	1:2.07

State and KVK	Treatment					Farmers practice		
	Variety	No. of Trials	Yield (q/ha)	% increase over FP	BCR	Variety	Yield (q/ha)	BCR
Vizianagaram	LCA 657	5	14.00	40	1:2.90	Local variety	10.00	1:1.90
Vizianagaram	LCA 684	5	13.00	30	1:2.69	Local variety	10.00	1:1.90
Tamil Nadu								
Thiruvannamalai	CO (CH) 1	5	244	21	1:2.84	Private hybrid	201	1:2.32
Telangana								
Warangal (Malyal)	Arka Tejashwi	3	22.25	22	1:1.27	Private hybrid	18.25	1:1.07
Garlic								
Tamil Nadu								
Nilgiris	Ooty 1	5	138	15	1:1.99	Local variety	120	1:2.02
Nilgiris	Ooty 2	5	151	26	1:1.79	Local variety	120	1:2.02
Srikakulam	Mahima	5	153	48	1:3.39	Local variety	103	1:2.47
Srikakulam	Varada	5	148	44	1:3.29	Local variety	103	1:2.47
Tubers								
Tapioca								
Andhra Pradesh								
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	PDP CMR-1	5	285	23	1:3.73	Local variety	231	1:2.96
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	Sree Raksha	5	287	25	1:3.77	Local variety	231	1:2.96

3.1.2 Crop production technologies

a. Integrated Nutrient Management

The integrated nutrient management practices assessed by KVKs include Soil Test Based fertilizer management, organic farming, bio-fertilizers, nutrient solubilizers and mobilizers, crop specific nutrient mixture for soil application and foliar spray, nano fertilizer formulations. A total of 156 technologies on INM including 111 on agricultural crops and 45 on horticultural crops were assessed by 43 KVKs in the Zone. In agricultural crops, 75 INM technologies were assessed for paddy by 26 KVKs wherein average yield was 51.25 q/ha as against 47.94 q/ha in farmer's practice (6.46% higher). INM for groundnut gave an average yield of 26.16 q/ha which was 16.0 per cent higher than farmers practice. The average yield in the INM plots of tomato was 417.70 q/ha while in farmer's practice, it was 374.35 q/ha.

b. Integrated Crop Management

Integrated Crop Management technologies in paddy gave an average grain yield of 51.83 q/ha while in farmer's practice, it was 48.46 q/ha. ICM practices in cotton gave 26.63 per cent higher yield than farmer's practice. ICM technologies gave

18.84 per cent higher yields in vegetables than farmers with higher economic returns.

3.1.3 Integrated Pest and Disease Management

a. Integrated Pest Management

The mean increase in yield due to integrated pest management technologies assessed by KVKs in the Zone was 19.52 per cent with higher economic returns. IPM for maize gave an average yield of 55.62 q/ha as against 45.89 q/ha in farmer's practice. In paddy, integrated pest management practices gave an average grain yield of 49.89 q/ha which was 11.25 per cent higher than farmer's practice. IPM technologies assessed on cotton gave an average yield of 26.26 q/ha as against 23.78 q/ha in farmer's practice. IPM technologies in fruits increased the yield at an average of 18.4 per cent over farmer's practice. The average yields of brinjal and green chillies were 247.84 and 88.47 q/ha, respectively while in farmer's practice, the average yields were 214.98 and 78.26 q/ha, respectively.

b. Integrated Disease Management

Integrated Disease Management practices assessed by KVKs included chemical control,



microbial control, inter cropping and tolerant / resistant varieties. Integrated disease management technology packages for agricultural and horticultural crops resulted in an average yield increase of 19 per cent over farmer's practice. In paddy, IDM technologies gave an average grain yield of 58.27 q/ha while in farmer's practice, it was 55.67 q/ha. IDM package in cotton increased the yield by 22 per cent over farmer's practice.

3.1.4. Livestock, Poultry and Fishery

KVKs in the zone assessed disease management technologies like SFMT reagent, Allogen -N herbal, TNAUCHEK SCC kit, Herbal anti tick acaricide, Polyherbal extract, Nano Heal, Mastirak Gel, Megatex, TANUVAS-Methicone, TANUVAS Bio teat dip, Wormivet powder, BoviMastri Cup, Tixkiller, Poly herbal encapsulated in nanoform, WVM, Herbolact, Butox, Healex FT, Nanomethicone, Methicon, Helmokill, CIFRI-ARGCURE, Nano Methicone lotion, NIF Polyherbal Formulation; Feed and fodder management technologies like Probiotic+ NaHCO₃, COFS 29, 31 and 33 fodder sorghum, multi species fodder crops, Hedge lucerne, Sweet potato vine, Probiotic yeast, Probeads, Mineral mixture, Calf starter, de-oiled rice bran fish feed, CIFA Carp Grower Feed, TNJFU Feed, Vitamin-C, Silkworm pupae, ICAR - NIANP Milk replacer, TANUVAS AFLD salt lick, AFTD based mineralized salt lick, TANUVAS mineral mixture for sheep and goats, Totavit bolus, area specific mineral mixture, ICAR- CSWRI milk replacer, Bypass fat, Goatmin mineral mixture, NIANP mineral mixture for goats, Nandi Sheep min; Production management technologies like GnRH hormone, Prostaglandins hormone; Poultry breeds like Vanashree, Ghagus, naked neck broiler, TANUVAS Star Chicken, Janapriya, Rajasri, TANUVAS Aseel, Kadaknath, Namakkal Gola Quail, Nandanam 3; Fish breeds like murrel fish, catla, jayanti rohu, mrigal, amur common carp, CIFA-GI Scampi, IMC, non GI Scampi, Striped catfish, Bio-floc, Tilapia, pangasius; Fish production and management technologies like captive nursery rearing, water probiotics *etc.*

3.1.5 Women Empowerment and enterprises

Enterprises on value added products, millet health mix with banana formulation, finger millet waffle, sorghum pongal mix, sorghum idli mix, antioxidant rich millet bars, protein fortified (mushroom and finger millet) cookies, groundnut chikki enriched with millets and moringa leaf powder, whey guava fruit juice beverage, millet milk, multi millet atta, foxtail millet flour, groundnut payasam, chutney powder, roasted masala groundnuts, finger millet idly, sorghum roti, finger millet dosa mix, foxtail millet idly, rice bran cookies, brown rice cookies, mahuva powder based products, solar dryer, electric dryer etc. were assessed. Safety kits and drudgery reducing tools like protective clothing kit, long handled weeder, cotton harvesting bags, PPE kit were assessed as potential enterprises as well as healthy and nutritious food for children and adults.

3.1.6. Enterprises

A total of 104 assessments were made on enterprises like millet milk, cabinet dryer, electric dryer, mini solar tunnel drier, mushroom fortified millet cookies, pulses fortified cookies, tiny dried shrimp + tamarind leaves powder, tiny dried shrimp + curry leaves powder, antioxidant rich millet bars, shade dried *Hibiscus* beverage, multi millet atta, millet nutribars *Clitorea ternatea* herbal drink, coconut sugar, sweet flag, seaweed green algae, sorghum rava mix, finger millet papad, fish cutlet, silkworm rearing, millet weaning mix, defatted groundnut cake products etc. were assessed.

3.1.7. Farm Machinery

Farm machinery and tools like shredder cum mulcher, seed cum fertilizer drill, direct seeding and drum seeder, two row rice transplanter, trellising and mulching, groundnut digger cum shaker, pneumatic planter, ablation tool, SBI sett treatment device etc., were assessed for their performance in farmers' field.



Assesment of IPDM in chillies - Thiruvannamalai , Tamil Nadu



Assessing the performance of okra varieties - KVK, Kurnool (Y), Andhra Pradesh



Assessment of Paddy variety ADT54 , KVK-Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu



Assessment of New high yielding Foxtail millet variety SIA-3222 - KVK, Medak (DDS)



Assessment of Seed cum Ferti drill in Groundnut - KVK, Nalgonda (G), Telangana



Banana field day - KVK - Karur, Tamil Nadu



Management of tomato pin worm - KVK, Erode, Tamil Nadu



OFT on paddy varieties in tribal areas - KVK- Visakhapatnam (BCT), Andhra Pradesh



Performance of area specific mineral mixture in Small Ruminants- KVK, Villuppuram, Tamil Nadu



Ragi line sowing with Hand Push seed drill- KVK, Visakhapatnam (BCT), A.P



Skill training on pruning in cashew nut - KVK, Visakhapatnam (BCT), Andhra Pradesh



Sucking pest management in Jowar - Nizamabad , Telangana

3.2. Frontline Demonstrations

Frontline Demonstrations were organized by the KVKs to demonstrate the potential of crop varieties, crop and animal husbandry technologies and agricultural implements at several location-specific farming and agro-ecological situations. Training programmes and field days were organized for extension workers and farmers for rapid dissemination of improved technologies.

A total of 11950 demonstrations were conducted in 2932.18 ha on field crops, horticultural crops, tools and implements, livestock, enterprises and women and children welfare by KVKs in Zone X (Table 3.2.1). In crops, 6112 demonstrations were conducted by 71 KVKs in Zone-X covering cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds, commercial crops, fodder crops, vegetables, fruits, flowers, spices, plantation crops and medicinal plants in 2304.10 ha. Among the crops, 3339 demonstrations were conducted on field crops and 2773 on horticultural crops. A total of 965 demonstrations were conducted on hybrids, 717 on tools and implements, 2597 on livestock, 1184 on various enterprises and 373 on women and children related demonstrations. Among agricultural crops, 1153 demonstrations were conducted on rice varieties and other production and protection technologies (Table 3.2.2). In millets out of 591 demonstrations, 189 were on finger millet, 135 on sorghum and 90 on

foxtail millet, 67 on pearl millet. In pulses (other than CFLD), out of 685 demonstrations, 292 were in blackgram, 136 in redgram 95 in chickpea and 85 in greengram. Out of 478 demonstrations in oilseeds (other than CFLD), 373 were in groundnut and 75 in sesamum. Among the commercial crops, 105 were in sugarcane and 36 in mulberry. Among fibre crops, 92 demonstrations were in cotton. Among 73 demonstrations on fodder crops, 45 were on fodder sorghum. Among 1099 demonstrations in vegetables, 170 were on green chilli, 157 on nutri-farm, 141 on brinjal, 137 on ridge gourd and 80 on tomato. Out of 140 demonstrations on tuber crops, 75 were on tapioca. Out of 715 demonstrations in fruits, 259 were in mango, 140 in banana, and 91 in guava. In total, 195 demonstrations were conducted on flowers including jasmine, chrysanthemum, marigold, and tuberose. Among 368 demonstrations on spices and condiments, 97 were on dry chillies, 85 on raw turmeric and 58 on ginger. Among plantation crops, 146 demonstrations were on coconut, 20 on cashew and 20 on oil palm.

a. Crops

In crops category, out of 3241 demonstrations in Tamil Nadu, 856 were in cereals and 592 in vegetables (Table 3.2.2). In Andhra Pradesh, out of 1940 demonstrations on crops, 210 were in cereals, 295 in vegetables, 399 in fruits, 279 in pulses



Demonstration of Paddy ADT 54 - Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu



Demonstration of IPM Module for Maize fall armyworm - Theni, Tamil Nadu

and 181 in millets. Out of 761 demonstrations in Telangana, 197 in vegetables, 138 in Cereals and 123 in oilseeds. In Puducherry, out of 170 demonstrations on crops, 20 were in cereals, 30 in pulses and 70 in other horticultural crops.

b. Hybrids

A total of 965 demonstrations were conducted on crop hybrids, out of which 501 were by KVKs of Tamil Nadu, 261 by Andhra Pradesh, 168 by Telangana and 35 by Puducherry (Table 3.2.3). Among the crops, 230 demonstrations were in maize, 186 in cotton, 60 in fodder crops, 47 in pearl millet, 50 in castor, 24 in marigold, 60 in chilli and 189 in tomato.

c. Tools and Implements

Out of 719 demonstrations conducted on tools and implements, 241 were by KVKs of Tamil Nadu, 272 by Andhra Pradesh, 190 by Telangana and 16 by Puducherry (Table 3.2.4).

d. Livestock, poultry and fishery

KVKs in the Zone conducted 2597 demonstrations

on livestock, poultry and fishery involving 713679 animals, poultry birds and fish fingerlings (Table 3.2.5). Among them, 959 demonstrations were conducted by KVKs in Tamil Nadu, 979 by Andhra Pradesh, 606 by Telangana and 53 by Puducherry.

e. Enterprises

A total of 1184 demonstrations were conducted on bio-inputs production, compost production, food preservation, inputs production, mushroom production, poultry production, sericulture, value addition, vegetable production and 1626 enterprise units were established by 42 KVKs in the Zone (Table 3.2.6).

f. Women empowerment

A total of 373 demonstrations on entrepreneurship development, health and nutrition, compost production, drudgery reduction, and others were conducted, and 1095 enterprise units were established by 27 KVKs in the Zone for women empowerment (Table 3.2.7).

Table 3.2.1. Details of FLDs conducted by KVKs in Zone X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Crops															
Field Crops	1953	766.40	31	878	359.20	22	408	193.00	15	100	33.00	2	3339	1351.60	70
Horticultural Crops	1288	398.51	29	1062	404.02	22	353	139.90	15	70	10.08	2	2773	952.50	68
Total (Crops)	3241	1164.91	31	1940	763.22	23	761	332.90	15	170	43.08	2	6112	2304.10	71
Hybrids	296	79.00	32	136	51.00	12	45	12.70	8	35	9.00	4	512	151.70	56
Field Crops	347	127.50	21	110	47.10	8	113	71.80	12	20	6.00	1	590	252.40	42
Horticultural Crops	154	41.50	12	151	55.00	8	55	14.20	6	15	3.00	2	375	113.70	28
Total (Hybrids)	501	169.00	24	261	102.10	12	168	86.00	12	35	9.00	2	965	366.10	50
Crops + Hybrids	3742	1333.91		2201	865.32		929	418.90		205	52.08		7077	2670.20	
Tools and implements	241	76.00	18	272	97.48	13	190	81.40	11	16	7.10	2	719	261.98	44
	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs
Livestock	959	44507	28	979	638922	20	606	29869	6	53	381	2	2597	713679	56
Enterprises	662	773	24	357	683	13	155	169	4	10	1	1	1184	1626	42
Women and Children	96	208	10	143	657	13	134	230	4	0	0	0	373	1095	27
Grand Total	5700	1409.91		3952	962.8		2014	500.3		284	59.18		11950	2932.18	
Total No of animals/Enterprises		45488			640262			30268			382			716400	

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs

Table 3.2.2. Details of category wise FLDs on crops in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Field Crops															
Cereals															
Maize	30	12.00	3	25	10.00	3	16	7.00	3				71	29.00	9
Paddy (Rice)	826	318.60	26	185	75.20	13	122	55.20	9	20	6.00	2	1153	455.00	50
Total (Cereals)	856	330.6	26	210	85.2	13	138	62.2	11	20	6	2	1224	484	52
Commercial Crops															
Mulberry				30	12.00	1	6	2.00	1				36	14.00	2
Sugarcane	65	28.00	6	30	10.40	2	10	4.00	1				105	42.40	9
Total (Commercial crops)	65	28	6	60	22.4	4	16	6	2				141	56.4	12
Fibre Crops															
Tobacco				10	5.00	1							10	5.00	1
Cotton	57	21.00	5	10	4.00	1	25	10.00	3				92	35.00	9
Total (Fibre Crops)	57	21	5	20	9	1	25	10	3				102	40	9
Fodder Crops															
Azolla	10		1										10	0.00	1
Fodder Cowpea				8	1.20	1							8	1.20	1
Fodder sorghum	35	12.00	4							10	1.00	1	45	13.00	5
Mixed fodder				10	4.00	1							10	4.00	1
Total (Fodder Crops)	45	12.00	5	18	5.20	2				10	1.00	1	73	18.20	8
Green manure crops															
Sunn hemp	35	14.00	4	10	4.00	1							45	18.00	5
Total (Green manure crops)	35	14.00	4	10	4.00	1							45	18.00	5
Millets															
Barnyard millet	30	12.00	2										30	12.00	2
Finger millet	130	53.00	11	44	17.60	4	5	2.00	1	10	4.00	1	189	76.60	17
Foxtail millet	40	16.00	4	40	16.00	4				10	4.00	1	90	36.00	9
Kodo millet	20	8.00	2										20	8.00	2
Little millet	50	20.00	3										50	20.00	3
Pearl millet				67	26.80	4							67	26.80	4
Small millet	10	4.00	1										10	4.00	1
Sorghum	85	34.00	9	30	12.00	3	20	14.00	2				135	60.00	14
(Total (Millets))	365	147	20	181	72.4	9	25	16	3	20	8	1	591	243.4	33



Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Oil seeds															
Groundnut	190	85.40	10	90	37.00	8	73	31.40	10	20	8.00	2	373	161.80	30
Sesamum	35	12.00	4	10	4.00	1	30	20.00	5				75	36.00	10
Soybean							10	3.00	2				10	3.00	2
Sunflower	10	2.00	1				10	7.00	2				20	9.00	3
Total (Oil seeds)	235	99.4	11	100	41	8	123	61.4	11	20	8	2	478	209.8	32
Pulses															
Bengal gram							5	2.00	1				5	2.00	1
Blackgram	175	68.00	15	82	34.00	8	5	2.00	1	30	10.00	2	292	114.00	26
Chickpea				75	33.00	5	20	7.00	3				95	40.00	8
Cowpea	40	14.40	5	2	2.00	1							42	16.40	6
Greengram	65	26.00	7	20	9.00	2							85	35.00	9
Horse gram	10	4.00	1										10	4.00	1
Rajmah				20	8.00	2							20	8.00	2
Redgram	5	2.00	1	80	34.00	7	51	26.40	7				136	62.40	15
Total (Pulses)	295	114.4	19	279	120	17	81	37.4	10	30	10	2	685	281.8	48
Total (Field Crops)	1953	766.4	31	878	359.2	22	408	193	15	100	33	2	3339	1351.6	70
Horticultural Crops															
Flowers															
Chrysanthemum				55	22.00	4							55	22.00	4
Jasmine	85	26.45	8	5	2.00	1							90	28.45	9
Marigold				25	10.00	2	10	7.00	2				35	17.00	4
Tuberose	15	6.00	2										15	6.00	2
Total (Flowers)	100	32.45	9	85	34	5	10	7	2				195	73.45	16
Fruits															
Acid lime	10	4.00	1	10	4.00	1	5	2.00	1				25	10.00	3
Banana	60	22.00	5	80	32.00	5							140	54.00	10
Grapes	5	2.00	1										5	2.00	1
Guava	45	19.00	4	25	10.00	3	21	11.40	3				91	40.40	10
Mango	50	16.00	5	129	50.10	6	60	26.10	7	20	4.00	1	259	96.20	19
Musk melon	10	1.00	1										10	1.00	1
Papaya	10	1.00	1	60	27.00	7							70	28.00	8
Pomegranate				60	24.00	3							60	24.00	3
Sweet Orange				15	6.00	2							15	6.00	2
Watermelon	20	5.00	2	20	8.00	2							40	13.00	4
Total (Fruits)	210	70	13	399	161.1	15	86	39.5	11	20	4	1	715	274.6	40
Medicinal plants															
Coleus	20	1.40	2										20	1.40	2
Herbal garden	10	0.00	1							10	0.04	1	20	0.04	2
Total (Medicinal plants)	30	1.4	2							10	0.04	1	40	1.44	3
Plantation crops															
Betelvine				5	1.00	1							5	1.00	1
Cashew	10	4.00	1	10	4.00	1							20	8.00	2
Coconut	111	56.50	11	15	6.00	2				20	4.00	1	146	66.50	14
Oil palm				20	8.00	2							20	8.00	2
Rosemary	10	2.00	2										10	2.00	2
Tea	10	1.00	1										10	1.00	1
Thime	5	1.00	1										5	1.00	1
Total (Plantation crops)	146	64.5	12	50	19	5				20	4	1	216	87.5	18
Spices and Condiments)															
Chilli (Red)	20	6.00	2	35	15.00	2	42	21.90	6				97	42.90	10
Coriander (seed)	15	6.00	2	15	8.00	2							30	14.00	4
Ginger				50	18.00	4	8	3.20	1				58	21.20	5
Pepper	35	8.00	4	10	2.50	1							45	10.50	5
Turmeric (Dried)	40	10.00	3	13	5.20	2							53	15.20	5
Turmeric (Raw)	5	2.00	1	70	26.00	7	10	4.00	1				85	32.00	9
Total (S & C)	115	32	10	193	74.7	13	60	29.1	8				368	135.8	31
Tuber Crops															
Elephant foot yam	10	1.00	1	10	4.00	1							20	5.00	2

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Potato	15	2.00	1										15	2.00	1
Sweet potato				20	5.00	1							20	5.00	1
Tapioca (Cassava)	70	22.00	6							5	1.00	1	75	23.00	7
Taro				10	4.00	1							10	4.00	1
Total (Tuber crops)	95	25	9	40	13	3				5	1	1	140	39	13
Vegetables															
Beetroot	5	1.00	1										5	1.00	1
Bhindi/Okra	30	6.40	4	20	8.00	2							50	14.40	6
Bitter gourd	15	3.00	2										15	3.00	2
Black night shade	5	0.05	1										5	0.05	1
Bottle gourd	20	5.00	2										20	5.00	2
Brinjal	75	23.00	6	40	16.00	3	21	7.40	4	5	1.00	1	141	47.40	14
Carrot	15	3.00	1										15	3.00	1
Cauliflower							5	1.00	1				5	1.00	1
Chilli (green)	73	26.00	8	70	27.25	7	27	13.80	5				170	67.05	20
Colocasia				10	4.00	1							10	4.00	1
Coriander leaf	25	5.10	3										25	5.10	3
Cucumber	15	5.00	2										15	5.00	2
Cucurbits				10	2.00	1							10	2.00	1
Dolichosbean	10	4.00	1	10	4.00	1	10	4.00	1				30	12.00	3
Drumstick	25	7.00	3										25	7.00	3
Lablab	23	4.30	3										23	4.30	3
Moringa				10	5.00	1							10	5.00	1
Nutri-farm	71	11.01	6	40	0.72	4	36	0.00	3	10	0.04	1	157	11.77	14
Onion	35	9.05	4	10	6.00	1	16	5.20	2	0	0.00	0	61	20.25	7
Onion (Aggregatum)	45	18.00	5										45	18.00	5
Palak	10	0.20	1										10	0.20	1
Pumpkin	10	4.00	1										10	4.00	1
Ridge gourd	25	8.05	4	60	24.00	7	52	18.90	8				137	50.95	19
Snake gourd	10	4.00	1										10	4.00	1
Spinach	10	2.00	1										10	2.00	1
Spine Gourd							5	5.00	1				5	5.00	1
Tomato	40	24.00	5	15	5.25	2	25	9.00	4				80	38.25	11
Total (Vegetables)	592	173.16	27	295	102.22	17	197	64.30	12	15	1.04	2	1099	340.72	58
Total (Horti crops)	1288	398.51	29	1062	404.02	22	353	139.90	15	70	10.08	2	2773	952.51	68
Grand Total	3241	1164.91	31	1940	763.22	23	761	332.90	15	170	43.08	2	6112	2304.11	71

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs

Table 3.2.3. Details of category wise FLDs on crop hybrids in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Field Crops															
Cereals															
Maize	165	64.40	14	40	16.00	2	25	21.00	4				230	101.40	20
Total (Cereals)	165	64.4	14	40	16	2	25	21	4				230	101.4	20
Fibre Crops															
Cotton	50	20.00	5	50	20.10	5	76	45.40	8	10	2.00	1	186	87.50	19
Total (Fibre Crops)	50	20	5	50	20.1	5	76	45.4	8	10	2	1	186	87.5	19
Fodder Crops															
Cumbu/Bajra Napier grass	45	9.80	5										45	9.80	5
Fodder Maize	10	10.00	1				5	1.00	1				15	11.00	2
Total (Fodder Crops)	55	19.80	6				5	1.00	1				60	20.80	7
Millets															
Pearl millet	47	11.30	5										47	11.30	5
Sorghum							2	2.40	1				2	2.40	1
(Total (Millets))	47	11.3	5				2	2.4	1				49	13.7	6
Oil seeds															
Castor	30	12.00	2	20	11.00	2							50	23.00	4
Sunflower							5	2.00	1	10	4.00	1	15	6.00	2



Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Total (Oil seeds)	30	12	2	20	11	2	5	2	1	10	4	1	65	29	6
Total (Field Crops)	347	127.5	21	110	47.1	8	113	71.8	12	20	6	1	590	252.4	42
Horticultural Crops															
Flowers															
Marigold				15	6.00	1	9	1.00	1				24	7.00	2
Total (Flowers)				15	6	1	9	1	1				24	7	2
Fruits															
Watermelon				10	4.00	1	6	1.00	1				16	5.00	2
Total (Fruits)				10	4	1	6	1	1				16	5	2
Vegetables															
Bhindi/Okra	30	10.00	3	10	4.00	1							40	14.00	4
Bottle gourd	10	4.00	1										10	4.00	1
Chilli (green)	50	10.00	4	10	4.00	1							60	14.00	5
French Bean	5	0.50	1										5	0.50	1
Ridge gourd										15	3.00	2	21	3.90	3
Snake gourd	10	2.00	1										10	2.00	1
Tomato	49	15.00	6	106	37.00	6	34	11.30	5				189	63.30	17
Total (Vegetables)	154	41.50	12	126	45.00	7	40	12.20	6	15	3.00	2	335	101.70	27
Total (Horti crops)	154	41.50	12	151	55.00	8	55	14.20	6	15	3.00	2	375	113.70	28
Grand Total	501	169.00	24	261	102.10	12	168	86.00	12	35	9.00	2	965	366.10	50

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs

Table 3.2.4. Details of category wise FLDs on Tools and implements in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs
Land preparation				36	14.00	4	38	16.00	3				74	30.00	7
Sowing and Planting	120	46.00	8	86	36.00	4	21	8.40	2	3	0.10	1	230	90.50	15
Intercultural operations	4	1.00	1	75	21.44	4	15	7.00	2	3	3.00	1	97	32.44	8
Total Mechanization	4	1.00	1	15	6.00	2	25	13.00	3				44	20.00	6
Irrigation							10	10.00	1				10	10.00	1
Plant protection	30	12.00	3	30	12.00	3	10	4.00	1	10	4.00	1	80	32.00	8
Mobile App	10		1										10		1
Soil testing	10	5.00	1										10	5.00	1
Value addition	10		1										10		1
Harvesting machineries	34	7.00	5	10	0.00	1	23	2.00	4				67	9.00	10
Postharvest technology	19	4.00	4	20	8.04	2	48	21.00	6				87	33.04	12
Total	241	76.00	18	272	97.48	13	190	81.40	11	16	7.10	2	719	261.98	44

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs

Table 3.2.5. Details of category wise FLDs on Livestock, poultry and fisheries in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs
Cattle	330	455	18	180	210	9	25	84	2	15	21	2	550	770	31
Buffalo				235	375	9	66	585	5				301	960	14
Goat	70	232	6	10	10	1				20	60	1	100	302	8
Sheep	5	15	1	73	330	8	6	155	1				84	500	10
Poultry	245	5890	15	335	3245	10	475	1545	4	15	300	2	1070	10980	31
Duckery	15	200	2										15	200	2
Quail	5	100	1										5	100	1
Fish	121	37605	8	83	634500	6	24	27500	3	3		1	231	699605	18
Feed and Fodder	168	10	3	63	252	5	10		1				241	262	9
Total	959	44507	28	979	638922	20	606	29869	6	53	381	2	2597	713679	56

Nos. = No. of animals/fish/fingerlings, KVKs = No of KVKs



Demonstration on Intercropping of Jowar and Redgram - Medak, Telangana

Table 3.2.6. Details of category wise FLDs on enterprises in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs
Bio-inputs production	10	10	1										10	10	1
Compost production	50	35	5										50	35	5
Food preservation	62	62	5										62	62	5
Inputs production	10	10	1										10	10	1
Mushroom production	5	5	1	16	20	1							21	25	2
Poultry production	10	100	1	10	10	1							20	110	2
Sericulture				10	10	1	6	6	1				16	16	2
Value Addition	461	471	21	306	628	11	49	63	4	10	1	1	826	1163	37
Vegetable production	24	50	3	15	15	2	100	100	1				139	165	6
Vermicomposting	30	30	2										30	30	2
Total	662	773	24	357	683	13	155	169	4	10	1	1	1184	1626	42

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, Nos. = No. of enterprise units, KVKs = No. of KVKs

Table 3.2.7. Details of category wise FLDs on women empowerment in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Total		
	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs	Demos	Nos.	KVKs
Entrepreneurship Development	43	58	4	34	272	6	6	50	1	83	380	11
Health and Nutrition	43	140	6	99	360	9	118	170	4	260	670	19
Compost production							5	5	1	5	5	1
Drudgery Reduction	5	5	1	10	25	1	5	5	1	20	35	3
Others	5	5	1							5	5	1
Total	96	208	10	143	657	13	134	230	4	373	1095	27

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, Nos. = No. of enterprise units, KVKs = No. of KVKs



3.2.1. Performance of Technologies in Frontline Demonstrations

A total number of 1153 FLDs on varieties, IPM and IDM technologies were conducted on rice crop with an average yield increase of 13% and BCR of 1:2.23 as against 1:1.90 in farmers practice (Table 3.2.8). The average yield advantages in the 135 demonstrations on sorghum, 189 demonstrations on finger millet, 67 demonstrations on pearl millet and 90 demonstrations on foxtail millet were 25, 22, 20 and 23 per cent, respectively and the BCR was 1:2.14, 1:2.39, 1:2.30 and 1:2.11, respectively. Among pulses, an average yield increase of 22 per cent was observed in 42 demonstrations on cowpea varieties and technologies while in the 136 demonstrations on redgram, the average yield increase was 19 per cent. Among the oilseeds, the average yield enhancement in 373 demonstrations on groundnut was 20 per cent and the BCR was 1:2.43. Cotton technologies were demonstrated at 92 locations with an average yield enhancement of 16 per cent. Among the vegetable crops, chilli (green) varieties and technologies were demonstrated at 170 locations with an average yield enhancement of 20 per cent, nutri-farm with multiple vegetables in 157 demonstrations with an average yield enhancement of 19 per cent and tomato at 80 locations with an average yield increase of 28 per cent. Among the fruit crops, mango varieties and technologies were demonstrated at 259 locations with an average yield increase of 33 per cent. Banana was demonstrated at 140 locations with an average yield enhancement of 14 per cent. Guava was demonstrated at 91 locations with an average yield increase of 26 per cent. Red chilli was demonstrated at 97 locations with an average yield increase of 25 per cent. Turmeric (raw) was demonstrated at 85 locations with an average yield enhancement of 15 per cent. Pepper

was demonstrated at 45 locations with an average yield increase of 29 per cent. Among plantation crops, an average yield increase of 21 per cent was observed in 143 demonstrations on coconut.

Among hybrids maize, cotton, chilli (green) and tomato were demonstrated at 230, 186, 60 and 189 locations presented in Table 3.2.9.

Tools and implements for sowing and planting, intercultural operations, harvesting equipment and post-harvest processing tools and equipment were demonstrated at 699 locations. The performance of technologies in terms of income and benefit cost ratio are presented in Table 3.2.10.

KVKs in the Zone conducted 2597 demonstrations involving 713679 animals, birds and fish fingerlings on technologies like Mastiguard, bypass fat, region specific mineral mixture, Ketocheck, Ethno Veterinary Medicines, evaluation of improved breeds in cattle, goat and sheep; improved fodder varieties, feed preparation technologies, improved poultry breeds like Kadaknath, Aseel and Gaghous, Gramapriya, Nandanam IV, Rajasri, Vanasri, *etc.*, Fish breeds, fish production and management, fish pond management, *etc.* (Table 3.2.11). Performance of various tools and enterprises like ring harvester, nutri-garden, value addition to various crops like millets, vegetables and fruits, vermicomposting, silkworm rearing, apiculture, *etc.* were demonstrated and compared with farmers practice in terms of production, income, quality, benefit cost ratio *etc.* (Table 3.2.12.). Enterprises suitable for small business-like value-added products from millets, vegetables, mushroom, *etc.*, drudgery reduction machines and tools like weeders, planters *etc.*, were demonstrated to women farmers for their empowerment (Table 3.2.13).

Table 3.2.8. Performance of crop varieties and technologies in the FLDs of Zone X

Crop	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Yield (q/ha)			Economics					
				Demo	Check	%	Demonstration			Check		
							Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR	Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR
Field Crops												
Maize	71	29.00	9	67.59	59.35	14	48712	134423	1:3.76	52021	51958	1:2.00
Paddy (Rice)	1153	455.00	50	56.15	49.55	13	58237	71620	1:2.23	60995	55005	1:1.90
Sugarcane	105	42.40	9	1016.49	880.74	15	96005	135574	1:2.41	112044	102349	1:1.91
Cotton	92	35.00	9	21.13	18.26	16	76264	65202	1:1.85	79313	44239	1:1.56
Finger millet	189	76.60	17	22.34	18.28	22	32732	45501	1:2.39	32511	32289	1:1.99
Foxtail millet	90	36.00	9	20.21	16.41	23	43160	47742	1:2.11	36458	35940	1:1.99
Pearl millet	67	26.80	4	14.83	12.31	20	27750	36066	1:2.30	28941	24624	1:1.85
Sorghum	135	60.00	14	23.04	18.42	25	43186	49364	1:2.14	41296	32802	1:1.79
Groundnut	373	161.80	30	22.72	18.88	20	64460	92413	1:2.43	64249	66919	1:2.04
Sesamum	75	36.00	10	9.50	7.58	25	36496	61222	1:2.68	31376	38916	1:2.24
Blackgram	292	114.00	26	9.70	9.43	3	31868	41701	1:2.31	32420	27907	1:1.86
Chickpea	95	40.00	8	15.30	13.08	17	57368	42563	1:1.74	53262	30795	1:1.58
Cowpea	42	16.40	6	9.80	8.00	22	31177	50579	1:2.62	32020	37764	1:2.18
Greengram	85	35.00	9	7.89	6.76	17	25726	38699	1:2.50	30213	23783	1:1.79
Redgram	136	62.40	15	12.16	10.21	19	41259	60061	1:2.46	61511	45286	1:1.74
Horticultural Crops												
Chrysanthemum	55	22.00	4	103.71	84.44	23	454927	459888	1:2.01	347010	276970	1:1.8
Jasmine	90	28.45	9	69.79	57.63	21	196396	282749	1:2.44	170762	184751	1:2.08
Marigold	35	17.00	4	81.96	63.22	30	214424	243933	1:2.14	164174	148289	1:1.90
Banana	140	54.00	10	518.96	454.17	14	285405	398002	1:2.39	237722	302227	1:2.27
Guava	91	40.40	10	295.80	234.44	26	121232	166454	1:2.37	109220	132694	1:2.21
Mango	259	96.20	19	131.09	98.48	33	96126	131930	1:2.37	83522	85450	1:2.02
Papaya	70	28.00	8	533.67	477.78	12	303283	563000	1:2.86	310842	435277	1:2.40
Watermelon	40	13.00	4	319.26	247.91	29	179588	171600	1:1.96	164875	111963	1:1.68
Coconut	146	66.50	14	8863	7353	21	53884	87769	1:2.63	53694	64236	1:2.20
Chilli (Red)	97	42.90	10	62.04	49.71	25	309179	467757	1:2.51	325246	327622	1:2.01
Coriander (seed)	30	14.00	4	14.31	12.25	17	61131	88092	1:2.44	59156	68565	1:2.16
Ginger	58	21.20	5	96.67	85.03	14	255713	417950	1:2.63	224217	336793	1:2.50
Pepper	45	10.50	5	13.63	10.55	29	198435	329095	1:2.66	213025	213325	1:2.00
Turmeric (Dried)	53	15.20	5	170.33	135.72	26	212938	188680	1:1.89	213736	107145	1:1.50
Turmeric (Raw)	85	32.00	9	135.60	117.78	15	215957	209809	1:1.97	180739	157814	1:1.87
Bhindi/Okra	50	14.40	6	229.42	184.77	24	70950	122180	1:2.72	66763	85887	1:2.29
Brinjal	141	47.40	14	271.10	218.26	24	156380	235342	1:2.50	152040	171629	1:2.13
Chilli (green)	170	67.05	20	135.60	113.41	20	157399	183728	1:2.17	151790	125863	1:1.83
Nutri-farm	157	11.77	14	141.73	119.04	19	44292	69497	1:2.57	39379	45115	1:2.15
Onion	61	20.25	7	240.89	209.42	15	102331	207866	1:3.03	104584	153534	1:2.47
Onion (Aggregatum)	45	18.00	5	143.36	115.84	24	122694	186342	1:2.52	119550	121656	1:2.02
Ridge gourd	137	50.95	19	201.65	171.16	18	197537	347748	1:2.76	186626	271981	1:2.46
Tomato	80	38.25	11	272.88	212.51	28	202757	245697	1:2.21	171418	177686	1:2.04
Total (Vegetables)	1099	340.72	58	67.59	59.35	14	48712	134423	1:3.76	52021	51958	1:2.00
Total (Horti crops)	2773	952.51	68	56.15	49.55	13	58237	71620	1:2.23	60995	55005	1:1.90
Grand Total	6112	2304.11	71									

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs; Demo = Demonstration; Check = Farmer's Practice; % = Per cent increase in demonstration over check; BCR = Benefit-Cost Ratio

**Table 3.2.9. Performance of hybrids in the FLDs of Zone X**

Crop	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Yield (q/ha)			Economics					
				Demo	Check	%	Demonstration			Check		
							Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR	Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR
Field Crops												
Maize	230	101.40	20	1184.15	1038.34	14	57893	92647	1:2.60	58835	70933	1:2.21
Cotton	186	87.50	19	294.54	258.12	14	71188	68360	1:1.96	69096	47836	1:1.69
Cumbu/Napier grass	45	9.80	5	1683.24	1484.62		87803	130367	1:2.48	84155	90285	1:2.07
Fodder maize	15	11.00	2	45.50	39.58	15	88840	105348	1:2.19	83623	84736	1:2.01
Pearl millet	47	11.30	5	73.09	64.32	14	27042	32419	1:2.20	24917	23407	1:1.94
Sorghum	2	2.40	1	27.50	21.73	27	48125	72275	1:2.50	46750	46668	1:2.00
Castor	50	23.00	4	118.39	115.58	2	27391	41714	1:2.52	29360	24651	1:1.84
Sunflower	15	6.00	2	14.34	11.83	21	34625	54335	1:2.57	35625	37871	1:2.06
Horticultural Crops												
Marigold	24	7.00	2	2748.15	2398.15	15	87888	341500	1:4.89	90838	260000	1:3.86
Watermelon	16	5.00	2	365.30	307.00	19	225550	343850	1:2.52	209900	231500	1:2.10
Bhindi/Okra	40	14.00	4	220.06	170.98	29	77510	177053	1:3.28	79230	120060	1:2.52
Bottle gourd	10	4.00	1	36.41	29.83	22	81101	54635	1:1.67	82505	23043	1:1.28
Chilli (green)	60	14.00	5	71.02	55.67	28	238261	246717	1:2.04	215655	119851	1:1.56
French Bean	5	0.50	1	187.82	162.82	15	132490	149240	1:2.13	143900	100330	1:1.70
Ridge gourd	21	3.90	3	266.99	221.39	21	142940	328632	1:3.30	138428	243790	1:2.76
Snake gourd	10	2.00	1	652.15	545.95	19	279433	510146	1:2.83	295769	359369	1:2.22
Tomato	189	63.30	17	402.46	355.59	13	199602	274682	1:2.38	217172	227208	1:2.05

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs; Demo = Demonstration; Check = Farmer's Practice; % = Per cent increase in demonstration over check; BCR = Benefit-Cost Ratio

Table 3.2.10. Performance of tools and implement in the FLDs of Zone X

Tool/ Implement/ Machinery	Demos	Area (ha)	KVKs	Economics					
				Demonstration			Check		
				Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR	Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR
Land preparation	74	30.00	7	50935	50471	1:1.99	48571	37633	1:1.77
Sowing and Planting	230	90.50	15	53685	68928	1:2.28	53603	55914	1:2.04
Intercultural operations	97	32.44	8	43049	30272	1:1.70	47144	17070	1:1.36
Total Mechanization	44	20.00	6	77766	136279	1:2.75	94591	86387	1:1.91
Irrigation	10	10.00	1	35950	23175	1:1.64	90125	45375	1:1.50
Plant protection	80	32.00	8	59028	65252	1:2.11	62313	55130	1:1.88
Value addition	10	0.00	1	3550	3950	1:2.11	1500	500	1:1.33
Harvesting machineries	67	9.00	10	55636	61801	1:2.11	56139	41262	1:1.73
Postharvest technology	87	33.04	12	123983	105610	1:1.85	107885	70769	1:1.66

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, KVKs = No. of KVKs; Demo = Demonstration; Check = Farmer's Practice; % = Per cent increase in demonstration over check; BCR = Benefit-Cost Ratio

Table 3.2.11. Performance of livestock, poultry and fishery technologies in the FLDs of Zone X

State/ Technology	Demos	No. of animals	KVKs	Economics					
				Demonstration			Check		
				Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR	Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR
Cattle	550	770	31	18741	25985	1:2.39	18304	17042	1:1.93
Buffalo	301	960	14	24515	20762	1:1.85	14742	9094	1:1.62
Goat	100	302	8	6801	12348	1:2.82	6807	8954	1:2.32
Sheep	84	500	10	3391	3960	1:2.17	3009	2177	1:1.72
Poultry	1070	10980	31	8022	10175	1:2.27	7642	6661	1:1.87
Duckery	15	200	2	1116	1254	1:2.12	860	600	1:1.70
Quail	5	100	1	3200	3380	1:2.06	5250	2050	1:1.39
Fish	231	699605	18	247117	183019	1:1.74	212855	79893	1:1.38
Feed and Fodder	241	262	9	15318	14952	1:1.98	13059	10265	1:1.79

MM= Mineral mixture; Demos = No. of Demonstrations, Nos.=No. of animals/birds/fish; Demo = Demonstration; Check = Farmer's Practice; % = Per cent increase in demonstration over check; BCR = Benefit Cost Ratio; ICF=Inland Fish Culture; CFC = Composite Fish Culture

Table 3.2.12. Performance of tools and enterprises in the FLDs of Zone X

State/Technology	Demos	No. of units.	KVKs	Economics					
				Demonstration			Check		
				Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR	Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR
Bio-inputs production	10	10	1	179620	120220	1:1.67	639923	58638	1:1.09
Compost production	50	35	5	28544	74654	1:3.62	26934	48899	1:2.82
Food preservation	62	62	5	3957	7347	1:2.86	2829	3629	1:2.28
Inputs production	10	10	1	38674	35885	1:1.93	255069	53465	1:1.21
Mushroom production	5	5	1	22500	40200	1:2.79	14433	20167	1:2.4
Poultry production	10	100	1	2075	1575	1:1.76	1050	750	1:1.71
Value Addition	461	471	21	16191	27136	1:2.68	13907	14494	1:2.04
Vegetable production	24	50	3	11735	17385	1:2.48	5633	8381	1:2.49
Vermicomposting	30	30	2	18892	23851	1:2.26	17278	12480	1:1.72

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, Nos.= No. of enterprise units, Demo = Demonstration, Check = Farmer's Practice, % = Per cent increase in demonstration over check; BCR = Benefit Cost Ratio

Table 3.2.13. Performance of enterprises on women empowerment in the FLDs of Zone X

State/Technology	Demos	No. of enterprises	KVKs	Economics					
				Demonstration			Check		
				Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR	Gross Cost (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)	BCR
Entrepreneurship Development	83	380	11	13372	15771	1:2.18	6524	6672	1:2.02
Health and Nutrition	260	670	19	8020	9140	1:2.14	7628	4972	1:1.65
Drudgery Reduction	20	35	3	2000	4120	1:3.06	3000	2805	1:1.94
Others	5	5	1	500000	700000	1:2.40	300000	180000	1:1.60

Demos = No. of Demonstrations, Nos.= No. of enterprise units, Demo = Demonstration, Check = Farmer's Practice, % = Per cent increase in demonstration over check BCR = Benefit Cost Ratio


Demonstration of biofortified Bajra ABV 04 - Visakhapatnam , Andhra Pradesh



Demonstration of rose mary cultivation - Erode, Tamil Nadu



Demonstration of Sigatoka management in Banana - Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh



Demonstration of tick shield to control tick infestation in dairy animals- Kanchi, Tamil Nadu



Demonstration on MN mixture demonstration-Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu



Field demonstration on turmeric - Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu



FLD on Arka Abhed variety of Tomato - Krishna (Ghantasala), Andhra Pradesh



FLD on finger millet variety Indravathi - Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh



FLD on Sunflower hybrid CoH3 - Madurai, Tamil Nadu



FLD Seed Drill - Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh



ICM in chillies - Kothagudem, Telangana



ICM practices of paddy using Agricultural drone - West Godavari (VR Gudem), Andhra Pradesh



Soil test based nutrient management in Maize - Kurnool, Yagantipalli, Andhra Pradesh



3.3. Trainings

Training is one of the important mandates of Krishi Vigyan Kendras which plays a pivotal role in capacity development of farmers and extension personnel to update their knowledge and skills on improved agricultural technologies. Accordingly, KVKs assess the training needs, prioritize, and conduct various training programmes for farmers and farmwomen primarily focused on knowledge and skills, while it is entrepreneurship development for rural youth and knowledge on frontier areas of science and technology for extension personnel. During the reporting period, KVKs in Zone-X conducted 9489 training programmes to 370431

beneficiaries (Table 3.3.1) including farmers, rural youth extension functionaries, sponsored trainings, and vocational trainings.

A total of 8442 training programmes on agricultural and allied technologies to increase the production and productivity of crops, dairy and others were organized for 313880 farmers and farm women, rural youth, and extension functionaries by KVKs in the Zone. Sponsored training was conducted for 47127 beneficiaries and vocational training for 9424 beneficiaries through 676 and 371 programmes, respectively. Clientele wise details conducted by KVKs of different states in Zone X are furnished in Table 3.3.2.

Table 3.3.1. Details of client wise training programmes organized by KVKs in Zone-X

Category	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		Puducherry		Total	
	NC	NP	NC	NP	NC	NP	NC	NP	NC	NP
Need-based trainings										
Farmers and Farm Women	3328	107220	2063	82025	993	45617	136	3241	6520	238103
Rural Youth	523	15247	424	14519	107	3802	11	259	1065	33827
Extension Personnel	306	11091	417	23946	127	6608	7	305	857	41950
Total need-based trainings	4157	133558	2904	120490	1227	56027	154	3805	8442	313880
Sponsored Trainings	419	31878	189	12082	57	2802	11	365	676	47127
Vocational Trainings	149	4049	188	4395	27	784	7	196	371	9424
Grand total	4725	169485	3281	136967	1311	59613	172	4366	9489	370431

NC = No. of courses NP = No. of Participants

Table 3.3.2. Details of client wise training programmes organized by KVKs in Zone-X

Clientele	No. of Courses	Other Beneficiaries			SC/ST Beneficiaries			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Tamil Nadu										
FFW	3328	47727	30982	78709	13781	14730	28511	61508	45712	107220
RY	523	5984	5168	11152	1758	2337	4095	7742	7505	15247
EF	306	5532	3636	9168	950	973	1923	6482	4609	11091
Total	4157	59243	39786	99029	16489	18040	34529	75732	57826	133558
Sponsored	419	7589	5233	12822	7443	11613	19056	15032	16846	31878
Vocational	149	1415	1277	2692	579	778	1357	1994	2055	4049
Grand Total	4725	68247	46296	114543	24511	30431	54942	92758	76727	169485
Andhra Pradesh										
FFW	2063	36003	18585	54588	15629	11808	27437	51632	30393	82025
RY	424	6378	3883	10261	2418	1840	4258	8796	5723	14519
EF	417	12331	6109	18440	3148	2358	5506	15479	8467	23946
Total	2904	54712	28577	83289	21195	16006	37201	75907	44583	120490
Sponsored	189	5358	2499	7857	2637	1588	4225	7995	4087	12082
Vocational	188	951	816	1767	827	1801	2628	1778	2617	4395
Grand Total	3281	61021	31892	92913	24659	19395	44054	85680	51287	136967
Telangana										
FFW	993	18367	9118	27485	10376	7756	18132	28743	16874	45617

Clientele	No. of Courses	Other Beneficiaries			SC/ST Beneficiaries			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
RY	107	1179	859	2038	1115	649	1764	2294	1508	3802
EF	127	2833	1726	4559	954	1095	2049	3787	2821	6608
Total	1227	22379	11703	34082	12445	9500	21945	34824	21203	56027
Sponsored	57	682	282	964	1215	623	1838	1897	905	2802
Vocational	27	225	111	336	210	238	448	435	349	784
Grand Total	1311	23286	12096	35382	13870	10361	24231	37156	22457	59613
Puducherry										
FFW	136	1790	697	2487	400	354	754	2190	1051	3241
RY	11	87	85	172	45	42	87	132	127	259
EF	7	205	79	284	9	12	21	214	91	305
Total	154	2082	861	2943	454	408	862	2536	1269	3805
Sponsored	11	47	176	223	48	94	142	95	270	365
Vocational	7	59	7	66	37	93	130	96	100	196
Grand Total	172	2188	1044	3232	539	595	1134	2727	1639	4366
Grand total for Zone -X										
FFW	6520	103887	59382	163269	40186	34648	74834	144073	94030	238103
RY	1065	13628	9995	23623	5336	4868	10204	18964	14863	33827
EF	857	20901	11550	32451	5061	4438	9499	25962	15988	41950
Total	8442	138416	80927	219343	50583	43954	94537	188999	124881	313880
Sponsored	676	13676	8190	21866	11343	13918	25261	25019	22108	47127
Vocational	371	2650	2211	4861	1653	2910	4563	4303	5121	9424
Grand Total	9489	154742	91328	246070	63579	60782	124361	218321	152110	370431

FFW=Farmers and Farm Women, RY=Rural Youth, EF=Extension Functionaries

Thematic area wise trainings offered to farmers and farm women are furnished in Table 3.3.3. A total of 6520 training courses were organized for 238103 farmers in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Puducherry. Among the various thematic areas, 1669 courses were on crop

production, 975 on horticulture, 541 on soil health, 606 on livestock, 775 on women empowerment, 127 on agricultural engineering, 928 on plant protection, 153 on fisheries, 296 on production of seeds and other inputs, 347 on capacity building and 103 on agro-forestry.

3.3.1. Farmers and Farm women

Table 3.3.3. Details of subject area wise training programmes conducted for farmers in Zone-X

Thematic area	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
I. Crop production										
Crop diversification	118	2454	1203	3657	610	549	1159	3064	1752	4816
Cropping systems	92	1685	969	2654	562	494	1056	2247	1463	3710
Integrated crop management	551	10455	4371	14826	4153	2630	6783	14608	7001	21609
Integrated farming	71	1309	749	2058	599	375	974	1908	1124	3032
Integrated nutrient management	169	3573	1420	4993	1288	762	2050	4861	2182	7043
Micro irrigation/irrigation	30	511	261	772	154	164	318	665	425	1090
Nursery management	29	691	298	989	319	257	576	1010	555	1565
Production of organic inputs	100	1663	921	2584	645	564	1209	2308	1485	3793
Resource conservation technologies	76	2443	914	3357	515	347	862	2958	1261	4219
Seed production	96	1675	1134	2809	948	709	1657	2623	1843	4466
Soil & water conservation	94	1675	525	2200	707	331	1038	2382	856	3238
Weed management	53	975	328	1303	416	280	696	1391	608	1999
Others	190	3553	1183	4736	1390	890	2280	4943	2073	7016
Total of crop production	1669	32662	14276	46938	12306	8352	20658	44968	22628	67596



Thematic area	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
II. Horticulture										
a) Vegetable crops										
Exotic vegetables	15	152	142	294	59	71	130	211	213	424
Export potential vegetables	21	374	139	513	50	59	109	424	198	622
Grading and standardization	13	190	104	294	61	34	95	251	138	389
Nursery raising	83	1344	560	1904	520	308	828	1864	868	2732
Off-season vegetables	36	543	275	818	213	154	367	756	429	1185
Production of low value and high value crops	52	796	404	1200	209	129	338	1005	533	1538
Protective cultivation	56	797	558	1355	261	186	447	1058	744	1802
Others in vegetable crop	34	607	150	757	172	112	284	779	262	1041
Others	144	2142	1282	3424	832	569	1401	2974	1851	4825
Total of vegetable crops	454	6945	3614	10559	2377	1622	3999	9322	5236	14558
b) Fruits										
Cultivation of fruit	70	1277	491	1768	318	253	571	1595	744	2339
Export potential fruits	4	68	27	95	21	35	56	89	62	151
Layout and management of orchards	8	116	44	160	58	48	106	174	92	266
Management of young plants/orchards	20	304	73	377	123	39	162	427	112	539
Micro irrigation systems of orchards	9	189	57	246	28	16	44	217	73	290
Plant propagation techniques	21	331	142	473	163	78	241	494	220	714
Rejuvenation of old orchards	11	162	73	235	109	49	158	271	122	393
Training and pruning	32	570	254	824	191	107	298	761	361	1122
Others	32	806	341	1147	157	107	264	963	448	1411
Total of fruits	207	3823	1502	5325	1168	732	1900	4991	2234	7225
c) Ornamental plants										
Export potential of ornamental plants	8	152	64	216	64	53	117	216	117	333
Management of potted plants	1	12	10	22	2	3	5	14	13	27
Nursery management	43	231	128	359	48	44	92	279	172	451
Propagation techniques of ornamental plants	12	212	79	291	35	20	55	247	99	346
Others in ornamental plants	9	134	73	207	16	8	24	150	81	231
Others	17	220	64	284	205	128	333	425	192	617
Total in ornamental plants	90	961	418	1379	370	256	626	1331	674	2005
d) Plantation crops										
Processing and value addition	14	208	166	374	67	54	121	275	220	495
Production and management technology	71	1306	503	1809	362	176	538	1668	679	2347
Others	4	83	12	95	26	16	42	109	28	137
Total of plantation crops	89	1597	681	2278	455	246	701	2052	927	2979
e) Tuber crops										
Processing and value addition	14	168	231	399	63	155	218	231	386	617
Production and management technology	23	144	69	213	91	149	240	235	218	453
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total of tuber crops	37	312	300	612	154	304	458	466	604	1070
f) Spices										
Processing and value addition	17	250	180	430	41	90	131	291	270	561
Production and management technology	33	602	264	866	296	94	390	898	358	1256
Others	7	96	9	105	21	29	50	117	38	155
Total of spices	57	948	453	1401	358	213	571	1306	666	1972
g) Medicinal and Aromatic Plants										
Nursery management	8	140	73	213	20	10	30	160	83	243
Post-harvest technology and value addition	9	113	74	187	40	56	96	153	130	283
Production and management technology	18	283	204	487	32	21	53	315	225	540
Others	6	46	33	79	22	28	50	68	61	129
Total of medicinal plants	41	582	384	966	114	115	229	696	499	1195
Grand total of horticulture	975	15168	7352	22520	4996	3488	8484	20164	10840	31004
III. Soil health and fertility management										
Balance use of fertilizers	59	869	376	1245	299	251	550	1168	627	1795
Integrated nutrient management	98	1761	746	2507	567	430	997	2328	1176	3504
Integrated water management	9	129	56	185	91	47	138	220	103	323

Thematic area	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Management of problematic soils	21	369	144	513	96	76	172	465	220	685
Micronutrient deficiency in crops	24	260	169	429	56	70	126	316	239	555
Nutrient use efficiency	19	208	196	404	76	86	162	284	282	566
Production and use of organic inputs	57	1205	632	1837	215	244	459	1420	876	2296
Soil and water testing	74	1123	509	1632	432	334	766	1555	843	2398
Soil fertility management	111	1843	944	2787	464	390	854	2307	1334	3641
Others	69	1199	529	1728	528	547	1075	1727	1076	2803
Total of soil health	541	8966	4301	13267	2824	2475	5299	11790	6776	18566
IV. Livestock production and management										
Animal nutrition management	71	962	556	1518	354	255	609	1316	811	2127
Dairy management	109	1587	888	2475	658	537	1195	2245	1425	3670
Disease management	80	1220	687	1907	677	523	1200	1897	1210	3107
Feed & fodder technology	79	1078	456	1534	426	386	812	1504	842	2346
Piggery management	13	255	141	396	62	30	92	317	171	488
Poultry management	132	1455	994	2449	953	945	1898	2408	1939	4347
Production of quality animal products	11	134	86	220	100	34	134	234	120	354
Rabbit management	7	66	56	122	67	49	116	133	105	238
Goat farming	67	1001	518	1519	423	280	703	1424	798	2222
Others	37	530	501	1031	210	177	387	740	678	1418
Total of livestock	606	8288	4883	13171	3930	3216	7146	12218	8099	20317
V. Home Science/Women empowerment										
Design and development of low/minimum cost diet	27	126	488	614	72	393	465	198	881	1079
Designing and development for high nutrient efficiency diet	20	83	226	309	43	243	286	126	469	595
Gender mainstreaming through SHGs	18	42	286	328	3	215	218	45	501	546
Household food security by kitchen gardening and nutrition gardening	95	801	1523	2324	316	1075	1391	1117	2598	3715
Location specific drudgery reduction technologies	26	292	556	848	125	354	479	417	910	1327
Minimization of nutrient loss in processing	18	116	286	402	63	197	260	179	483	662
Processing and cooking	37	163	622	785	46	325	371	209	947	1156
Rural Crafts	8	41	119	160	5	136	141	46	255	301
Storage loss minimization techniques	25	152	291	443	61	209	270	213	500	713
Value addition	349	2827	5609	8436	818	3028	3846	3645	8637	12282
Women and childcare	65	299	1352	1651	112	739	851	411	2091	2502
Women empowerment	44	138	857	995	29	662	691	167	1519	1686
Others	43	253	737	990	116	414	530	369	1151	1520
Total of Home Science	775	5333	12952	18285	1809	7990	9799	7142	20942	28084
VI. Agricultural engineering										
Farm machinery and its maintenance	62	1197	421	1618	372	432	804	1569	853	2422
Installation and maintenance of micro irrigation systems	13	141	88	229	34	22	56	175	110	285
Post-harvest technology	14	119	120	239	54	45	99	173	165	338
Production of small tools and implements	7	133	35	168	43	16	59	176	51	227
Repair and maintenance of farm machinery and implements	10	192	65	257	96	38	134	288	103	391
Small scale processing and value addition	5	56	42	98	12	26	38	68	68	136
Use of plastics in farming practices	3	66	34	100	41	17	58	107	51	158
Solar powered farm devices	13	232	63	295	77	62	139	309	125	434
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total of agricultural engineering	127	2136	868	3004	729	658	1387	2865	1526	4391
VII. Plant protection										
Biocontrol of pests and diseases	88	1494	559	2053	567	366	933	2061	925	2986
Integrated disease management	237	3577	1653	5230	1746	1071	2817	5323	2724	8047
Integrated Pest Management	389	7222	2988	10210	3197	1775	4972	10419	4763	15182
Production of biocontrol agents and bio pesticides	62	1363	463	1826	389	305	694	1752	768	2520
Seed treatment techniques	152	2684	1154	3838	1344	568	1912	4028	1722	5750
Storage pest management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Thematic area	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total of plant protection	928	16340	6817	23157	7243	4085	11328	23583	10902	34485
VIII. Fisheries										
Breeding and culture of ornamental fishes	11	134	101	235	54	42	96	188	143	331
Carp breeding and hatchery management	2	17	4	21	26	14	40	43	18	61
Carp fry and fingerling rearing	9	134	28	162	69	11	80	203	39	242
Composite fish culture	48	776	256	1032	274	144	418	1050	400	1450
Edible oyster farming	0	26	4	30	0	0	0	26	4	30
Fish processing and value addition	5	63	85	148	3	48	51	66	133	199
Hatchery management and culture of freshwater prawn	1	30	5	35	0	0	0	30	5	35
Integrated fish farming	22	283	177	460	115	98	213	398	275	673
Pearl culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pen culture of fish and prawn	2	32	9	41	8	0	8	40	9	49
Portable plastic carp hatchery	2	34	6	40	36	7	43	70	13	83
Shrimp farming	10	92	28	120	64	58	122	156	86	242
Others	41	655	257	912	198	113	311	853	370	1223
Total of fisheries	153	2276	960	3236	847	535	1382	3123	1495	4618
IX. Production of inputs at site										
Apiculture	37	625	333	958	296	275	571	921	608	1529
Bio-agents production	22	505	218	723	209	146	355	714	364	1078
Bio-fertilizer production	29	510	304	814	277	196	473	787	500	1287
Bio-pesticides production	11	283	173	456	112	101	213	395	274	669
Mushroom production	46	491	339	830	241	236	477	732	575	1307
Organic manures production	25	422	280	702	141	111	252	563	391	954
Planting material production	12	246	99	345	82	56	138	328	155	483
Production of bee-colonies and wax sheets	3	59	2	61	32	8	40	91	10	101
Production of fish feed	2	19	25	44	31	0	31	50	25	75
Production of fry and fingerlings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production of livestock feed and fodder	15	202	149	351	90	80	170	292	229	521
Seed production	25	497	131	628	124	51	175	621	182	803
Small tools and implements	5	55	7	62	48	26	74	103	33	136
Vermicompost production	56	879	589	1468	336	353	689	1215	942	2157
Others	8	180	40	220	45	10	55	225	50	275
Total of inputs	296	4973	2689	7662	2064	1649	3713	7037	4338	11375
X. Capacity building and group dynamics										
Entrepreneurial development of farmers/youths	85	1243	646	1889	501	312	813	1744	958	2702
Formation and management of SHGs	23	321	238	559	167	133	300	488	371	859
Group dynamics	34	440	346	786	266	214	480	706	560	1266
Leadership development	18	189	68	257	73	85	158	262	153	415
Mobilization of social capital	12	203	112	315	29	13	42	232	125	357
WTO and IPR issues	1	14	7	21	6	4	10	20	11	31
Others	174	4025	2215	6240	1786	1056	2842	5811	3271	9082
Total of capacity building	347	6435	3632	10067	2828	1817	4645	9263	5449	14712
XI Agro-forestry										
Integrated Farming Systems	32	453	257	710	214	121	335	667	378	1045
Nursery management	13	222	108	330	41	25	66	263	133	396
Production technologies	17	250	72	322	58	34	92	308	106	414
Others in agroforestry	7	97	38	135	56	37	93	153	75	228
Others	34	288	177	465	241	166	407	529	343	872
Total of agroforestry	103	1310	652	1962	610	383	993	1920	1035	2955
Grand total	6520	103887	59382	163269	40186	34648	74834	144073	94030	238103

3.3.2. Rural Youth

Various training programmes on entrepreneurship development, employment creation and income generation in agriculture and allied areas among rural youth were conducted by the KVKs in Zone-X. A total of 1065 courses were organized for 33827 rural youth in Tamil Nadu, Andhra

Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry. The training areas included value addition in agriculture, dairy, fisheries, animal husbandry products, mushroom production, production of organic inputs, integrated farming, bee keeping, nursery management, dairying, poultry production, *etc.*, (Table 3.3.4).

Table 3.3.4. Details of training programmes for rural youth in Zone-X

Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Bee-keeping	75	976	664	1640	445	260	705	1421	924	2345
Cold water fisheries	1	0	6	6	0	24	24	0	30	30
Commercial fruit production	16	241	114	355	96	59	155	337	173	510
Composite fish culture	13	128	89	217	144	58	202	272	147	419
Dairying	20	192	127	319	51	90	141	243	217	460
Fish harvest and processing technology	3	26	26	52	10	9	19	36	35	71
Freshwater prawn culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fry and fingerling rearing	1	15	5	20	3	2	5	18	7	25
Integrated farming	72	1343	657	2000	534	315	849	1877	972	2849
Mushroom Production	104	938	730	1668	439	349	788	1377	1079	2456
Nursery Management of Horticulture crops	80	1069	627	1696	409	254	663	1478	881	2359
Ornamental fisheries	4	33	39	72	15	24	39	48	63	111
Pearl culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piggery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Planting material production	25	376	168	544	84	70	154	460	238	698
Post Harvest Technology	26	276	299	575	75	117	192	351	416	767
Poultry production	34	420	302	722	207	163	370	627	465	1092
Production of organic inputs	58	986	683	1669	311	227	538	1297	910	2207
Production of quality animal products	6	64	23	87	17	15	32	81	38	119
Protected cultivation of vegetable crops	25	398	193	591	121	82	203	519	275	794
Quail farming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rabbit farming	2	27	4	31	5	0	5	32	4	36
Repair and maintenance of farm machinery and implements	10	192	59	251	54	30	84	246	89	335
Rural Crafts	8	50	260	310	12	93	105	62	353	415
Seed production	39	766	290	1056	187	96	283	953	386	1339
Sericulture	12	223	141	364	52	65	117	275	206	481
Sheep and goat rearing	24	281	179	460	142	100	242	423	279	702
Shrimp farming	3	17	6	23	22	13	35	39	19	58
Small scale processing	3	22	60	82	13	36	49	35	96	131
Tailoring and Stitching	3	2	86	88	4	54	58	6	140	146
Training and pruning of orchards	14	345	84	429	103	31	134	448	115	563
Value addition	152	1260	2017	3277	468	1194	1662	1728	3211	4939
Vermi-culture / Vermicomposting	53	883	490	1373	365	226	591	1248	716	1964
SRI production technologies	1	23	0	23	0	0	0	23	0	23



Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Nutrient management in pandal cultivated crops	17	319	173	492	88	53	141	407	226	633
Bio-floc fish farming	8	117	32	149	55	31	86	172	63	235
Others	153	1620	1362	2982	805	728	1533	2425	2090	4515
Total	1065	13628	9995	23623	5336	4868	10204	18964	14863	33827

3.3.3. Extension Functionaries

Capacity Development Programmes for district level extension functionaries were organized by KVKs in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Puducherry states. A total of 857 training courses were conducted in which 41950 Extension

Functionaries participated and benefited (Table 3.3.5). Among various areas of training, the highest number of 141 training courses were conducted on integrated pest management followed by integrated nutrient management (113).

Table 3.3.5. Details of trainings for Extension Functionaries in Zone-X

Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Capacity building for ICT application	61	1361	729	2090	345	292	637	1706	1021	2727
Care & maintenance of farm machinery & implements	18	543	179	722	125	67	192	668	246	914
Formation and Management of SHGs	28	330	389	719	101	234	335	431	623	1054
Gender mainstreaming through SHGs	13	21	307	328	20	174	194	41	481	522
Group Dynamics and farmers organization	30	807	356	1163	170	113	283	977	469	1446
Household and Food Security	28	280	514	794	48	306	354	328	820	1148
Information networking among farmers	10	252	94	346	88	105	193	340	199	539
Integrated Nutrient management	113	4410	1990	6400	975	722	1697	5385	2712	8097
Integrated Pest Management	141	4390	1510	5900	1122	450	1572	5512	1960	7472
Livestock feed and fodder production	33	742	245	987	176	140	316	918	385	1303
Low cost and nutrient efficient diet designing	18	150	293	443	63	149	212	213	442	655
Management in farm animals	13	311	113	424	116	51	167	427	164	591
Production and use of organic inputs	49	1445	559	2004	340	281	621	1785	840	2625
Productivity enhancement in field crops	72	1405	698	2103	264	161	425	1669	859	2528
Protected cultivation technology	19	330	165	495	69	74	143	399	239	638
Rejuvenation of old orchards	13	574	161	735	89	40	129	663	201	864
Women and Child care	45	246	1349	1595	111	451	562	357	1800	2157
Integrated farming system	30	634	441	1075	201	189	390	835	630	1465

Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Preparation of bankable projects	11	109	95	204	19	22	41	128	117	245
Cage fish culture	5	212	113	325	86	122	208	298	235	533
Otthers	107	2349	1250	3599	533	295	828	2882	1545	4427
Total	857	20901	11550	32451	5061	4438	9499	25962	15988	41950

3.3.4 Sponsored Trainings

KVKs conducted sponsored training programmes from ATMA, MANAGE and other agencies in addition to regular training programmes. A total of 676 sponsored training programmes were conducted for 47127 youth in Zone-X (Table 3.3.6).

A maximum number of courses were conducted on crop production and management (350) followed by production and value addition (111), Livestock and fisheries (96), Home science (41), Post harvest technology (31) and Agricultural extension (28) (Table 3.3.7).

Table 3.3.6. Details of state wise sponsored training programmes in Zone-X

State	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Tamil Nadu	419	7589	5233	12822	7443	11613	19056	15032	16846	31878
Andhra Pradesh	189	5358	2499	7857	2637	1588	4225	7995	4087	12082
Telangana	57	682	282	964	1215	623	1838	1897	905	2802
Puducherry	11	47	176	223	48	94	142	95	270	365
Total	676	13676	8190	21866	11343	13918	25261	25019	22108	47127

Table 3.3.7. Details of sponsored training programmes in Zone-X

Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Crop production and management										
Commercial production of vegetables	13	353	129	482	140	61	201	493	190	683
Increasing production and productivity of crops	103	4485	1196	5681	1036	394	1430	5521	1590	7111
Others	234	3938	2979	6917	7086	10839	17925	11024	13818	24842
Total crop production trainings	350	8776	4304	13080	8262	11294	19556	17038	15598	32636
Production and value addition										
Fruit plants	30	419	354	773	57	49	106	476	403	879
Methods of protective cultivation	9	145	61	206	20	24	44	165	85	250
Ornamental plants	1	15	6	21	1	3	4	16	9	25
Production of Inputs at site	7	170	57	227	49	23	72	219	80	299
Soil health and fertility management	37	725	308	1033	318	169	487	1043	477	1520
Spices crops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	27	282	252	534	110	148	258	392	400	792
Total Production and value Addition Trainings	111	1756	1038	2794	555	416	971	2311	1454	3765



Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Post-harvest technology and value addition										
Processing and value addition	24	295	244	539	125	272	397	420	516	936
Others	7	3	19	22	156	134	290	159	153	312
Total PHT and VA	31	298	263	561	281	406	687	579	669	1248
Farm Machinery										
Farm machinery, tools and implements	13	264	157	421	82	65	147	346	222	568
Others	6	130	76	206	22	11	33	152	87	239
Total FM	19	394	233	627	104	76	180	498	309	807
Livestock and fisheries										
Animal Disease Management	15	232	92	324	92	165	257	324	257	581
Animal Nutrition Management	11	317	314	631	76	64	140	393	378	771
Fisheries Management	11	159	50	209	85	46	131	244	96	340
Fisheries Nutrition	2	24	33	57	5	12	17	29	45	74
Livestock production and management	19	224	276	500	63	152	215	287	428	715
Integrated farming	19	236	171	407	101	168	269	337	339	676
Others	19	282	78	360	119	121	240	401	199	600
Total LS and F	96	1474	1014	2488	541	728	1269	2015	1742	3757
Home Science										
Drudgery reduction of women	4	37	43	80	4	11	15	41	54	95
Economic empowerment of women	6	48	101	149	35	67	102	83	168	251
Household nutritional security	9	86	543	629	140	200	340	226	743	969
Others	22	99	345	444	18	116	134	117	461	578
Total HS	41	270	1032	1302	197	394	591	467	1426	1893
Agricultural Extension										
Capacity Building and Group Dynamics	17	440	171	611	74	37	111	514	208	722
Others	11	268	135	403	1329	567	1896	1597	702	2299
Total AE	28	708	306	1014	1403	604	2007	2111	910	3021
Grand Total	676	13676	8190	21866	11343	13918	25261	25019	22108	47127

3.3.5 Vocational Training

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Puducherry conducted vocational training courses for farmers, rural youth, school dropouts and women to create self-employment and income generation in the rural areas. A total of **371** vocational training courses were conducted in which **9424** farmers,

women, rural youth, and extension functionaries participated (Table 3.3.8) in Zone X. Maximum number of courses were conducted on income generation activities (**129**) followed by crop production and management (**113**), post-harvest technologies value addition (**81**), Livestock and fisheries (**46**), etc. (Table 3.3.9).

Table 3.3.8. Details of state wise vocational training programmes in Zone-X

State	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Tamil Nadu	149	1415	1277	2692	579	778	1357	1994	2055	4049
Andhra Pradesh	188	951	816	1767	827	1801	2628	1778	2617	4395
Telangana	27	225	111	336	210	238	448	435	349	784
Puducherry	7	59	7	66	37	93	130	96	100	196
Total	371	2650	2211	4861	1653	2910	4563	4303	5121	9424

Table 3.3.9. Details of vocational training programmes in Zone-X

Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Crop production and management										
Commercial floriculture	8	34	24	58	5	2	7	39	26	65
Commercial fruit production	12	39	88	127	8	9	17	47	97	144
Commercial vegetable production	10	96	82	178	74	64	138	170	146	316
Integrated crop management	10	140	70	210	33	27	60	173	97	270
Organic farming	24	150	92	242	105	87	192	255	179	434
Others	49	585	303	888	505	340	845	1090	643	1733
Total CPM	113	1044	659	1703	730	529	1259	1774	1188	2962
Post-harvest technology and value addition										
Value addition	51	175	540	715	148	490	638	323	1030	1353
Others	30	0	180	180	87	1048	1135	87	1228	1315
Total PHT and VA	81	175	720	895	235	1538	1773	410	2258	2668
Livestock and fisheries										
Composite fish culture	9	101	33	134	74	15	89	175	48	223
Dairy farming	8	185	86	271	12	46	58	197	132	329
Piggery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poultry farming	4	43	28	71	30	17	47	73	45	118
Sheep and goat rearing	6	57	22	79	22	40	62	79	62	141
Others	19	80	111	191	186	151	337	266	262	528
Total LS and F	46	466	280	746	324	269	593	790	549	1339
Income generation activities										
Agril. para-workers, para-vet training	1	0	0	0	3	16	19	3	16	19
Implements	8	30	3	33	18	7	25	48	10	58
Bio-fertilizers	8	10	7	17	11	32	43	21	39	60
Mushroom cultivation	10	172	65	237	53	39	92	225	104	329

Area of training	No. of courses	Participants								
		Others			SC/ST			Grand Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Nursery, grafting	14	76	70	146	19	48	67	95	118	213
Production of bio-agents, bio-pesticides	13	139	47	186	37	17	54	176	64	240
Repair and maintenance of farm machinery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Crafts	3	3	35	38	0	3	3	3	38	41
Seed production	5	42	79	121	10	21	31	52	100	152
Sericulture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tailoring, stitching, embroidery, dying	4	24	32	56	8	115	123	32	147	179
Vermicomposting	15	98	88	186	85	85	170	183	173	356
Others	48	371	126	497	100	181	281	471	307	778
Total IGA	129	965	552	1517	344	564	908	1309	1116	2425
Agricultural Extension										
Capacity building and group dynamics	2	0	0	0	20	10	30	20	10	30
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total AE	2	0	0	0	20	10	30	20	10	30
Grand Total	371	2650	2211	4861	1653	2910	4563	4303	5121	9424



Demonstration on Banana Sakthi micro nutrients mixture- KVK, Thiruvapur, Tamil Nadu



Drone Seeding in paddy - KVK, Trichi , Tamil Nadu



Farmers Training on ICM in Coconut - KVK, Coimbatore , Tamil Nadu



Fish cutlet preparation - KVK, Toothukkudi , Tamil Nadu



Off campus training on IPDM in Mango - KVK, Theni, Tamil Nadu



Off campus training on Usage of Organic inputs in Brinjal - KVK, Karaikal, Puducherry



On campus Bee keeping training - KVK, Madurai, Tamil Nadu



On campus training on Mushroom cultivation - KVK, Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu



Training on goat rearing - KVK, Rangareddy, Tamil Nadu



Training on drudgery reduction implements - KVK, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu



Training on natural farming input preparation - KVK, Medak (DDS), Telangana



Training on vegetable cultivation - KVK, Dindigul - Tamil Nadu



Value addition using solar dryer - KVK, Theni, Tamil Nadu



Vocational training on mushroom cultivation - KVK, Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu



Vocational training on value addition to banana fibre - KVK, Theni, Tamil Nadu



3.4. Extension Activities

KVKs organized 48804 extension activities for creating awareness about latest improved agricultural technologies in which 4154945 farmers and 60149 Extension Personnel participated and benefited (Table 3.4.1). The extension activities included advisory services, exposure visits, animal health camps, technology week, group discussions, method demonstrations, soil health camps, Kisan mela, Kisan ghosthi *etc.*

(Table 3.4.2). KVKs in Tamil Nadu organized 26773 extension activities for 1705770 farmers and Extension Personnel (Table 3.4.3). KVKs in Andhra Pradesh organized 9381 extension activities in which 491472 persons participated (Table 3.4.4). In Telangana, 12107 activities were organized for 1814853 participants (Table 3.4.5). In Puducherry 543 extension activities were organized for 142850 participants (Table 3.4.6).

Table 3.4.1. Details of state wise extension activities organized by KVKs in Zone-X

State	No. of programmes	No. of farmers	No. of Extension Personnel	Total
Tamil Nadu	26773	1705770	26889	1732659
Andhra Pradesh	9381	491472	27266	518738
Telangana	12107	1814853	5198	1820051
Puducherry	543	142850	796	143646
Total	48804	4154945	60149	4215094

Table 3.4.2. Details of Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Zone-X

Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Advisory Services	21679	1938199	1760	6121	23439	1944320
Attended as resource person	3105	126068	408	9569	3513	135637
Awareness programmes on PPV & FRA	79	4562	20	350	99	4912
Celebration of important days	707	70182	82	1783	789	71965
Diagnostic visits	3530	28767	693	2463	4223	31230
Exhibition	459	431440	758	4454	1217	435894
Exposure visits	460	20229	54	970	514	21199
Ex-trainees Sammelan	16	548	1	20	17	568
Farm Science Club	105	3685	1	49	106	3734
Farmers' seminar/workshop	168	26362	96	1222	264	27584
Field Day	529	19600	319	2116	848	21716
Film Show	1022	119924	64	1028	1086	120952
Group discussions	1404	29360	443	2766	1847	32126
Kisan Ghosthi	162	12335	162	708	324	13043
Kisan Mela	165	157933	309	4092	474	162025
Mana Telangana – Mana Vyavasayam	4	153	0	15	4	168
Method Demonstrations	2297	70389	399	2400	2696	72789
Plant/animal health camps	220	34398	83	2287	303	36685
Scientists' visit to farmers field	7136	54980	416	2725	7552	57705
Self -help groups	319	7417	6	133	325	7550
Special day celebration	692	76104	216	1572	908	77676
Others	4546	922310	1011	13306	5557	935616
Total	48804	4154945	7301	60149	56105	4215094

Table 3.4.3. Details of Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Tamil Nadu

Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Advisory Services	12365	114676	160	1303	12525	115979
Attended as resource person	2209	73380	209	2950	2418	76330
Awareness programmes on PPV & FRA	26	3045	8	28	34	3073
Celebration of important days	239	33310	44	879	283	34189
Diagnostic visits	1438	8774	252	757	1690	9531
Exhibition	273	242576	82	1574	355	244150
Exposure visits	292	12240	15	179	307	12419
Ex-trainees Sammelan	12	366	1	20	13	386
Farm Science Club	61	1669	0	25	61	1694
Farmers' seminar/workshop	94	21018	9	362	103	21380
Field Day	229	7165	21	223	250	7388
Film Show	877	112488	43	402	920	112890
Group discussions	394	10640	78	1168	472	11808
Kisan Ghosthi	65	6817	20	185	85	7002
Kisan Mela	83	24912	18	283	101	25195
Mana Telangana – Mana Vyavasayam	1	110	0	15	1	125
Method Demonstrations	1299	49452	74	694	1373	50146
Plant/animal health camps	119	29070	14	1932	133	31002
Scientists' visit to farmers field	2818	19431	245	763	3063	20194
Self -help groups	181	3283	3	43	184	3326
Special day celebration	346	46946	64	387	410	47333
Others	3352	884402	982	12717	4334	897119
Total	26773	1705770	2342	26889	29115	1732659

Table 3.4.4. Details of Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Andhra Pradesh

Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Advisory Services	1557	201601	1400	3641	2957	205242
Attended as resource person	392	23253	164	5156	556	28409
Awareness programmes on PPV & FRA	16	356	3	126	19	482
Celebration of important days	306	19577	34	787	340	20364
Diagnostic visits	1419	13387	376	1451	1795	14838
Exhibition	92	28125	666	2703	758	30828
Exposure visits	103	5936	29	499	132	6435
Ex-trainees Sammelan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Science Club	42	1968	0	0	42	1968
Farmers' seminar/workshop	46	1520	82	808	128	2328
Field Day	191	6296	282	1695	473	7991
Film Show	62	3374	18	385	80	3759
Group discussions	566	8344	313	1381	879	9725
Kisan Ghosthi	69	1831	137	468	206	2299
Kisan Mela	34	118049	282	3307	316	121356
Mana Telangana – Mana Vyavasayam	2	21	0	0	2	21
Method Demonstrations	684	13640	310	1559	994	15199



Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Plant/animal health camps	78	3787	64	300	142	4087
Scientists' visit to farmers field	2414	17418	104	1735	2518	19153
Self -help groups	107	2745	3	90	110	2835
Special day celebration	196	9461	140	1086	336	10547
Others	1005	10783	19	89	1024	10872
Total	9381	491472	4426	27266	13807	518738

Table 3.4.5. Details of Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Telangana

Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Advisory Services	7667	1621683	199	1172	7866	1622855
Attended as resource person	401	24845	34	1413	435	26258
Awareness programmes on PPV & FRA	37	1161	9	196	46	1357
Celebration of important days	153	16783	4	117	157	16900
Diagnostic visits	650	6370	65	255	715	6625
Exhibition	79	49538	10	177	89	49715
Exposure visits	64	2003	10	292	74	2295
Ex-trainees Sammelan	4	182	0	0	4	182
Farm Science Club	2	48	1	24	3	72
Farmers' seminar/workshop	26	3577	5	52	31	3629
Field Day	101	5891	16	198	117	6089
Film Show	31	2248	0	0	31	2248
Group discussions	437	10260	52	217	489	10477
Kisan Ghosthi	26	3401	5	55	31	3456
Kisan Mela	48	14972	9	502	57	15474
Mana Telangana – Mana Vyavasayam	1	22	0	0	1	22
Method Demonstrations	269	6360	13	104	282	6464
Plant/animal health camps	23	1541	5	55	28	1596
Scientists' visit to farmers field	1784	17652	67	227	1851	17879
Self -help groups	28	1374	0	0	28	1374
Special day celebration	146	19552	12	99	158	19651
Others	130	5390	0	43	130	5433
Total	12107	1814853	516	5198	12623	1820051

Table 3.4.6. Details of Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Puducherry

Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Advisory Services	90	239	1	5	91	244
Attended as resource person	103	4590	1	50	104	4640
Awareness programmes on PPV & FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celebration of important days	9	512	0	0	9	512
Diagnostic visits	23	236	0	0	23	236

Activities	No. of programmes to Farmers	No. of farmers	No. of programmes to Extension Personnel	No. of Extension Personnel	Total Programmes	Total Participants
Exhibition	15	111201	0	0	15	111201
Exposure visits	1	50	0	0	1	50
Ex-trainees Sammelan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Science Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farmers' seminar/workshop	2	247	0	0	2	247
Field Day	8	248	0	0	8	248
Film Show	52	1814	3	241	55	2055
Group discussions	7	116	0	0	7	116
Kisan Goshthi	2	286	0	0	2	286
Kisan Mela	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mana Telangana – Mana Vyavasayam	0	0	0	0	0	0
Method Demonstrations	45	937	2	43	47	980
Plant/animal health camps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scientists' visit to farmers field	120	479	0	0	120	479
Self -help groups	3	15	0	0	3	15
Special day celebration	4	145	0	0	4	145
Others	59	21735	10	457	69	22192
Total	543	142850	17	796	560	143646

Table 3.4.7. Details of Other Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Zone-X

Activity	No. of Activities
Animal health camps (No. of animals treated)	1092
Bimonthly Newsletters (English, Tamil and Telugu)	145
Electronic Media (CD/DVD)	62
Exhibitions	1217
Extension Literature	740
Farmers visit to KVK	25822
Kisan melas	474
Lectures delivered as resource persons	2929
Newspaper coverage	5687
Popular articles	1096
Radio Talks	559
Registration of farmers through AKPS	25899
Research articles	389
Success stories	464
TV Talks	672
Others	863
Total	68110

Table 3.4.8. Details of Other Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Tamil Nadu

Activity	No. of Activities
Animal health camps (No. of animals treated)	72
Bimonthly Newsletters (English, Tamil and Telugu)	62
Electronic Media (CD/DVD)	28
Exhibitions	355
Extension Literature	457
Farmers visit to KVK	11508
Kisan melas	101
Lectures delivered as resource persons	2024
Newspaper coverage	1277
Popular articles	466
Radio Talks	300
Registration of farmers through AKPS	287
Research articles	213
Success stories	256
TV Talks	257
Others	535
Total	18198



Table 3.4.9. Details of Other Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Andhra Pradesh

Activity	No. of Activities
Animal health camps (No. of animals treated)	994
Bimonthly Newsletters (English, Tamil and Telugu)	57
Electronic Media (CD/DVD)	24
Exhibitions	758
Extension Literature	104
Farmers visit to KVK	12388
Kisan melas	316
Lectures delivered as resource persons	392
Newspaper coverage	2252
Popular articles	375
Radio Talks	126
Registration of farmers through AKPS	8763
Research articles	122
Success stories	122
TV Talks	184
Others	53
Total	27030

Table 3.4.10. Details of Other Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Telangana

Activity	No. of Activities
Animal health camps (No. of animals treated)	19
Bimonthly Newsletters (English, Tamil and Telugu)	25
Electronic Media (CD/DVD)	10
Exhibitions	89
Extension Literature	169
Farmers visit to KVK	1206
Kisan melas	57

Technology Week

Technology week celebrations were organized by KVKs in which 276034 farmers participated (Table

Activity	No. of Activities
Lectures delivered as resource persons	368
Newspaper coverage	2003
Popular articles	251
Radio Talks	116
Registration of farmers through AKPS	16849
Research articles	50
Success stories	79
TV Talks	225
Others	262
Total	21778

Table 3.4.11. Details of Other Extension Activities organized by KVKs in Puducherry

Activity	No. of Activities
Animal health camps (No. of animals treated)	7
Bimonthly Newsletters (English, Tamil and Telugu)	1
Electronic Media (CD/DVD)	0
Exhibitions	15
Extension Literature	10
Farmers visit to KVK	720
Kisan melas	0
Lectures delivered as resource persons	145
Newspaper coverage	155
Popular articles	4
Radio Talks	17
Registration of farmers through AKPS	0
Research articles	4
Success stories	7
TV Talks	6
Others	13
Total	1104

3.4.7). The activities include *gosthies*, lectures, exhibition, film shows, fairs, distribution of inputs etc.

Table 3.4.7. Details of technology week activities organized by KVKs in Zone X

Types of Activities	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		Puducherry		Total	
	No.	F	No.	F	No.	F	No.	F	No.	F
Gosthies	42	10114	26	3000	28	1278	0	0	96	14392
Lectures organized	345	11232	73	2906	47	1530	8	311	473	15979
Exhibition	113	17044	40	112182	27	3899	6	628	186	133753
Film show	184	6973	33	2423	6	692	1	76	224	10164
Fair	9	1052	2	471	2	438	0	0	13	1961
Farm Visit	371	4881	286	3812	223	2566	4	447	884	11706

Types of Activities	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		Puducherry		Total	
	No.	F	No.	F	No.	F	No.	F	No.	F
Diagnostic Practical	205	2793	78	803	134	1734	1	74	418	5404
Distribution of Literature (No.)	1797	14913	1648	6554	40	4120	5	376	3490	25963
Distribution of Seed (q)	556	8775	1219	3634	95	666	1	104	1871	13179
Distribution of Planting materials (No.)	16788	3187	353828	1689	331091	380	1	100	701708	5356
Bio Product distribution (Kg)	152498	4525	3111	361	3026	151	0	0	158635	5037
Bio Fertilizers (q)	11092	1270	1492	2933	205	1049	0	0	12789	5252
Distribution of fingerlings	276671	201	0	0	0	0	0	0	276671	201
Distribution of Livestock specimens (No.)	2182	413	110	64	500	100	0	0	2792	577
Total number of farmers visited the technology week	1486	13604	1073	6420	286	4374	0	376	2845	24774
Others	802	2311	2	25	0	0	0	0	804	2336
Total	465141	103288	363021	147277	335710	22977	27	2492	1163899	276034

F = No of farmers

Kisan Mobile Advisories

To disseminate the latest technologies on crops and animals, knowledge on weather, market prices of various commodities *etc.* to the farmers, mobile advisories through Kisan Mobile portal and other sources were issued by KVKs through text and voice

messages. During the year, KVKs have sent 80504 messages to 24065980 farmers (Table 3.4.8). Among them, 8414 messages were sent through Kisan Mobile portal to 12257619 farmers (Table 3.4.9) and 72090 messages were sent through other sources to 11808361 farmers (Table 3.4.10).

Table 3.4.8. Details of mobile advisories issued by KVKs in Zone X

Type of message	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		Puducherry		Total	
	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF
Kisan Mobile Advisories	924	6128177	6812	1485577	678	4643865	0	0	8414	12257619
Other Mobile Advisories	31438	1520405	18650	4681530	21329	5572335	673	34091	72090	11808361
Total	32362	7648582	25462	6167107	22007	10216200	673	34091	80504	24065980

NM = No. of Messages; NF = No. of Farmers

Table 3.4.9. Details of Kisan Mobile Advisories issued by KVKs in Zone X

Type of message	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		PY		Total	
	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF
Crop										
Text	410	3750017	2083	920021	540	3352716	0	0	3033	8022754
Voice	3	1272	162	26032	0	0	0	0	165	27304
Text and Voice	0	0	1743	27036	29	224242	0	0	1772	251278
Total	413	3751289	3988	973089	569	3576958	0	0	4970	8301336
Livestock										
Text	81	892613	319	106384	62	43737	0	0	462	1042734
Voice	45	110	99	15258	0	0	0	0	144	15368
Text and Voice	12	145	387	15258	0	0	0	0	399	15403
Total	138	892868	805	136900	62	43737	0	0	1005	1073505
Agro Advisories										
Text	54	257519	77	67224	7	3500	0	0	138	328243
Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Type of message	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		PY		Total	
	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF
Text and Voice	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Total	54	257519	77	67224	12	3500	0	0	143	328243
Critical Technology Inputs										
Text	21	93478	0	19104	15	264726	0	0	36	377308
Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Text and Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	21	93478	0	19104	15	264726	0	0	36	377308
Farm Implements										
Text	8	103693	3	19104	0	0	0	0	11	122797
Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Text and Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	103693	3	19104	0	0	0	0	11	122797
Awareness										
Text	47	244670	33	61704	0	0	0	0	80	306374
Voice	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Text and Voice	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	47	244670	33	61704	0	0	0	0	80	306374
KVK-Programmes										
Text	63	474181	78	54994	3	1250	0	0	144	530425
Voice	0	0	10	3000			0	0	10	3000
Text and Voice	0	0	10	3000	2	0	0	0	12	3000
Total	63	474181	100	59494	5	1250	0	0	168	534925
Weather										
Text	91	183205	508	55080	11	376847	0	0	610	615132
Voice	0	0	44	5086	0	0	0	0	44	5086
Text and Voice	0	0	428	5086	2	112121	0	0	430	117207
Total	91	183205	980	65252	13	488968	0	0	1084	737425
Market										
Text	20	88945	117	26886	2	264726	0	0	139	380557
Voice	0	0	44	5086	0	0	0	0	44	5086
Text and Voice	0	0	140	5086	0	0	0	0	140	5086
Total	20	88945	301	37058	2	264726	0	0	323	390729
Women and Children										
Text	28	31464	53	36476	0	0	0	0	81	67940
Voice	0	0	44	5086	0	0	0	0	44	5086
Text and Voice	0	0	428	5086	0	0	0	0	428	5086
Total	28	31464	525	46648	0	0	0	0	553	78112
Others										
Text	23	6719	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	6719
Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Text and Voice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	6719	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	6719
Grand Total										
Text	846	6126504	3271	1366977	640	4307502	0	0	4757	11800983
Voice	59	1511	403	59548	0	0	0	0	462	61059
Text and Voice	19	162	3138	59052	38	336363	0	0	3195	395577
Total	924	6128177	6812	1485577	678	4643865	0	0	8414	12257619

NM = No. of Messages; NF = No. of Farmers

Table 3.4.10. Details of other mobile advisories

Type of message	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		PY		Total	
	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF
Crop										
Text	4362	408449	4943	1720180	8778	2999190	11	171	18094	5127990
Voice	408	15215	1121	52928	353	50410	0	0	1882	118553
Text and Voice	914	56558	548	524207	4446	289019	0	0	5908	869784
Total	5684	480222	6612	2297315	4446	289019	11	171	16753	3066727
Livestock										
Text	11675	208153	1496	257510	1209	136204	2	28	14382	601895
Voice	1528	21652	324	1706	441	468	0	0	2293	23826
Text and Voice	387	36576	60	231457	302	31323	0	0	749	299356
Total	13590	266381	1880	490673	1952	167995	2	28	17424	925077
Agro Advisories										
Text	3724	117807	608	65641	938	482851	328	15897	5598	682196
Voice	161	3721	1041	30682	150	150	0	0	1352	34553
Text and Voice	1644	60404	45	13397	83	2225	217	3943	1989	79969
Total	5529	181932	1694	109720	1171	485226	545	19840	8939	796718
Critical Technology Inputs										
Text	78	15799	150	16000	79	41044	0	0	307	72843
	44	1973	23	7842	25	25	0	0	92	9840
	13	1624	12	13874	14	14	0	0	39	15512
Total	135	19396	185	37716	118	41083	0	0	438	98195
Farm Implements										
Text	49	18888	46	17876	90	32667	0	0	185	69431
Voice	21	1098	41	8877	23	223	0	0	85	10198
Text and Voice	6	1054	10	14324	35	32240	0	0	51	47618
Total	76	21040	97	41077	148	65130	0	0	321	127247
Awareness										
Text	340	105750	418	237797	296	396686	0	0	1054	740233
Voice	14	2190	75	31442	67	6888	0	0	156	40520
Text and Voice	26	69239	28	209195	45	39095	0	0	99	317529
Total	380	177179	521	478434	408	442669	0	0	1309	1098282
KVK-Programmes										
Text	463	57818	237	54581	292	47056	8	2512	1000	161967
Voice	22	3290	1578	7121	54	6882	0	0	1654	17293
Text and Voice	16	1624	11	13546	40	16120	0	0	67	31290
Total	501	62732	1826	75248	386	70058	8	2512	2721	210550
Weather										
Text	3303	127338	574	308208	1719	850456	0	0	5596	1286002
Voice	79	4130	592	5979	50	6860	0	0	721	16969
Text and Voice	1530	86459	150	206080	1282	39073	0	0	2962	331612
Total	4912	217927	1316	520267	3051	896389	0	0	9279	1634583
Market										
Text	351	52025	603	77467	174	1000	107	11540	1235	142032
Voice	13	2321	52	53647	34	24	0	0	99	55992
Text and Voice	9	1909	19	63124	18	18	0	0	46	65051
Total	373	56255	674	194238	226	1042	107	11540	1380	263075
Women and Children										
Text	36	14057	109	17289	144	24814	0	0	289	56160
Voice	137	1029	8	32545	45	35	0	0	190	33609
Text and Voice	7	1909	8	32545	12	12	0	0	27	34466
Total	180	16995	129	52179	201	24861	0	0	510	94035

Type of message	Tamil Nadu		Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		PY		Total	
	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF	NM	NF
Others										
Text	68	17496	3705	198345	62	29984	0	0	3835	245825
Voice	7	1995	6	564	11	11	0	0	24	2570
Text and Voice	3	855	5	185754	18	9268	0	0	26	195877
Total	78	20346	3716	384663	91	39263	0	0	3885	444272
Grand Total										
Text	24449	1143580	12889	2970894	13781	5041952	456	30148	51575	9186574
Voice	2434	58614	4861	233333	1253	71976	0	0	8548	363923
Text and Voice	4555	318211	900	1477303	6295	458407	217	3943	11967	2257864
Total	31438	1520405	18650	4681530	21329	5572335	673	34091	72090	11808361

NM = No. of Messages; NF = No. of Farmers



Animal health awareness program - KVK, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu



Animal health camp - KVK, Ramnad, Tamil Nadu



Awareness on the use of drones- KVK, Mancherial , Telangana



Awareness to the School students on Importance of farming - KVK, Villuppuram, Tamil Nadu



Exhibition on genetic diversity - KVK, Kanyakumari , Tamil Nadu



Field day of Bajra - KVK, Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu



Field visit to Ridge gourd fields - KVK, Thiruvannamalai , Tamil Nadu



Information Center - KVK, West Godavari (Undi), AP



Millet mela - KVK, Erode, Tamil Nadu



Participation in Regional Millet Mela - KVK Tiruvannamalai , Tamil Nadu



3.5. Publications

The KVKs of Zone-X brought out 7780 publications, which include 464 research papers, 1028 popular

articles, 425 success stories, 897 technical bulletins, 411 Books, *etc.* and provided to the farmers and other clientele. The details are given in Table 3.5.1.

Table 3.5.1. Details of Publications by KVKs

Category	Tamil Nadu	Andhra Pradesh	Telangana	Puducherry	Total
Research Papers	288	135	38	3	464
Popular Articles	521	301	206	0	1028
Books Chapters	192	29	6	0	227
Books	371	22	13	5	411
Conference Papers	101	55	21	2	179
Seminar Papers	50	24	19	2	95
Posters	109	53	46	0	208
Workshop presentations	96	42	25	1	164
Folders	106	56	43	2	207
Leaflets	1004	84	41	25	1154
Pamphlets	1157	45	33	1	1236
Brochures	26	36	20	0	82
Pocket Cards & Dairy	8	1	0	0	9
Success Stories	215	129	76	5	425
Technical Bulletins	108	306	483	0	897
Technical Reports	147	136	109	0	392
Training Manuals	186	20	28	11	245
Proceedings	113	27	38	0	178
Others	111	42	26	0	179
Total	4909	1543	1271	57	7780

Twenty-two KVKs in the Zone published monthly, quarterly, half yearly and annual newsletters in

English and local languages and distributed to farmers and other stake holders (Table 3.5.2).

Table 3.5.2 Newsletters published

State and KVK	Name of newsletter	Periodicity	No of copies
Andhra Pradesh			
Chittoor (RASS)	KVK Newsletter	Quarterly	400
East Godavari (Kalavacharla)	CTRI News Letter	Quarterly	500
Guntur (Lam)	SVVU Monthly reports	Monthly	1200
Guntur (Lam)	SVVU Quarterly Newsletter	Quarterly	400
Kadapa (Vonipenta)	Dr. YSRHU e-News letter	Fortnightly	240
Kurnool (Yagantipalle)	KVK Yagantipalle, E Newsletter	Half yearly	200
Tamil Nadu			
Ariyalur	Seithi Malar	Quarterly	500
Coimbatore	Kovai Velanmai	Quarterly	500
Cuddalore	Erkalam	Quarterly	400
Dharmapuri	Thagadoor Seithi Madal	Quarterly	100

State and KVK	Name of newsletter	Periodicity	No of copies
Dindigul	KVK Newsletter	Quarterly	400
Erode	Uzhavar Malar	Quarterly	1000
Erode	KVK Reporter	Quarterly	1000
Karur	Karur Newsletter	Half Yearly	200
Krishnagiri	UZHAVAR THUNAIVAN	Quarterly	100
Madurai	TNAU NEWSLETTER	Half Yearly	50
Nilgiris	Neelamalai Saaral	Quarterly	400
Perambalur	KVK Newsletter	Half Yearly	3000
Pudukkottai	KVK Pudukkottai Newsletter	Quarterly	120
Telangana			
Kamam (Wyr)	PJTSAU Newsletter	Quarterly	400
Mahabubnagar (Palem)	KVK Palem E-News letter	Quarterly	250
Mahabubnagar (YFA)	YFA-KVK Newsletter	Quarterly	400

3.6. Critical Technology Products

KVKs produce seeds of improved varieties/hybrids of crops, planting materials of selected material of plant species, bio products, improved livestock breeds and species to provide them to the farmers thereby facilitating rapid technology transfer.

3.6.1 Seed

KVKs produced and supplied 8688 quintals of seed of cereals and millets, 903 quintals of oilseeds, 2999 quintals of pulses and supplied to 21078, 1838 and 12222 farmers, respectively. Also 98 quintals of vegetables, 367 quintals of fodder seeds, 5 quintals of commercial crops 54 quintals of green manures and 6 quintals of flowers seeds were produced and supplied to 14663 farmers. (Table 3.6.1).

3.6.2 Planting material

Planting materials including 7043722 vegetable seedlings, 1661979 fodder slips, 1314619 flowers and ornamental plants, 758343 fruit saplings, 844 special planting materials, 79980 forestry and plantation crops, 44922 medicinal plants, *etc.*,

totaling 11156049 were supplied to 52891 farmers in the Zone. (Table 3.6.2)

3.6.3 Bio-products and bio-agents

A total of 33182 kg of bio fertilizers, 41146 kg of bio pesticides and 876883 kgs of bio-inputs including vermicompost were produced supplied to 702502 farmers (Table 3.6.3).

3.6.4 Livestock Species

A total of 1044151 livestock species, comprising of 954226 fish spawn/seed, 77784 poultry chicks, 11421 dairy animals and 714 sheep and goat were produced and provided to 64527 farmers (Table 3.6.4).

3.6.5 Other inputs

A total of 80929 quintals of other inputs comprising 35708 quintals of crop inputs, 25697 quintals of animal feed and 6540 quintals of poultry feed. 4702 quintals of fish feed and 8282 quintals of other inputs have been produced and provided to 22850 farmers (Table 3.6.5).

Table 3.6.1. Production and supply of seed

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F
Cereals and Millets	1826	4219528	7334	3778	17518460	7793	2865	10036277	5491	220	722355	460	8688	32496620	21078
Oil Seeds	294	1519384	812	565	6025856	876	44	455000	150	0	0	0	903	8000240	1838
Pulses	350	3485540	1505	2150	25182262	8503	499	6188890	2214	0	0	0	2999	34856692	12222
Vegetables	91	709494	766	3	105500	2816	2	5250	3	2	144350	340	98	964594	3925
Fruits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers	0	0	0	6	6000	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6000	28
Spices	1	15950	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15950	202
Fodder	299	11971293	9813	1	40250	78	68	182750	140	0	0	0	367	12194293	10031
Special Planting Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green manure	23	200880	86	14	46563	305	17	125625	50	0	0	0	54	373068	441
Commercial crops	5	45090	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	45090	36
Total	2889	22167159	20554	6516	48924891	20399	3494	16993792	8048	222	866705	800	13120	88952547	49801

Q=Quantity (quintals), V = Value (Rs.), F = No. of Farmers

**Table 3.6.2. Production and supply of planting material**

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	No.	V	F	No.	V	F	No.	V	F	No.	V	F	No.	V	F
Vegetables	195145	202153	2404	4082237	3494596	8248	2707133	3089082	1225	59207	87228	441	7043722	6873059	12318
Fruits	670970	31116564	13383	58524	1227743	3606	27931	1940115	772	918	238140	812	758343	34522562	18573
Flowers and ornamental plants	758313	2563412	2695	365437	394982	1448	180517.2	462980	69	10352	220303	2157	1314619	3641677	6369
Medicinal and aromatic plants	12931	99039	1338	29407	735175	57	0	0	0	2584	25840	750	44922	860054	2145
Forestry and plantation crops	57455	2835361	5862	19052	573070	340	0	0	0	3473	51870	418	79980	3460301	6620
Fodder slips	1412679	1439683	1495	10800	2400	15	238500	130750	133	0	0	0	1661979	1572833	1643
Spices	239413	617567	694	400	8000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	239813	625567	697
Special Planting materials	307	51960	63	300	30000	10	125	25000	125	112	0	50	844	106960	248
Others	11827	217114	4278	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11827	217114	4278
Total	3359040	39142853	32212	4566157	6465966	13727	3154206	5647927	2324	76646	623381	4628	11156049	51880127	52891

No. = Quantity (Numbers) V = Value (Rs.), F = No. of Farmers

Table 3.6.3. Production and supply of bio-products and bio-agents

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F
Bio Fertilizers	23160	756858	4166	6088	647101	1457	3880	379330	2270	55	1135	21	33182	1784424	7914
Bio-inputs	225879	3408609	5454	335830	2827030	22276	308742	2961199	2064	6432	145678	1019	876883	9342516	30813
Bio-pesticides	20757	2308203	659525	6746	1624960	3230	8393	1945715	1020	5251	966309	0	41146	6845187	663775
Total	269795	6473670	669145	348664	5099091	26963	321015	5286244	5354	11737	1113122	1040	951212	17972127	702502

Q=Quantity (kg), V=Value (Rs.), F = No. of Farmers

Table 3.6.4. Details of production of livestock, sheep and goat, poultry breed and fisheries

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	No.	V	F	No.	V	F	No.	V	F	No.	V	F	No.	V	F
Dairy cattle	10907	651284	664	13	189000	11	0	0	0	501	186684	291	11421	1026968	966
Goat and Sheep	402	2923193	211	195	1791488	96	99	715000	32	18	115530	14	714	5545211	353
Poultry	25706	2634703	3285	29645	2741138	1377	18872	1778850	1443	3561	107645	260	77784	7262336	6365
Piggery	6	72000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	72000	6
Fishery	460226	989406	11722	195725	262045	45063	287162	230520	33	11113	90315	19	954226	1572286	56837
Total	497247	7270586	15888	225578	4983671	46547	306133	2724370	1508	15193	500174	584	1044151	15478801	64527

No.=Quantity (Nos.), V=Value (Rs.), F = No. of Farmers

Table 3.6.5. Details of other inputs produced and distributed.

Category	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F	Q	V	F
Crop inputs	34672	8394099	7504	886	310350	1808	150	183400	1592	0	0	0	35708	8887849	10904
Animal feed	20437	1814728	4899	3409	63870	277	1851	128989	315	0	0	0	25697	2007587	5491
Poultry feed	5000	193000	215	1040	0	42	500	16000	100	0	0	0	6540	209000	357
Fish Feed	2200	122000	66	2500	75000	12	2	0	5	0	0	0	4702	197000	83
Others	4566	708751	3781	1250	10150	34	100	0	200	2366	473153	2000	8282	1192054	6015
Total	66875	11232578	16465	9085	459370	2173	2603	328389	2212	2366	473153	2000	80929	12493490	22850

Q = Quantity (quintals), V = Value (Rs.), F = No. of Farmers

3.6.6 Soil and water testing

KVKs undertake soil and water testing primarily to ascertain the nutrient status of fields earmarked for technology assessment and refinement to make soil test based nutrient recommendations in various micro-farming situations in the district.

A total number of 52124 samples including soil (44892), water (6309), plant (661), manure (50) and 212 other samples were analyzed by the KVKs benefiting 45249 farmers of 8546 villages (Table 3.6.6.)

Table 3.6.6. Total Soil and water testing by KVKs of Zone-X

Details	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Total		
	N	F	V	N	F	V	N	F	V	N	F	V	N	F	V
Soil Samples analyzed using Mini Soil Testing Kit	4049	3608	1686	2459	2392	544	2948	2894	222	0	0	0	9456	8894	2452
Soil Samples analyzed by traditional lab method	10224	8122	2502	17159	16787	1207	7813	6124	242	240	143	84	35436	31176	4035
Total Soil Samples analyzed	14273	11730	4188	19618	19179	1751	10761	9018	464	240	143	84	44892	40070	6487
Water samples analyzed	4374	3158	1458	1392	1125	270	505	390	102	38	27	27	6309	4700	1857
Plant Samples analyzed	102	96	93	0	0	0	520	278	27	39	2	2	661	376	122
Manure samples analyzed	50	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10	5
Others	212	93	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212	93	75
Total	19011	15087	5819	21010	20304	2021	11786	9686	593	317	172	113	52124	45249	8546

N = Number of samples, F = No. of Farmers, V = No. of villages

I received 10 Rajasri birds (One Month old) for backyard poultry rearing from Dr.YSRHU-KVK, Periyavaram during the year 2023 under SC Sub plan There is a significant increase in family income of Rs. 14950/- per annum by sale of eggs and male birds and consumption of eggs for nutrition in the family.

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3.7. Rainwater Harvesting

A total of 81 training courses and 77 demonstrations were conducted on rainwater

harvesting technologies benefiting 7193 farmers. A total of 456 officials attended the demonstrations (Table 3.7.1).

Table 3.7.1 Activities on rainwater harvesting by KVKs of Zone-X

State and KVK	Details of the Activity	No. of Trainings	No. of Demos	No. of Farmers benefited	No. of Officials Visited
Tamil Nadu					
Ariyalur	Farm ponds	5	5	675	20
Dharmapuri	Rain harvesting pond and check dam	2	2	500	12
Dindigul	<i>In-situ</i> moisture conservation and storage of run-off through farm pond	8	4	614	28
Nagapattinam	Awareness creation and explained about the IFS technologies and demonstrations	9	9	285	27
Namakkal	Insitu moisture conservation	6	9	120	12
Perambalur	Awareness on water storage structure, In-situ moisture conservation practices	1	1	15	5
Perambalur	Methods of soil moisture conservation and benefits of soil moisture conservation	1	1	78	7
Ramanathapuram	Rain water storage technology	1	1	55	45
Salem	Establishment of farm ponds	3	2	118	8
Sivagangai	Establishments of water harvesting structures	3	2	328	12
Sivagangai	Rainwater harvesting in saline water areas	3	0	126	2
Tirunelveli	Rainwater harvesting in agricultural land	1	1	30	5
Villupuram II	Installed Drip fertigation in Maize and Sugarcane field for water saving and fertilizer use efficiency	3	2	97	5
Villupuram II	Installed Drip fertigation in Tapioca for water saving	2	2	115	4
Villupuram II	Compartmental bunding and summer ploughing for Soil moisture conservation in rainfed lands	2	2	48	6
Andhra Pradesh					
Ananthapuram (Kalyandurg)	Farm pond	4	4	80	10
Chittoor (RASS)	Soil and water conservation	6	7	1664	55
Kadapa (Utukur)	Method demonstrations on Deep ploughings with sub soiler	1	3	15	0
Prakasam (Kandukur)	Roof water collection and storage for life saving irrigation	3	3	154	54
Prakasam (Kandukur)	Rain water harvestings through farm ponds	4	4	263	124
Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi)	Role of rain water harvesting structures	5	3	53	0
Telangana					
Adilabad	Raised bed technology in cotton	1	5	740	5
Adilabad	Demonstration on raised bed technology in Cotton + Red gram (2:1)	1	1	740	5
Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	Constructions of Farm Pond	1	1	25	8
Mahabubnagar (YFA)	Watershed management practices, rain water harvesting structures and water budgeting	1	1	55	15
Medak (Tuniki)	Rainwater harvesting, rain water management etc.	3	2	155	0
Warangal (Malyal)	Rainwater harvesting and its efficient use 9n SCSP adopted village	1	0	45	2
	Total	81	77	7193	456

3.8. Technological Backstopping

The Directorates of Extension of Universities (Agricultural, Horticultural, Veterinary and Fishery) of the Zone provides technological back stopping, capacity building and monitors and reviews of activities of KVKs along with

ATARI. The Directorates of Extension of the Agricultural, Horticultural, Veterinary and Fisheries Universities in the Zone and ICAR-ATARI conducted 71 meetings with the participation of 5285 KVK staff.

Table 3.8.1. Details of training programmes and meetings conducted by SAUs and ATARI

SAU/ATARI	No. of meetings	No of participants
ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur	8	1225
PJTSAU, Hyderabad	21	1594
SKLTSHU, Mulugu	1	148
Dr.YSRHU, V.R.Gudem	8	367
SVVU, Tirupati	8	487
PVNRTU, Hyderabad	2	66
TANUVAS, Chennai	7	106
TNAU, Coimbatore	6	332
ATARI, Hyderabad	10	960
Total	71	5285

The Directors of Extension Education and their officials made 261 visits to 72 KVKs to coordinate and monitor the mandated activities, technological interventions and to take stock of

the infrastructural facilities available and the constraints faced by the KVKs operating in the jurisdiction of their respective universities.

Table 3.8.2. Details of visit by officials of directorate of extension of SAUs to KVKs

SAU/ATARI	No. of Visits	No of KVKs
ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur	10	8
PJTSAU, Hyderabad	12	12
SKLTSHU, Mulugu	5	1
Dr.YSRHU, V.R.Gudem	35	6
SVVU, Tirupati	4	4
PVNRTU, Hyderabad	9	1
TANUVAS, Chennai	9	4
TNAU, Coimbatore	43	18
TNAU, Coimbatore	43	18
TANUVAS, Chennai	9	4
ATARI, Hyderabad	82	68
Total	261	72

3.9. Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC)

Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATICs) are functioning in PJTSAU, TNAU and TANUVAS are single window delivery systems for providing farmers with enhanced access to sources of information related to agriculture and allied sectors and critical technology products like seed, planting material, livestock material and bioproducts. Three ATICs provided

technology information, technology products and agro-advisory to 3377, 5545 and 3409 farmers respectively. Three books were sold to 524 farmers and 2 DVDs on crop production and livestock production technology were sold to 57236 farmers. Three Technical bulletins were sold to 11284 farmers.

Table 3.9.1 Details of visit of farmers to ATICs

Nature of Visit	PJTSAU	TNAU	TANUVAS	Total
Technology Information	615	2458	304	3377
Technology Products	42	5357	146	5545
Agro-advisory	220	2895	294	3409



I am KVK, V.R.Gudem, under ARYA, which played a transformative role in turning me into a beekeeping entrepreneur with Indian bees i.e. *Apis cerana indica*, known for specialty honey with medicinal values. Now, with about 15 bee colonies I am extracting 5 -10 Kgs honey every month and selling @ Rs. 2000/- per/kg. I have plans to increase the unit up to 50 colonies and to encourage fellow youth to take up this enterprise.

Mr. Jashua

Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh



3.10 Success Stories

Natural farming in mango- Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

Mr.K. Narasimhulu Guptha of Vengamvaaripalli village in Chittoor district cultivates mango in two hectares . His mango orchard is usually affected by biotic stresses like mangooppers, fruit borers, fruit flies, leaf Webbers and anthracnose that are causing economical damage in mango orchards and ultimately causing reduction in quality and yield of mango fruits.

Under the guidance of KVK, Chittoor (Kalikiri), the farmer implemented the following natural farming practices in his mango orchard.

- Periodical raking of soil under tree basin at frequent intervals and field sanitation.

- Spraying of neem oil 1500 ppm @ 2 ml per liter of water at flowering stage
- Installation of fifteen methyl eugenol plywood traps per acre.
- Bagging of fruits at lemon size to avoid egg laying by fruit flies

Performance of Natural farming in Mango

Crop	Yield (kg/ha.)	Gross Cost of Cultivation (Rs./ha.)	Net returns (Rs./ha.)	B:C Ratio
Natural farming	11235.8	112500	224575	3.0
Farmer practice	8681.6	137500	166358	2.2

The quality of the fruit was very good by using fruit covers and methyl eugenol traps which fetched higher price in the market.



Bagging of mango for better quality

Sericulture secures livelihood – Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

Sri V. Kannivelu Reddy from Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh is cultivating mulberry and has taken up silk worm rearing in his 1.75 acres land. KVK, Chittoor (RASS) conducted demonstrations, capacity building programmes and Awareness programmes on various aspects of mulberry farming and silk worm rearing under Village adoption programme. After attending the programmes conducted by RASS KVK, Sri Kannevelu Reddy adopted improved package of

practices of Mulberry cultivation and Silk worm rearing i.e. High yielding G-4 improved mulberry variety, rearing Bivoltine breed, application of bio control agents, application of waste decomposer, Multi nutrient spray, Seri boost and Poshan Seri boost Plus, utilization of effective disinfectants like Serifit, Seriswachh, Integrated Pest and Disease Management practices, management of micro climatic conditions by using foggers and heaters etc,. By following these practices he could grow 10 crops, brush 1650 DFLs, and harvest 1350 kilograms of cocoons per year.

Year wise Income and expenditure statement of Sri Kannevelu Reddy in sericulture

Year	No of crops / year	No of DFLs	Cocoon Yield (kg)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Gross Income (Rs.)	Net Returns (Rs.)
2019	5	650	290	52350	115000	49150
2020	10	1600	1248	116420	458000	363580
2021	11	1800	1470	107280	367500	260450
2022	11	1700	1420	128950	656120	527170
2023	10	1575	1202	109560	399430	289870

Through the adoption of Integrated Nutrient Management Practices, he is harvesting nearly 24 t/ year of mulberry leaf per acre which is 33.3% more than that obtained by other farmers in the village. Mr. Reddy got 21.60% more cocoon yield (78 Kg/100 DFLs) than other farmers and could earn Rs 300000 to 350000 per year by taking up of 10-11 crops with 1650 DFLs per year. Inspired by the success of this farmer, 13 farmers from Kondalacheruvu village

and more than 50 framers from nearby villages in Narayanavanam mandal have adopted and are practicing improved technologies in mulberry cultivation and silk worm rearing. He is also providing continuous employment for 4 members through his enterprise. Sri V. Kannivelu Reddy has received best farmers award during the year 2020-2021 from the department of sericulture



Mr. Kannivelu Reddy in his mulberry field



Use of tricho cards for IPM

Entrepreneurship development through millets

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kurnool (Banavasi) has been training farmers, farm women, rural youth and Women Self Help Groups in the area of processing and value addition of millets. Trainings were conducted on value addition to millets to the farm women of KVK adopted villages. Further training was also imparted to the farm women on nutrition education, importance of value added food products, maintaining health and hygiene practices while handling food products, labeling, packing and financial management. The women were also sensitized on establishment of market linkages.

After acquainting with processing, preparation of value added products and packing, one women from Kurnool district, V. Vasavi came forward to take up value addition of millets as an entrepreneur activity under the technical support of KVK, Kurnool (Banavasi). She prepares snacks with millets like ragi, jowar, korra etc., and is supplying to the staff of KVK Banavasi and earning good profits. **VASAVI FOODS** came into existence with a vision to provide 100% natural products to meet specific daily nutritional requirements of every individual. It was started in the year 2023 at Kurnool District with the technical support of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Banavasi. KVK, Banavasi has been continuously supporting the women entrepreneurs by creating marketing facilities and by establishing stalls and exhibition sales counters wherever required for enhancing their economic status.



Vasavi millet based products on exhibition cum sale

Successful entrepreneurship through vermicomposting

An effective means of recycling agricultural wastes is vermicomposting. It helps to maintain a healthy environment for farm animals and can reduce the need for commercial fertilizers while providing high value Vermicompost. Sri A. Hari was a graduate from YSR district, AP used to cultivate groundnut, sesame, betel vine and flower crops and get annual returns of Rs.39,350 from 2 acres of land. KVK created interest towards entrepreneurship through training programme and supported for establishment of vermicompost unit in through ARYA 2019-20. KVK, Kadapa (Utukuru) supported in establishment of vermicompost unit by providing construction material, watering system, weighing machine and earthworms and provided technical assistance in production through frequent monitoring. At present, Mr. Hari is producing 30 tonnes of vermicompost by recycling of farm wastes in 200 sq ft area throughout the year in four cycles. His annual income rose to Rs.1,56,000 with a B:C ratio of 2.16.



Vermicompost unit of Mr. A. Hari, Kadapa – Andhra Pradesh

Soil Test Crop Response (STCR) equation based fertilizer application in rice in Nandyal , Andhra Pradesh brings down injudicious N fertilizer use

Soil tests help in quantifying the nutrients that are expected to be available to the crop plants throughout its life cycle and in identifying the possible nutrients that might limit the crop growth and yield. Hence, success of any soil testing programme, as a diagnostic tool to quantify the kind and amount of nutrients that need to be applied in order to get the desired yield level, depends how precisely calibration is done. Soil test based fertilizer application indeed avoids wasteful expenditure on nutrient(s) that need not be applied and in rationalizing the apportionment of different nutrient quantities that need to be applied to reap maximum returns from the investment on fertilization.

The Demonstrations were organized in the KVK, Kurnool (Yagantipalli) adopted villages of, Allagadda, Gospadu, Dornipadu, Nandyal and Sirivella mandals of Nandyal district. The villages were selected based on PRA conducted in major crops in that particular village. All the farmers of the village along with farm women, and youth were involved in awareness meetings and campaigns on ill effects of excess usage of chemical fertilizers. Selected groups of farmers, women and youth were given training on soil sampling procedure and nutrient management in rice before starting of the season at village level. The successful farmers who adopted the STCR recommendation were utilized for capacity building of new farmers. Demonstrations were conducted in farmers' fields to practically show them effectiveness of STCR technologies in reduction of cost of chemical fertilizers. Demonstrations were conducted in consultation with target group of adopted villages, local Water User Associations (WUAs) and Adharsa Rythus. STCR technology could be replicated in neighboring villages through awareness campaigns, trainings, exposure visits , mass media coverage, field visits, farmer's interaction meetings, field days etc. The Local agriculture

extension personnel were involved in technology spread and adoption through trainings , field visits, field days etc.

By using STCR formula, the KVK, Yagantipalle conducted 300 demonstrations on Nutrient management in rice @0.4 ha unit area at different villages of Dornipadu, Gospadu, Sirivella, Koilkuntla, Allagadda, Nandyal and Bandi Atmakur mandals of Kurnool district under KC canal and TBLLC since Kharif-2007 with a target yield of 75q/ha. As per the soil test reports, the N content in all soils was low, P and K were medium to high. In STCR based fertilizer application in demonstrations, the use of N and P was significantly reduced and K was given at a higher dose contrary to farmers practice.



Crop cut in the demonstration fields of rice



Field day on STCR based fertilizer use

There is no significant difference in the yields recorded in STCR demonstrations and Farmer's practice (Check). However numerical increase in yield by 2.61 percent (3 years average was observed in STCR over check due to more number of effective tillers/sq.mt and number of grains/panicle.

Yields recorded in STCR demonstrations and farmers practice

Sl.No	Season &Year	No .of demos.	Yield (Kg./ha)		% increase over check
			Demo (STCR)	Check (FP)	
1	Kharif 2019	100	6880	6783	1.43
2	Kharif 2020	100	7138	7122	0.22
3	Kharif 2021	100	7399	6968	6.19
Total/Mean		300	7139	6958	2.61

The cost of production was less in demonstration (Rs.62392/ha) as compared to check (Rs.68672/ha) and net difference in cost of production was

Rs.6279-00 /ha (3 years average) due to judicious application of chemical fertilizers (STCR based recommendation) and pesticides.

Comparison of Cost of Production in STCR demonstrations and farmers practice (Check)

Sl. No	Season &Year	No .of demos.	Cost of production(Rs./ha)	
			Demo (STCR)	Check(FP)
1	Kharif 2019	100	60168	67222
2	Kharif 2020	100	62975	68250
3	Kharif 2021	100	64035	70544
Total/Mean		300	62392	68672

So far, STCR based nutrient management has been adopted by 300 farmers of KC Canal ayacut villages covering 415 ha .The reduction in cost of fertilizers is around Rs.31 lakhs and an amount of Rs.45 lakhs as additional income to farmers was ensured due to adoption of soil test based nutrient management in Rice.

Redgram/ foxtail millet intercropping system mitigates drought in rainfed Kurnool areas

Small millets are grown on marginal lands with poor management practices. Pulses in general and redgram in particular provide more stability and ensure better monetary returns. However to provide stability in the returns, it is always advisable that a cereal or short duration pulse crop is introduced as a component crop with pigeon pea without any considerable reduction in the yield of main crop. Intercropping is an age old practice being followed by subsistence farmers to meet their domestic needs. The main advantage of the intercropping is that the component crops are able to use the growth resources differently and make better overall use of growth resources than grown separately. Pigeon pea is a late maturing, tall growing, wide spaced crop with deep root system

can accommodate rapidly growing, short duration and short statured crops like millets and would prove to be a viable intercropping system.

To develop climate resilient alternative crop management systems and to insure against crop failure due to drought during crop growth, KVK adopted, Redgram + foxtail millet based intercropping systems. This practice has emerged as a significant drought coping strategy and resulted in higher yields per unit area through better use of the bi-model distribution of rainfall.



Redgram intercropped with foxtail millet- Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Treatments	Crop	Yield kg/ha	Cost of Cultivation (Rs./ha)	Net Returns (Rs./ha)	BC ratio	Redgram equivalent Yield (kg/ha)
Farmers Practice	Redgram (Sole)	937	21250	37781	1:2.77	937
	Foxtail millet (sole)	1875	16250	30625	1:2.8	744
Improved Practice	Pigeon pea + foxtail millet Inter cropping(1:5)	607 (Redgram) 1605 (FT millet)	25250	53122	1:3.10	1242

Livelihood and nutritional security through backyard poultry with Rajashri breed

Rajasri, a dual-purpose bird, developed for backyard farming has a great potential due to its versatile capacity to adapt to various climatic conditions. These birds are exclusively raised in the backyards with a capacity of 160-170 eggs/

year. Dr.YSRHU-KVK, Nellore-2 (Periyavaram) popularized rearing of dual purpose Rajashri birds which are highly acclimatized to the jurisdiction of KVK as backyard poultry by providing training on backyard poultry rearing and supplying 5weeks old chicks to SC farmers under SC Sub Plan for enhancement of their income and livelihood in rural areas.

Performance of Rajasri birds in comparison with desi birds

S. No.	Practice	Egg Production (Egg/Bird/Year)	COC (Rs.)	Gross Income (Rs./bird/Year)	Net Income (Rs./bird/Year)	B:C ratio
1	Rajasri	156	670	2320	1650	3.46:1
2	Desi birds	54	780	1530	750	1.96:1

It was also noticed that there was significant increase in consumption of eggs and meat among beneficiary families. Besides the sale of eggs and meat, the farmers were also generating income by continuing the enterprise by reproducing the chicks by using automatic egg incubator which was installed at Dr.YSRHU-KVK, Periyavaram. After witnessing the performance of these Rajasri

poultry birds, most of the farmers of Venkatagiri division showed interest in rearing of Rajasri birds as backyard poultry. At present, a total of 20 farmers other than SC farmers from Yathaluru, Bangarupeta, Petluru and Mannuru villages of venkatagiri and Balayapalle mandals have adopted rearing of Rajasri poultry birds as backyard poultry.



Beneficiaries of Backyard Poultry intervention- Nellore, Andhra Pradesh

Transforming turmeric farming in tribal areas – ASR district, Andhra Pradesh

In the Alluri Seetharama Raju (ASR) district of Andhra Pradesh, tribal communities heavily rely on turmeric cultivation as a major source of livelihood. However, traditional post-harvesting methods, including boiling, drying, and polishing, result in high labor costs and low-quality turmeric. These methods are labor-intensive, time-consuming, and inefficient, hindering optimal returns for farmers. Additionally, the use of age-old processing technologies further exacerbates these challenges, limiting economic benefits and quality of the final product. The need for modernization and mechanization in the post-harvest management of turmeric is evident to enhance productivity, reduce costs, and improve quality.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (BCT) initiated Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) on Post Harvest Mechanization funded by TSP funds. The plan involved introducing mechanized turmeric boiling and polishing technologies to tribal farmers in the ASR district. This included the demonstration of mini boilers for boiling and motor-mounted turmeric polishers for efficient polishing. The implementation was conducted in three villages, focusing on practical solutions to address the challenges faced by farmers in traditional post-harvesting methods.

Through the implementation of mechanized post-harvest management technologies, significant improvements were achieved in turmeric curing

and polishing methods. Boiling time was reduced from 12 to 6 days, and polishing time decreased from 4 to 1 day. Labor costs were substantially reduced, and the quality of turmeric improved, leading to higher market value for the product.

The demonstrations resulted in a 57% decrease in labor for boiling and an 80% reduction in labor costs for polishing. This led to a substantial cost reduction per acre of turmeric cultivation. Additionally, the improved quality of turmeric fetched higher prices in the market, providing farmers with increased incomes. Scaling up these mechanization efforts could lead to significant economic gains, reducing cultivation costs and enhancing efficiency for farmers in the ASR district.



Demonstration of TNAU model mini boiler

Performance of mechanization in turmeric processing

Information/acre	Results			
	Demo (Mini Boiler)	Farmer's practice (Industrial iron drums)	Demo (Motor polisher)	Farmer's (Manual polishing)
No. of days required	06	12	01	04
No. of Labours required	18	36	02	12
Quantity/day (8hr/day)	10 q	6 q	20 q	3 q
Quality	High	Low	High	Low
Price enhancement/kg	--	--	3-5/-	--
Drudgery	Low	High	Very low	High
Cost/ acre (Rs.)	7200	12600	900	4800
Reduction in cost/acre	57%	--	80%	--



Millets fetch millions : Arogya Millet Producing Company

Absence of suitable post harvest processing equipments and value addition technologies are the major constraints for low production and consumption of small millets. Small millets are dehulled manually by women in the tribal areas which include lot of drudgery and hence they usually exchange unprocessed millet grains for paddy with middle men for low prices.

KVK, Vizianagaram established one mega processing millet automated unit worth of 5 crores with the help of A.P Food processing society. Supplied pulverizes, Dal mills, Oil expellers to farmer groups under tribal sub plan. Supplied millet dehulling machine (capacity; 200 kg of seed per hour) in Thumakapalli village of Kothavalasa mandal under TSP. With the support of KVK, they have been preparing 20 types of various millet products and generating 25 tones of foundation seed every year. Conducted trainings on Value addition on locally available produces and entrepreneurship development in convergence with NGO's to improve the quality and commercialization of farmer's produces. Created awareness on improving mother and child nutritional health of tribals in association with Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA).

Nearly 6200 women's were empowered in millet Value addition and Marketing. About fourteen thousand biscuits per day to different governmental organizations like anganwadi centres and social welfare hostels are supplied regularly. A "Millet Canteen" was established in the district collector office to popularize the use of millets among the urban society. The NGO, Sabala established one mega millet processing unit and earning a turnover around One crore rupees.

For the exhaustive work done in revival of millets in tribal areas and also for promotion of millet consumption among women, Smt K Saraswathi has received many appreciations from different organizations like "JayahoMahila Award" from Vizianagaram District Police Department for 2018

& 2019, One MP-One idea contest, got cash award of Rs.1,00,000/- from Shri.Venkaiah Naidu, The Vice President of India and Vijaya Laxmi Das FRIOF women award from Access Development Services, New Delhi. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri. Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated millets processing unit of worth 5 crores and Ginger, sesamum oil extraction unit of worth 2 crores and she delivered a talk at International Conference held at Kenya from 18.2.24 to 24.4.24 about millets in that conference.

Raised beds avert damage to cotton from inundation

In Adilabad district, most of the farmers are facing the challenges of excess rainfall, inundation and low cotton yields under rainfed farming in black cotton soils. The traditional flat bed method of cultivation was proving to be inefficient and unsustainable during excess rainfall years. KVK Adilabad demonstrated the raised bed method of cotton cultivation at instructional farm and also at farmers' fields in the year 2022-23. Due to the advantage of this technology many farmers came forward to adopt this technology. More than 100 acres of area has been demonstrated using bed maker. Mr. Laxman is one among the farmers who decided to adopt the Raised Bed method of cotton cultivation with the guidance and recommended practices from the scientists at KVK Adilabad. This technology has advantages such as good crop stand, good aeration, protection from high rainfall and inundation, and less pest and diseases.

The implementation of the Raised Bed method resulted in a significant increase in Laxman's cotton yield. He recorded a yield of 2500 kg per hectare, which is 21.36 percent over the yield from the conventional flat bed method. Laxman's success story serves as an inspiration to other farmers in the district. His net returns of Rs.108025 per hectare highlight the economic benefits of the Raised Bed method. This method is viable solution to the challenges faced by cotton farmers in the Adilabad district.



Raised bed method of cultivation

Skill training transforms Orchard management in mango – Wanaparthy, Telangana

Sri Peddabavi Shekhar is a farmer from Thirumalaipalle village, Wanaparthy District of Telangana

participated in one week skill based training program conducted under STRY, the component

implemented under SMAE by the Ministry of Agriculture . He was introduced to different aspects of ‘Orchard management and maintenance” at KVK (ICAR-YFA), Madanapuram, Wanaparthy .

The Skill based training program helped Sri Peddabavi Shekhar to acquire knowledge and skill required for Mango crop Production which encouraged him to cultivate Mango under Ultra High Density Planting(UHDP). He planted Mango



High Density Planting of Mango – Wanaparthy, Telangana

var. Baneshan (Banganapalli) in Ultra-high density plantation (UHDP)(600 trees in an acre), which is a new proven technology, combined with other sustainable agricultural techniques, has the potential to yield 200% more produce than that of the traditional method. Accommodation of the maximum possible number of the plants per unit area to get the maximum possible profit per unit of the tree volume without impairing the soil fertility status is called the high-density planting. Before training, he was able to generate an income of not more than Rs. 1.5 lakhs annually. The implementation of various skills acquired during the training helped him to generate an income of more than Rs 3.6 lakhs per year.

Skills learnt during the training program helped him understand the importance of spacing, growth regulation by the training and pruning, canopy management, use of the mechanical devices, Fertilizer dose, Integrated Nutrient Management, water management, Integrated Pest and Disease Management, vegetative growth and flower management etc., coupled with other crop management practices helped him for a successful cultivation. Sri Peddabavi Shekhar had awarded by “KVK best farmer Award” on account of his overall achievement and accomplishment in the field of Agriculture & Allied Sciences on occasion of Kisan diwas held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madanapuram.

Integrated nutrient management in Jasmine – Dindigul , Tamil Nadu

A total of 23% of micronutrient deficiencies were noticed in jasmine. These multi-micronutrient deficiencies are responsible for low flower yield of jasmine. These deficiencies have emerged due to the usage of high-analysis fertilizers like urea, DAP, muriate of potash fertilizers, etc., which cause other nutrients to become deficient in the soil and also pose groundwater and environmental pollution.

Diagnostic field visit was made to the farmer's field where jasmine crop is affected by the micronutrient deficiency. To confirm the problem, soil sample was collected from jasmine's field for soil testing.

Soil sample was analyzed for iron and zinc status. Collected soil was deficient in available Fe and Zn. A soil health card was distributed to the farmers after soil testing for applying balanced fertilizers to enrich the soil fertility with various technologies, such as the application of biofertilizers, namely Azospirillum and Phosphobacteria, each @ 2 kg/ha, the application of neem cake @ 500 g/plant, and vermicompost @ 100 g/plant. Foliar sprays of micronutrients such as ferrous sulphate @ 0.5% and zinc sulphate @ 0.5% at a monthly interval were recommended. Foliar application of panchagavya @ 3% and humic acid @ 0.5% at a monthly interval was recommended. FLD on integrated nutrient management practices in jasmine for higher yield was conducted in the T. Pudhupatty village to alleviate the above problems. Besides, regular field visits and advisory services were given to the farmers for growing jasmine.

The multi-micronutrient deficiencies such as iron and zinc were reduced to 6% in the demo plot from 23%. The percent increase in net income of demo over the check plot was 27.2%. An additional income of Rs. 160208 was earned from the demo plot through the adaptation of INM technologies. 65 farmers have been utilising this technology for cultivating jasmine in the district.



Advisory on INM to Jasmine farmers – Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

Ornamental fish farming as a tool for alternative livelihood- Namakkal, Tamil Nadu

Ornamental fish keeping is the most popular hobby in the world and it is considered to be easy and stress relieving. Mrs. Mahalakshmi a farmer from Bhimanayakkanur village in Erumapaati block of Namakkal district came in contact with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namakkal to get knowledge of ornamental fish culture. After gaining knowledge she started the ornamental fish farming and fish seed production business to fulfill her passion in fish farming. She earns seventy five thousand per

annum from this activity. Ornamental fish farming, culture and seed production are included as different activities of self-help groups and also play an important role in maintaining the livelihoods of poor people.

She is also providing permanent employment to many from his her farming business and provides seasonal employment to 7 to 8 people. Most of the entrepreneurs prefer to grow live bearers like guppy, sword tail, platy and mollies. It is mainly due to the reasons such as; easier to grow, heavy demand in the market, fetch more prices, etc.



Ornamental fish farming – Namakkal, Tamil Nadu



I achieved higher yields in chilli through crop diversification and integrated pest control techniques recommended by KVK, Palem. I was able to efficiently control black thrips and obtained 28.2% higher yields than fellow farmers, with an additional net return of Rs. 1,00,650.

Balakrishna Reddy
Nagarkurnool, Telangana



4.

Special Projects

4.1. Farmer FIRST Programme (FFP)

Farmer First Programme (FFP) has been implemented by Four ICAR institutes (IIMR, IOPR, IIOR and CRIDA) and one University (TANUVAS, Chennai) under ATARI, Hyderabad. This project was introduced to involve the practicing farmers for research problem identification, prioritization and to conduct experiments in farmers field utilizing the resources available with the farmers. Main focus of this project is on farmer's Farm, Innovations, Resources, Science and Technology (FIRST). The project is undertaken covering four major components viz., a. Enhancing Farmer-Scientist Interface, b. Technology Assemblage, Application and Feedback c. Partnership and Institution Building and d. Content Mobilization.

Enhancing Farmer-Scientist Interface

FFP centres organized 119 programmes involving 4,708 farmers to enhance Farmer-Scientist Interface, which include trainings programmes, awareness campaigns, exposure visits, animal health camps, field days, interface meetings, and other extension activities. Through these initiatives, the centres aimed to enhance farmer-scientist interaction, disseminate knowledge on improved agricultural practices, and address key challenges faced by farmers. During these interactions, scientists will identify farm innovators and groom them as technology agents for farmer-to-farmer technology dissemination, up-scaling and out scaling.



Fig 1. ICAR-IOPR Scientists interacting with farmers

Technology Assemblage, Application and Feedback

FFP centres demonstrated 69 technologies covering 2327 ha area and 6589 households in the operational villages. 34 crop-based technologies were demonstrated in 1735 ha area, five horticultural interventions were demonstrated in

75 ha and 9 NRM technologies were demonstrated in 517 ha. In livestock module, 6 technologies were demonstrated involving 978 animals. Five enterprises were established for the benefit of 322 households. Some of the successful technologies were presented below.

Under crop production module FFP centres successfully demonstrated the yield advantage of improved genotypes of sorghum, foxtail millet, finger millet, pearl millet, barnyard millet, kodo millet, little millet, redgram, Safflower Chickpea Groundnut. Among the millets sorghum hybrid CSH 41 gave highest yield advantage of 16 percent over the farmers practice which increased income by 27 percent. CSH 41 is a high yielding recently released hybrid (2018) which has bigger size panicles with good quality grain and fodder. It is tolerant to foliar diseases, shoot fly, stem borer and mites and resistant to midge compared to other

cultivars. During *kharif* 2023, ICAR-IIMR organized 17 demonstrated in five villages. Similarly redgram variety WRGE 97 was demonstrated in 60 trials in six villages covering 24 ha. This variety gave 12.75 q/ha yield which was 66 percent higher than the farmers practice. ICAR-IIMR also demonstrated redgram as an intercrop in sorghum and pearl millet with 2:2 ratio and in foxtail with 2:1 ratio. Sorghum+ redgram intercropping was found to be more profitable (Rs. 1,28,410/ ha) when compared with, pearl millet+ redgram and foxtail millet+ redgram



Fig 2. Field view of CSH 41

Renovation of community based Check dam was taken up by ICAR-CRIDA in Gangupally village enhanced the water harvesting capacity benefitting

of 30 acres of 40 farmers. Conserved water was used for supplemental irrigation in redgram which enhanced the yield of redgram by 25 percent.



Fig 3. Check dam renovated by ICAR-CRIDA

ICAR-IIOPR demonstrated intercropping in Coconut and Oil Palm plantations with cocoa/pepper/bush pepper/ heliconia/ red ginger in 16 ha for getting additional income through better utilization of horizontal and vertical space.

ICAR-IIOPR demonstrated Weather based irrigation scheduling in oil palm which Saved irrigation by 50-60% , fertilizer quantity (50%) and cent percent labour cost and obtained higher yield. Electricity consumption was also reduced. Saved irrigation and power was used to extend irrigation to other crops which generated an additional income.



Fig 4. Awareness programme on weather based irrigation scheduling in oil palm by ICAR-IIOPR

Ridge and furrow method was demonstrated by ICAR-IIOPR in 7.5 hectares. This method realized an additional net income of Rs. 9,089 per hectare with a productivity enhancement of 18.06%.

Improved strains of backyard poultry (Aseel, Siruvidai, Peruvidai, Nandanam 4 and Kadaknath)

was introduced in the project area by TANUVAS along with feed management. A total of 22 farm women adopted the rearing improved strains of backyard poultry birds households, thereby improving their nutritional enrichment of their children and subsidiary source of income.



Backyard poultry promoted by TANUVAS

TANUVAS successfully demonstrated Teat Protect Spray to prevent Mastitis in cattle with the motto of "Prevention is better than cure". 250 animals were treated with Teat Protect Spray. Treated dairy cattle

showed zero Mastitis incidence thereby avoiding the economic loss due to Mastitis. Thus, the intervention assisted in improved milk production and promoted clean milk production.



Woman farmer treating the cow with Teat Protect Spray

Establishing partnerships and institutions were carried out by the project centres to get technology, critical inputs, for marketing of produce and dissemination of information. Linkages were established with technology providers such as SAUs, ICAR research institutes, state departments of agriculture, horticulture, veterinary, Marketings Federations NABARD private and public input suppliers, village level institutions such as gram panchayats, producer organizations, cooperatives etc.

Enterprise module

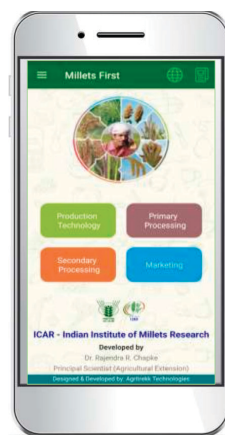
ICAR-IIMR trained two women groups *roti* and *papad* making with power-operated *roti* making machine and linked with an entrepreneur to promote their business. of *roti* selling in and around Hyderabad city. Each unit is earning about Rs. 21,350 per month as net profit.

A primary processing unit (PPU) was also established in Gangapur village of Sangareddy district in collaboration with an NGO-based enterprise (SS Bhavani Foods Pvt. Ltd.)

ICAR-IIOR initiated Value addition and marketing of redgram and groundnut through primary process and marketing with 17 farm families which resulted in additions net income increased income.

Content Mobilization

Under Content Mobilization component FFP centres identified available transferrable technologies with different institutions and establishment of content management platform enabling off and online access. Seven whatsapp groups were created and the information was exchanged by means of messages. Similarly Ten leaflets/booklets/bulletins were prepared and distributed to the farmers. Millets FIRST android app app was developed by ICAR-IIMR on production technologies of millets, their processing, including market information for millet producers and stakeholders. ICAR-IIOR also established a content management platform to provide access to offline and online resources in the local language



Millet first app developed by ICAR-ICAR-IIMR



Leaflet on soil and water conservation: ICAR-IIOR

4.2. National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)

The technology demonstration component (TDC) of the project National Initiative on Climate Resilience Agriculture (NICRA) is the second major component of the project that has been implemented since 2011 to demonstrate the ability of available and newly developed technologies to impart resilience to Indian agriculture and to enhance the coping capacity of the farmers to climatic variabilities in 151 climatically vulnerable districts. During the year 2023, 8 KVKs of zone X (Srikakulam, Kurnool (Yagantipalli) and Anantapur (Reddipalli) of Andhra Pradesh, 1 KVK of Telangana (Adilabad), 3 KVKs of Tamil Nadu (Ramnad, Villuppuram I and Perambalur) and 1 KVK of Puducherry (Karaikal) implemented TDC-NICRA (Table 4.2.1). The adopted villages under TDC-NICRA were divided into farming system typologies and technology packages from NRM, crop and livestock production modules were chosen to address the soil, water, crop and weather related constraints faced by each of the farming system typology. The technology

packages were demonstrated at household level and the impact of the same was recorded against a baseline collected earlier. Among the eight KVKs, 6 addressed drought and one each addressed floods and cyclones as the major climatic vulnerability of the district. The KVKs conducted 364, 875, 940 and 448 demonstrations benefitting 680, 1310, 1000 and 807 farmers under NRM, crop, livestock and institutional interventions modules respectively. A total of 45.33 t of seed and 194564 numbers of fodder slips were supplied to the needy farmers through seed and fodder bank respectively. The KVKs also conducted 85 capacity building programs and 64 extension activities benefitting 3481 and 4285 farmers respectively for bringing awareness on climate resilient technologies and for enhancing the climate literacy of the clientele. During 2023-24, Kurnool and Perambalur experience drought situation and Srikakulam, Ramnad, Villuppuram and Karaikal had excess rainfall compared to decennial average.

Table 4.2.1. List of KVKs implementing TDC-NICRA in Zone X

S. No	Name of the KVK	Long term average of Rf (mm)	Rf during 2023-24 (mm)	% Deviation	Major climatic vulnerability
Andhra Pradesh					
1	Anantapur (Reddipalli)	489.3	491.2	0.39	Drought
2	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	633	429.5	-32.15	Drought
3	Srikakulam (Amadalavalasa)	1202.75	1461.2	21.49	Floods
Telangana					
4	Adilabad	1157	1122.3	-3.00	Drought and heavy rains
Tamil Nadu					
5	Perambalur	887	768.28	-13.38	Drought
6	Ramanathapuram	827	1089.3	31.71	Drought
7	Villuppuram-1	1238.7	1606.35	29.68	Drought
Puducherry					
8	Karaikal	1354.64	1755.1	29.56	Cyclones

Table 4.2.2. Natural Resource Management Interventions taken up during the year 2023-24

Name of the KVK	No. of Demonstrations/ Interventions	Farmers covered	Area covered (ha)
Anantapur (Reddipalli)	47	195	78
Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	20	15	20
Srikakulam	2	40	20
Adilabad	135	135	18
Ramanathapuram	76	175	78

Name of the KVK	No. of Demonstrations/ Interventions	Farmers covered	Area covered (ha)
Villuppuram	20	20	8
Perambalur	4	40	16
Karaikal	60	60	60
Total	364	680	298

Table 4.2.3. Crop Production Interventions taken up during the year 2023-24

Name of the KVK	No. of Demonstrations/ Interventions	Farmers covered	Area covered (ha)
Anantapur (Reddipalli)	118	118	37.2
Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	125	147	96.8
Srikakulam	43	456	180.8
Adilabad	146	146	58.4
Ramanathapuram	176	176	58
Villuppuram	107	107	46
Perambalur	10	10	4
Karaikal	150	150	49.5
Total	875	1310	477.5

Table 4.2.4. Livestock and Fisheries Interventions taken up during the year 2023-24

Name of the KVK	No. of Demonstrations/ Interventions	Farmers covered	No. of animals covered	Area covered (ha)
Anantapur (Reddipalli)	187	187	915	4
Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	220	220	620	0.8
Srikakulam	38	81	195	0.15
Adilabad	113	200	440	24
Ramanathapuram	135	135	1000	9
Villuppuram	60	60	280	3
Karaikal	117	117	1170	2
Total	940	1000	4620	42.95

Table 4.2.5. Institutional interventions taken up during 2023-24

Name of the KVK	Performance of custom hiring centre		Performance of seed bank		Performance of fodder bank	
	Farmers (No.)	Area (ha)	Farmers (No.)	Qty of seed(t)	Farmers (No.)	fodder slips supplied (No.)
Anantapur (Reddipalli)	13	25	4	2.26	20	1,60,000
Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	26	46	7	6.15	20	34
Srikakulam	120	50	15	35	25	15013
Adilabad	146	880	90	1	0	0
Ramnad	90	30	0	0	20	10000
Villuppuram	0	0	2	0.92	0	0
Peramblur	20	10	0	0	0	0
Karaikal	33	15	0	0	117	9517
Total	448	1056	118	45.33	202	194564

Table 4.2.6. Capacity Building (HRD) activities taken up during the year 2023-24

Name of the KVK	No. of training programmes	No. of beneficiaries
Anantapur (Reddipalli)	1	406
Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	8	269
Srikakulam	31	1360
Adilabad	6	180
Ramnad	12	510
Villuppuram	6	235
Perambalur	4	95
Karaikal	17	426
Total	85	3481

Table 4.2.7. Extension activities taken up during 2023-24

Name of the KVK	No. of training programmes	No. of beneficiaries
Anantapur (Reddipalli)	7	748
Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	13	581
Srikakulam	5	790
Adilabad	7	205
Ramnad	7	1200
Villuppuram	5	372
Perambalur	16	204
Karaikal	4	185
Total	64	4285

Evidences of resilience built through demonstrations during 2023-24

The following is an account of performance of select impactful climate resilient technologies under NRM, Crop, Livestock and institutional interventions modules during 2023-24

NRM interventions

Several *Ex-situ* and *In-situ* water harvesting and conservation interventions were demonstrated in NICRA villages during 2023-24. The benefits accrued through some of the impactful demonstrations have been presented in the following tables.

Table 4.2.8. Supplemental irrigation to Sesame during rabi with harvest water – Srikakulam

Treatments	Seed yield (kg/ha)	Cost of cultivation (Rs./ha)	Gross income (Rs./ha)	Net income (Rs./ha)	B:C ratio
Farmers practice	375	17,800	41,250	23,450	2.31
Supplemental irrigation with harvested water	470 (25.33 % increase)	18,500	54,050	35,550 (12100 additional)	2.92

Table 4.2.9. Zero tillage cultivation in rice fallows- Srikakulam

Treatments	Seed yield (kg/ha)	Cost of cultivation (Rs/ha)	Gross Income (Rs/ha)	Net income (Rs/ha)	B:C ratio
Farmers practice	6520	58,750	1,36,920	78,170	2.33
Water saving technology	7530 (15.49 % increase)	53,750	1,58,130	1,04,380 (26210 additional)	2.94



Uplifting of zero tillage in maize – Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

Table 4.2.10. Performance of raised bed method of cotton cultivation- Adilabad, Telangana

Treatments	Seed yield (kg/ha)	Cost of cultivation (Rs./ha)	Gross income (Rs./ha)	Net income (Rs./ha)	B:C ratio
Farmer's practice (Flat bed)	1550	61250	108810	47560	1.78
Raised Bed (Demonstration)	1875	57500	131625	74125	2.3

Crop interventions

Table 4.2.11. Performance of drought tolerant Bengal gram variety, NBeG-452 - Kurnool

Treatments	Seed yield (kg/ha)	Cost of cultivation (Rs/ha)	Gross income (Rs/ha)	Net income (Rs/ha)	B:C ratio
Farmers practice (JG-11)	812	28750	44660	15910	1:1.55
Improved varieties (NBeG-452)	962	29450	52910	23460	1:1.79



Drought tolerant Bengal gram variety, NBeG-452 – Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Livestock interventions

Table 4.2.12. Influence of mineral mixture on productivity of livestock – Srikakulam

Treatments	Average milk yield/ animal (L/day)	Total milk yield per animal (L/60days)	Cost of feeding (Rs/animal)	Gross Returns (Rs/animal)	Net returns (Rs/animal)
Farmers practice	6.4	384	4800	17280	12480
FP + Mineral mixture	8.2	492	5500	22140	15940

Table 4.2.13. Production and economics of rearing fish in farm pond

Treatments	Yield in kg/unit size of pond	Cost of production/unit size of pond	Gross income (Rs/unit)	Net income (Rs/unit)	B:C ratio
Local species	1265	60000	94930	34930	1.58
Improved species	1500	68000	133000	65000	1.95



Field day at a fishpond – Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

Institutional interventions

Table 4.2.14. Performance of fodder bank in the village – Anantapur

Fodder variety	Number of farmers benefitted	Area under fodder (ha)	Quantity fodder slips procured for fodder bank (Kg)	Quantity of fodder produced during deficit period (t)	Quantity of fodder sold to the needy members (t)	Amount realized due to sale of fodder from the bank (Rs.)
Super napier	5	2	50,000	120	30	66000
Co Fs -31	5	2	30,000	94	12	24000



Fodder bank – Anantapur , Andhra Pradesh

Convergence efforts for scaling up

The KVKs of the zone attempted to upscale the promising climate resilient technologies demonstrated over years through convergence with line departments with an aim to share the benefit of the demonstrations to a large number of clientele. One such example of upscaling achieved by KVK, Srikakulam is presented in Table 4.2.15.

Table 4.2.15. Upscaling of technologies achieved by KVK, Srikakulam through convergence

Village name	Technology scaling up/out	No. of farmers reached	Convergence with the programme	Approx. amount mobilised from department (lakhs)
Sirusuwada, V N puram, Kondavalasa, Isukalapalem	Upscaling of flood tolerant paddy varieties	150	Department of Agriculture	2,36,250
	Real time contingency in paddy field	100	Department of Agriculture	1,98,800
	Weed management	80	Department of Agriculture	2,25,000
	ICM in Zero Tillage Mize	60	Department of Agriculture	1,94,700
	ICM in Rice fallow pulses	40	Department of Agriculture	93,600
	ICM in Sesamum	20	Department of Agriculture	41,800
	Introduction of improved perennial fodder varieties	20	Department of veterinary	25,000

Success story on mitigation of green fodder scarcity under NICRA project – KVK, Kurnool

Domain of the study:

The project was implemented in Charlakothuru villages of Banaganapalli since 2017. The livestock population of the village during 2017 was 420 which include buffaloes and their off springs.

Problem:

The buffaloes were allowed to graze entire day in the available barren land where there was not much of grass to meet their requirement. The fodder area was only 1.5 acres with APBN-1 hybrid napier variety during 2017. Dry fodder like paddy straw and sorghum straw were majorly fed to the animals in little quantity. There was shortage of 86% green fodder and 47.7% dry fodder in the village during 2011.

Activities implemented:

To overcome the problem of green fodder scarcity, the following activities were taken up in the village. Awareness programmes were conducted and emphasized about the importance of green fodder.

Establishment of fodder bank:

Fodder bank was established in the village under NICRA project in an area of 3.0 acres with high yielding hybrid Napier varieties viz., Super Napier during 2017. Fodder stem cuttings were supplied to the farmers from this fodder bank in the village. The fodder was also shared by 10 land less poor farmers. Further, stem cuttings from this fodder

bank were supplied to individual farmers for cultivation of green fodder at their own farm.

Fodder bank in the NICRA village – Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Outcome of the intervention

With this effort, the fodder area in the village h increased from 3.0 acres in 2017 to 26.0 acres in 2023. The green fodder shortage was reduced from 86.16% to 36.36% within six years of NICRA project.

Visit of Zonal monitoring Committee to KVK, Perambalur, Tamil Nadu

The Zonal Monitoring Committee of TDC-NICRA of Zone X Chaired by Dr. P.Gidda Reddy visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra (“Farm Science Centre”) Perambalur under the administrative control of the NGO, Hans Rover . The committee visited the NICRA adopted villages of the KVK to monitor the progress of interventions in NRM, Crop and livestock modules in different farming system typologies of the villages. The committee also interacted with the VCRMC of the 4 cluster adopted villages and also examined the status and functioning of the Custom Hiring Centre of the project. This was followed by the visit to the KVK, where the committee attended a presentation by the head of the KVK, Dr. Netaji Mariappan on the progress of the KVK since the inception of NICRA project in the KVK. Feed back and suggestions were given by the committee during field visits, VCRMC meeting and also during the presentation by the head of the KVK.



Field visit by ZMC to interventions in a NICRA adopted village



4.3. Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA)

Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA), a project launched by agricultural extension division of ICAR during March 2015 aims to create interest and confidence among rural youth in agriculture by demonstrating the potential of enterprises based on agriculture and allied sectors to be profitable and reliable sources of livelihood in rural areas. This endeavour is expected to result in rural youth being retained in villages and prevention of migration of youth to urban areas in search of livelihood realizing the importance of youth in agricultural development. The main objectives of the project are to attract rural youth to take up various agriculture, allied and service sector enterprises, to enable youth to establish net work groups to take up capital and resource intensive activities like processing, value addition and marketing and to demonstrate linkages with different stake holders for sustainable development of youth. This is envisioned to be achieved through imparting skill training to youth with the right aptitude to be self-reliant and facilitating establishment of enterprise units either singly or in groups by providing necessary critical inputs both general and capital. Skill development of rural youths will help in improving their confidence levels and encourage them to pursue farming as profession, generate additional employment opportunities to absorb under employed and unemployed rural youth in secondary agriculture service-related activities in rural areas.

The concurrent monitoring, evaluation and mid-term correction will be an integral part of project implementation. ARYA has been implemented by three KVKs in Zone 10 viz., Nellore in Andhra Pradesh, Nalgonda (Kampasagar) in Telangana and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu since 2015-16 and additional seven KVKs viz., West Godavari (V R Gudem), Kadapa, Warangal (Malyal), Dharmapuri, Sivagangai, Erode and Puducherry were sanctioned during 2018-19.

A total of 81 trainings were conducted on various enterprises viz., Apiary, Bio Inputs Production, Drone pilot license programme, Fishery, Goat and sheep farming, Integrated Farming System, Mushroom production, Nursery management, Poultry, Value Addition and Vermicompost production by ARYA KVKs in which 2210 youth were trained (Table 4.3.1). Out of them, 727 youth have established 421 enterprise units. State, KVK and enterprise wise trainings conducted, youth trained, and enterprises established are furnished in Table 4.3.2. Maximum number of 446 youth were trained in Value addition followed by 443 youth in poultry, 347 in mushroom production and 344 in Nursery management. A total of 189 youth has established 87 enterprises in Nursery.

Table 4.3.1. Enterprise wise youth trained, and enterprise established in ARYA project

Enterprise	No. of Trainings	No. of Youth trained	No of Youth established units	No. of enterprises established
Apiary	6	144	13	13
Bio Inputs Production	2	78	7	1
Dairy	5	65	25	25
Fishery	3	90	63	46
Goat and sheep farming	2	49	32	23
IFS	8	187	69	20
Mushroom production	8	347	48	45
Nursery management	13	344	189	87
Poultry	17	443	162	61
Value Addition	16	446	116	97
Vermicompost production	1	17	3	3
Total	81	2210	727	421

**Table 4.3.2. KVK wise youth trained, and enterprise established in ARYA project**

State/KVK/Enterprise	No. of Trainings	No. of Youth trained	No of Youth established units	No. of enterprises established
Andhra Pradesh				
Nellore				
Mushroom production	2	50	2	2
Nursery management	1	30	1	1
Value addition	2	63	4	4
Vermicompost production	2	60	26	26
Total	7	203	33	33
West Godavari (VR Gudem)				
Apiary	1	25	2	4
IFS	1	19	19	10
Poultry	2	60	60	20
Value addition	6	141	2	2
Total	10	245	83	36
Kadapa (Utukur)				
Mushroom production	2	32	15	14
Nursery management	2	144	6	3
Value addition	2	61	45	3
Vermicompost production	2	91	13	13
Total	8	328	79	33
Total (AP)	25	776	195	102
Telangana				
Nalgonda (Kampasagar)				
IFS	1	30	13	13
Nursery management	1	30	0	0
Value addition	1	30	11	11
Vermicompost production	1	30	3	3
Total	4	120	27	27
Warangal (Malyal)				
Nursery management	1	30	0	0
Poultry	1	30	0	0
Value addition	1	28	28	28
Vermicompost production	1	30	0	0
Total	4	118	28	28
Total (TS)	8	238	55	55
Tamil Nadu				
Dharmapuri				
Goat and sheep farming	3	90	63	46
Mushroom production	2	60	50	2
Vermicompost production	1	30	20	1
Total	6	180	133	49
Sivagangai				
Fishery	5	65	25	25
Nursery management	3	113	41	41
Poultry	5	144	62	62
Vermicompost production	6	103	44	44
Total	19	425	172	172
Kanyakumari				
Apiary	2	44	3	1

State/KVK/Enterprise	No. of Trainings	No. of Youth trained	No of Youth established units	No. of enterprises established
Mushroom production	2	45	2	2
Poultry	1	25	2	2
Value Addition in Banana	1	23	6	6
Value Addition in Coconut	1	25	4	4
Vermicompost production	1	23	5	5
Total	8	185	22	20
Erode				
Apiary	3	75	8	8
Bio Inputs Production	2	78	7	1
Poultry	4	85	65	3
Value Addition	3	72	62	3
Vermicompost production	2	79	5	5
Total	14	389	147	20
Total (TN)	47	1179	474	261
Puducherry				
Puducherry				
Drone pilot license programme	1	17	3	3
Total	1	17	3	3
Grand Total	81	2210	727	421



Commercial shade-net vegetable nursery – KVK Nalgonda, Kampasagar, TS



Backyard poultry enterprise – KVK West Godavari (VR Gudem), AP



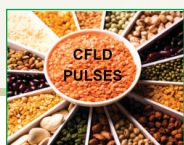
Vermicompost sieving machine – KVK Sivagangai, TN



Handicrafts from Banana fibre – KVK Kanyakumari TN



Mushroom production enterprise – KVK Kanyakumari TN



4.4. Cluster Frontline Demonstrations on Pulses under NFSM

CFLDs on pulses programme was implemented by 63 KVKs in the Zone during 2023-24 *kharif*, *rabi* and summer seasons in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry. A total of 7699 demonstrations were conducted in 3582.2 ha on blackgram and redgram (Table 4.4.1). The demonstrations were conducted in cluster approach with small and marginal farmers and weaker sections. Latest improved varieties released and notified by Central Varietal Release Committee within the past 10 years, crop production and protection technologies, bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, micro-irrigation were demonstrated. KVKs in Tamil Nadu conducted 711

demonstrations on blackgram (450), and redgram (261) in *kharif*, blackgram (1612 demonstrations) in *rabi*; blackgram (281 demonstrations) in summer seasons in 1100.40 ha area. KVKs in Andhra Pradesh conducted 1989, 1186 and 25 demonstrations in 1012, 559.6 and 10 ha, during *kharif* and *rabi* and summer seasons, respectively. KVKs of Telangana conducted 1516, 244 and 60 demonstrations in 740, 99.2 and 30 ha area during *kharif*, *rabi* and summer seasons, respectively while KVKs in Puducherry conducted 75 demonstrations on blackgram during *rabi* season in 30 ha. Season-wise and Crop-wise number of demonstrations and area are furnished in Table 4.4.1.

Table 4.4.1. Crop wise achievement of CFLDs on Pulses in 2023-24

Crop	Tamil Nadu			Andhra Pradesh			Telangana			Puducherry			Zone		
	Area (ha)		Demo (No)	Area (ha)		Demo (No)	Area (ha)		Demo (No)	Area (ha)		Demo (No)	Area (ha)		Demo (No)
	T	A		T	A		T	A		T	A		T	A	
Kharif															
Blackgram	190	180	450	90	83.2	157	40	40	100				320	303.2	707
Redgram	110	104.4	261	930	928.8	1832	730	700	1416				1770	1733.2	3509
Total	300	284.4	711	1020	1012	1989	770	740	1516				2090	2036.4	4216
Kharif															
Rabi															
Blackgram	720	680	1612	580	559.6	1186	120	99.2	244	30	30	75	1450	1368.4	3117
Total Rabi	720	680	1612	580	559.6	1186	120	99.2	244	30	30	75	1450	1368.4	3117
Summer															
Blackgram	150	136	281	10	10	25	30	31	60				190	177	366
Total Summer	150	136	281	10	10	25	30	31	60				190	176	85
Grand Total	1170	1100.4	2604	1610	1581.6	3200	920	870.2	1820	30	30	75	3730	3582.2	7699

(T=Target, A=Achievement)

Performance of pulses varieties and technologies under CFLD Pulses (Tables 4.4.2 and 4.4.3)

Tamil Nadu

Blackgram

Blackgram varieties ADT 6, VBN 8, VBN 10 and VBN 11 were demonstrated during *kharif*, *rabi* and summer seasons (Table 4.4.2). In summer 8.51 q/ha was recorded by VBN 11 and 8.33 q/ha by variety ADT 6 and VBN 8 recorded 6.90 q/ha wherein the

increase in yield over check varieties were 21.23, 25.26 and 15.19 per cent, respectively.

In *kharif*, *rabi* and summer seasons variety VBN 11 showed average yields of 20.43, 25.29 and 21.23 percent over check varieties, respectively. Variety VBN 10 recorded 8.50 q/ha in *kharif* and 8.48 in *rabi* over 7.55 and 7.47 q/ha in check variety.

Among the varieties, VBN 11 gave the highest yield of 9.88 q/ha in Namakkal district (Table 4.4.3).



Redgram

Redgram variety CO 8 and LRG 52 were demonstrated during *kharif* season. LRG 52 gave an average yield of 12.57 q/ha as against 10.97 q/ha in check. The highest yield of 19.2 q/ha was recorded by variety LRG 52 in Theni district.

Andhra Pradesh

Blackgram

Varieties VBN 8 and LBG 884 were demonstrated during *kharif* with an average yield of 12.52 and 6.71 q/ha as against 10.02 and 5.40 q/ha in check varieties. In *rabi* season, GBG 01, LBG 752, LBG 787, LBG 884, LBG 904, VBN 8 and TBG 104 were demonstrated. Among the varieties, TBG 104 gave the highest average yield of 27.0 q/ha in Kurnool (Banavasi).

Redgram

Redgram varieties LRG 52, LRG 105, TRG 59 and PRG 176 were demonstrated during *kharif* season where in the yields were 7.46, 9.09, 9.08 and 4.13 q/ha as against 6.08, 7.69, 7.26 and 3.91 q/ha in check varieties, respectively. Among the varieties the highest yield of 22.10 q/ha was recorded by TRG 59 in Kurnool (Yagantipalle).

Telangana

Blackgram

During *kharif* season, varieties GBG 1 and MBF 1080 were demonstrated where in the yields were 5.24 and 49.04 per cent higher than check varieties. In *rabi* season, varieties TBG 104, PU 31, GBG 1 and MBG 1080 were demonstrated where in the yields were 11.11, 49.01, 43.05 and 52.94 per cent higher than check varieties. The highest yields recorded by the four varieties were 13.75, 15.82, 23.11 and 14.60 q/ha. During summer season, varieties PU 31 was demonstrated with an average yield of 20.48 q/ha as against 15.48 q/ha.

Redgram

Redgram varieties TDRG 4, WRG 93, PRG 176 and WRGe 97 were demonstrated by KVKs in Telangana where the average yields in demonstrations were 12.15, 6.19, 13.97 and 11.96 q/ha as against 10.27, 5.95, 11.52 and 9.10 q/ha. Among the varieties TDRG 4, and WRGe 97 gave the highest yields of 22.50 and 23.0 q/ha.

Puducherry

In Puducherry, blackgram variety VBN 11 was demonstrated during *rabi* season by KVK Karaikal where the average yield was 6.07 q/ha as against 5.12 q/ha in check.

Table 4.4.2. Performance of pulses varieties and technologies under CFLD Pulses

State/ Season/ Crop	Variety	KVKs	Average Yield (q/ha)		% Increase
			Demo	Check	
Tamil Nadu					
Kharif					
Blackgram	VBN 10	Erode	8.50	7.55	12.58
Blackgram	VBN 11	Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Madurai, Namakkal	8.37	6.95	20.43
Blackgram	VBN 8	Theni, Tiruvannamalai	7.87	6.98	12.75
Redgram	LRG 52	Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Salem, Theni	12.57	10.97	14.59
Redgram	CO 8	Karur	5.24	4.15	26.27
Rabi					
Blackgram	VBN 10	Erode	8.48	7.47	13.52
Blackgram	VBN 11	Dindigul, Kancheepuram, Madurai, Salem, Tirunelveli, Villupuram, Villupuram-II, Virudhunagar	7.58	6.05	25.29
Blackgram	VBN 8	Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Pudukkottai, Theni, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Thiruvarur, Vellore	7.77	6.18	25.73



State/ Season/ Crop	Variety	KVKs	Average Yield (q/ha)		% Increase
			Demo	Check	
Summer					
Blackgram	ADT 6	Cuddalore	8.33	6.65	25.26
Blackgram	VDN 11	Madurai, Perambalur	8.51	7.02	21.23
Blackgram	VDN 8	Tiruchirappalli	6.90	5.99	15.19
Andhra Pradesh					
Kharif					
Redgram	LRG 105	Anantapur (Reddipalli), Chittoor (RASS), Chittoor (Kalikiri), Guntur (Lam), Kadapa (Utukur)	9.09	7.69	18.23
Redgram	PRG 176	Anantapur (Kalyandurg)	4.13	3.91	5.63
Redgram	LRG 52	Krishna (Garikapadu), Visakhapatnam (BCT), Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi), Vizianagaram	7.46	6.08	22.70
Redgram	TRG 59	Kurnool (Yagantipalli), Kurnool (Banavasi)	9.08	7.26	25.07
Blackgram	VDN 8	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	12.52	10.02	24.95
Blackgram	LBG 884	Anantapur (Reddipalli), Vizianagaram	6.71	5.40	24.26
Rabi					
Blackgram	GBG 01	Kadapa (Utukur)	5.93	5.38	10.22
Blackgram	LBG 752	Krishna (Ghantasala)	14.39	10.72	34.24
Blackgram	LBG 787	Srikakulam, Vizianagaram	9.75	6.44	51.32
Blackgram	LBG 904	Anantapur (Reddipalli), East Godavari (Pandirimamidi), West Godavari (Undi)	10.45	9.22	13.34
Blackgram	LBG 884	Krishna (Garikapadu), Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi), West Godavari (VR Gudem)	12.84	10.19	26.01
Blackgram	TBG 104	Kurnool (Banavasi), Nellore, Nellore (Periyavaram), Visakhapatnam (BCT)	11.00	9.55	15.18
Blackgram	VDN 8	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	21.61	17.63	22.58
Telangana					
Kharif					
Redgram	PRG 176	Mahabubnagar (Palem), Nalgonda (Kampasagar)	13.97	11.52	21.27
Redgram	TDRG 4	Mancherial (Bellampalli), Medak (DDS), Medak (Tuniki)	12.15	10.27	18.31
Redgram	WRG 93	Warangal (Mamnoor)	6.19	5.95	4.03
Redgram	WRGe 97	Adilabad, Khammam (Wyra), Khammam (Kothagudem), Karimnagar (Jammikunta), Karimnagar (Ramagirikhilla), Mahabubnagar (YFA), Nalgonda (Gaddipally), Warangal (Malyal)	11.96	9.10	31.43
Blackgram	GBG 1	Medak (DDS)	7.03	6.68	5.24
Blackgram	MBG 1080	Warangal (Malyal)	11.64	7.81	49.04
Rabi					
Blackgram	TBG 104	Khammam (Wyra)	12.50	11.25	11.11
Blackgram	PU 31	Karimnagar (Ramagirikhilla)	15.08	10.12	49.01
Blackgram	GBG 1	Mahabubnagar (YFA), Mahabubnagar (Palem)	15.95	11.15	43.05
Blackgram	MBG 1080	Warangal (Malyal)	11.96	7.82	52.94
Summer					
Blackgram	PU 31	Khammam (Kothagudem)	20.41	15.48	31.85
Puducherry					
Rabi					
Blackgram	VDN 11	Karaikal	6.07	5.12	18.40

**Table 4.4.3. Highest yield recorded under CFLD Pulses**

State/ Season/ Crop	Variety	Highest yield recorded (q/ha)	KVK/District
Tamil Nadu			
Kharif			
Blackgram	VBN 10	8.62	Erode
Blackgram	VBN 11	9.88	Namakkal
Blackgram	VBN 8	8.89	Tiruvannamalai
Redgram	LRG 52	19.2	Theni
Redgram	CO 8	7.10	Karur
Rabi			
Blackgram	VBN 10	8.59	Erode
Blackgram	VBN 11	9.62	Villupuram-II
Blackgram	VBN 8	9.85	Tiruvallur
Summer			
Blackgram	ADT 6	8.95	Cuddalore
Blackgram	VBN 11	9.12	Perambalur
Blackgram	VBN 8	7.20	Tiruchirappalli
Andhra Pradesh			
Kharif			
Blackgram	LBG 884	9.30	Vizianagaram
Blackgram	VBN 8	13.50	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)
Redgram	LRG 105	21.60	Guntur (LAM)
Redgram	LRG 52	16.30	Krishna (Garikapadu)
Redgram	PRG 176	13.25	Anantapur (Kalyandurg)
Redgram	TRG 59	22.10	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)
Rabi			
Blackgram	GBG 01	6.12	Kadapa (Utukur)
Blackgram	LBG 752	16.00	Krishna (Ghantasala)
Blackgram	LBG 787	13.80	Vizianagaram
Blackgram	LBG 884	22.50	West Godavari (VR Gudem)
Blackgram	LBG 904	18.50	East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)
Blackgram	TBG 104	27.00	Kurnool (Banavasi)
Blackgram	VBN 8	22.55	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)
Telangana			
Kharif			
Blackgram	GBG 1	7.63	Medak (DDS)
Blackgram	MBG 1080	14.60	Warangal (Malyal)
Redgram	PRG 176	18.50	Nalgonda (Kampasagar)
Redgram	TDRG 4	22.50	Mancherial (Bellampalli)
Redgram	WRG 93	6.80	Warangal (Mamnoor)
Redgram	WRGe 97	23.00	Warangal (Malyal)
Rabi			
Blackgram	GBG 1	23.11	Mahabubnagar (YFA)
Blackgram	MBG 1080	14.60	Warangal (Malyal)
Blackgram	PU 31	15.82	Karimnagar (Ramagirikhilla)
Blackgram	TBG 104	13.75	Khammam (Wyra)
Summer			
Blackgram	PU 31	22.48	Khammam (Kothagudem)
Puducherry			
Rabi			
Blackgram	VBN 11	6.80	Karaikal



CFLD on redgram Variety PRG 1- KVK Nalgonda (Kampasagar)



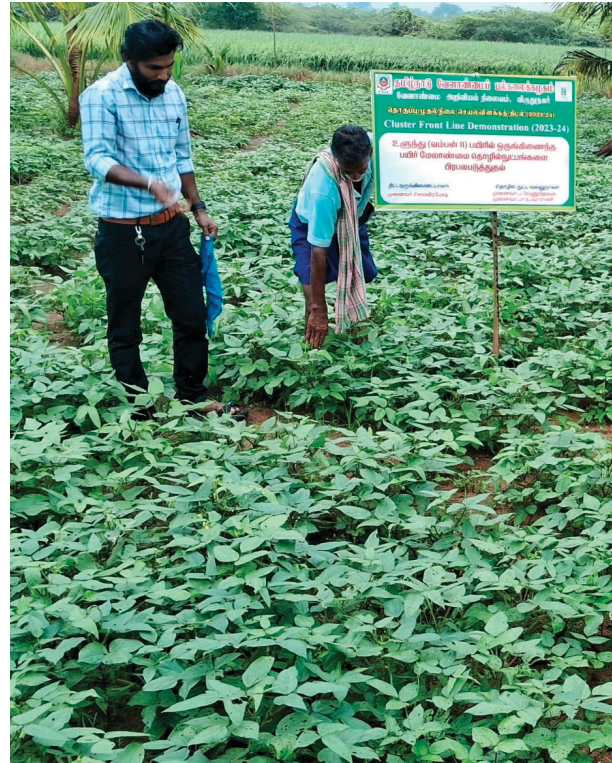
CFLD on redgram variety LRG 105 - KVK Chittoor (RASS)



CFLD on blackgram variety VBN 8 - KVK Thiruvannamalai



CFLD on blackgram variety VBN 8 – KVK Ariyalur



CFLD on blackgram variety VBN 11 - KVK Virudhunagar



CFLD on redgram variety WRGe 97 - KVK Adilabad



CFLD on blackgram variety VBN 11 - KVK Villupuram II



4.5. Cluster Frontline Demonstrations (CFLDs) on Oilseeds under NFSM

KVKs of the zone conducted cluster front line demonstrations on oilseeds under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 2023-2024 during *kharif*, *rabi* and *summer* seasons to demonstrate the production potential of newly released technologies on the farmer's fields at different locations. The crops covered are groundnut, sesame, sunflower,

castor, safflower and niger. A total of 2540 hectares area was allotted to 56 KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana states and union territory Puducherry. The programme was implemented in 2156 ha by organizing 5389 demonstrations in 52 KVKs.

Table 4.5.1.Cluster Frontline Demonstrations (CFLDs) on Oilseeds

Crop	State	Area (ha)		No. of Demonstrations	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
Kharif					
Groundnut	Andhra Pradesh	170	170	425	425
	Tamil Nadu	120	100	300	250
	Sub total	290	270	725	625
Castor	Andhra Pradesh	90	70	225	175
	Telangana	30	30	75	75
	Tamil Nadu	90	50	225	125
	Sub total	210	150	525	200
Sunflower	Tamil Nadu	72	36	180	90
Niger	Andhra Pradesh	60	60	150	150
Total Kharif season		632	516	1580	1290
Rabi and Summer					
Groundnut	Andhra Pradesh	310	300.8	775	752
	Telangana	250	225	625	562
	Tamil Nadu	378	338	945	845
	Sub total	938	863.8	2345	2159
Sesame	Andhra Pradesh	310	260	775	650
	Telangana	130	100	325	250
	Tamil Nadu	130	126.2	325	315
	Puducherry	20	20	50	50
	Sub total	590	506.2	1475	1265
Sunflower	Andhra Pradesh	60	60	150	150
	Tamil Nadu	80	50	200	125
	Sub total	140	110	350	275
Castor	Andhra Pradesh	50	50	125	125
	Telangana	80	40	200	100
	Sub total	130	90	325	225
Safflower	Andhra Pradesh	80	40	200	100
	Telangana	30	30	75	75
	Sub total	110	70	275	175
Total Rabi & Summer Season		1908	1640	4770	4099
Grand Total		2540	2156	6350	5389



Andhra Pradesh

A total of 2527 Cluster frontline demonstrations on oilseeds were implemented by 18 KVKs in Andhra

Pradesh during 2023-2024 in groundnut, sesame, sunflower, castor, safflower and niger crops in an area of 1010.8 ha.

Table 4.5.2. Performance of CFLDs on Oilseeds in Andhra Pradesh

Crop	Variety	Name of KVK/ District	Average yield(q/ha)		% increase over check
			Demo	Demo	
Kharif					
Groundnut	TCGS-1694	Kurnool	9.84	8.38	17.42
Groundnut	Kadiri Lepakshi	Anantapur, Vizianagaram	10.16	8.46	20.09
Groundnut	Vishishta	Chittoor, Kurnool, Krishna, Anantapur, Kadapa	21.98	18.9	16.29
Castor	ICH-66	Kurnool	9.71	7.5	29.46
Castor	ICH-5	Kurnool, Anantapur	9.5	7.74	22.73
Niger	Utkal niger 150	Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram	4.84	2.85	69.82
Rabi and Summer					
Groundnut	TCGS-1694	Kurnool, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram	28.24	23.57	19.81
Groundnut	Kadiri Lepakshi	Anantapur, East Godavari	5.72	2.13	12.2
Groundnut	Vishishta	Chittoor, Kurnool, Krishna, Anantapur, Kadapa, Srikakulam, Nellore	29.86	25.07	19.10
Groundnut	K-Chitravathi	Anantapur	7.89	6.33	24.6
Sesame	YLM-66	Anantapur, Nellore, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Krishna, Kadapa, Chittoor, West Godavari, East Godavari, Srikakulam, Kurnool, Prakasam, East Godavari, West Godavari	5.18	3.55	45.91
Sesame	JCS-2454	Kurnool	5.33	4.12	29.36
Sunflower	Prabhat	Anantapur, Kurnool	7.22	5.98	20.73
Sunflower	KBSH-53	Chittoor	26.25	18.7	40.4
Safflower	ISF-764	Kurnool	11.8	9.36	26.06

Groundnut: KVKs of Andhra Pradesh conducted 1177 Cluster FLDs on groundnut covering an area of 470.8 ha in *kharif*, *rabi* and *summer* seasons. Technology demonstrated included improved variety with integrated crop management practices. During *kharif*, improved variety Vishishta increased the yields by 16.29% compared to check plot with 21.98q/ha. During *rabi*, groundnut variety Vishishta recorded 19.1% increase over the farmers yield with 29.86q/ha average yield and improved variety TCGS-1694 recorded average yield of 28.24q/ha in demonstrations.

Sesame: A total of 650 Cluster frontline demonstrations on sesame were taken up in 260 ha in *rabi* and *summer* seasons together. In *rabi*, improved variety JCS-2454 along with other

technological interventions resulted in average demonstration yield of 5.33q/ha which is 29.36% higher than the average check yield of 4.12q/ha in Kurnool districts. During *rabi* and *summer* season varietal demonstration of YLM-66 with recommended package of practices resulted in 45.91% increase in yields compared to check yield.

Castor: A total of 300 cluster frontline demonstrations were conducted in 120 ha by KVKs of Kurnool and Anantapur districts on castor during *kharif* season. Technology demonstrated included improved hybrid with integrated crop management practices. ICH-66 hybrid resulted in average demonstration yield of 9.71q/ha with 29.46% increase against check yield of 7.5q/ha in *kharif* season.

Sunflower: A total of 150 Cluster frontline demonstrations in 60 ha were conducted on sunflower by KVKs in Chittoor and Kurnool districts during *rabi* season. The technology demonstrated was improved hybrid with integrated crop management practices. Improved hybrid KBSH-53 resulted in average yield of 26.25q/ha of demo yield with 40.4% increase against check plot yields of 18.7q/ha in Chittoor district. Prabhat resulted in 20.73% increase in yield over the check plot.

Safflower: A total of 100 CFLDs in 40 ha were organized in Safflower in Kurnool districts during *rabi* season under irrigated situation. Safflower

hybrid ISF-764 recorded highest average yield of 11.8q/ha against check yield of 9.36q/ha with 26.06% increase in yield over check plot.

Niger: 150 Cluster frontline demonstrations were organized on niger crop in 60 ha on niger crop by KVKs of Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts during *kharif* season. The technology demonstrated was varietal demonstration along with integrated crop management practices. The variety Utkal niger 150 resulted in average yield of 4.84q/ha against check yield of 2.85q/ha with 69.82% increase in yield over check plot.



Field visit in Sesame crop



Fertilizer spraying in Groundnut crop



Field day in Niger crop



Field visit to groundnut demos



Field visit in Sunflower crop

Tamil Nadu

A total of 1750 Cluster frontline demonstrations on oilseeds were implemented by 21 KVKs in Tamil

Nadu and one KVK in Puducherry during 2023-24 in groundnut, sesame, sunflower and castor crops in an area of 700.2 ha.

Table 4.5.3 Performance of CFLDs on Oilseeds in Tamil Nadu

Crop	Variety	Name of KVK/ District	Average Yield (q/ha)		% increase over check
			Demo	Check	
Kharif					
Groundnut	TCGS-1694	Tiruvannamalai	22.03	17.5	25
Groundnut	Kadiri Lepakshi	Dindigul, Erode, Salem, Theni, Vellore	23.41	19.39	20.73
Castor	YRCH-2	Vellore	15.04	11.32	13.86
Castor	YRCH-1	Salem, Theni, Dharmapuri, Virudhunagar	23.2	15.99	45.09
Sunflower	KSFH 666	Ariyalur	18.12	15.7	15
Sunflower	RSFH 700	Tirunelveli	17.12	14	22.28
Sunflower	KBSH 44	Tiruvannamalai	14.8	12.9	15
Sunflower	CoSFV 5	Virudhunagar	15.08	10.89	38.47
Rabi and Summer					
Groundnut	Dharani	Krishnagiri	27.2	22.6	18.47
Groundnut	Kadiri Lepakshi	Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Dindigul, Dharmapuri, Ariyalur, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin	24.25	19.15	26.63
Groundnut	VRI-8	Tiruvannamalai	22.5	15.09	32.8
Groundnut	VRI-10	Villupuram, Virudhunagar, Tiruvallur	31.78	21.45	48.15
Groundnut	CO-7	Karur	24	18	25
Groundnut	Vishishta	Villupuram	19.54	15.2	28.55
Sunflower	RSFH 700	Tirunelveli	17.12	14	22.28
Sesame	VRI-4	Perambalur, Tuticorin, Theni, Villupuram, Virudhunagar, Cuddalore	6.9	5.8	18.96

Groundnut: A total of 1095 Cluster FLDs on groundnut were conducted by the KVKs of Tamil Nadu covering an area of 438 ha in *Kharif*, *rabi* and *summer* seasons. In *kharif*, the technology demonstrated included improved variety with integrated crop management practices under rainfed situation. The varieties demonstrated were TCGS-1694 and Kadiri Lepakshi. Highest average demonstration yield of 23.41 q/ha was recorded with Kadiri Lepakshi variety with 20.73% increase in yield compared to check yield. During *rabi*, groundnut demonstrations were conducted with improved variety Dharani, Kadiri Lepakshi, CO-7, VRI-9 and VRI-10 following integrated crop management practices. VRI-10 variety recorded highest average demonstration yield of 31.78q/ha, resulting in 48.15% increased yield compared to check yield of 21.45q/ha.

Sesame: A total of 315 cluster frontline demonstrations in 126.2 ha were conducted on sesame in *rabi* season. Varietal demonstration of VRI-4 with recommended package of practices

under irrigated conditions resulted in 18.96% increase in yields compared to local check during *rabi* season with the average demo yield of 6.9q/ha.

Castor: A total of 125 cluster frontline demonstrations on castor in 50 ha area during *kharif* season. The technology demonstrated was improved hybrid with integrated crop management practices. In *kharif*, hybrid YRCH-1 resulted in average yield of 23.2q/ha against 19.39q/ha of check yield with 20.73% increase in yield. In *Kharif* the hybrid YRCH-2 resulted in average yield of 15.04q/ha against 11.32q/ha of check yield with 13.86% increase in yield.

Sunflower: 215 Cluster frontline demonstrations in 86 ha on sunflower were conducted during *kharif* and *summer* seasons. Technology demonstrated included improved hybrid with integrated crop management practices. The hybrid KSFH 666 recorded highest average yield of 18.12q/ha in Ariyalur district and hybrid RSFH 700 recorded 17.12q/ha in Tirunelveli district.



Field visit in Groundnut crop



Diagnostic visit in Sesame crop



Field day in Groundnut crop


Demonstration on soil application of *P.fluorescence* in Groundnut field



Demonstration on Foliar spray of groundnut rich in Groundnut field

Telangana

A total of 1062 Cluster frontline demonstrations on oilseeds were implemented by 12 KVKs in Telangana during *kharif*, *rabi* and *summer* seasons

in groundnut, sesame, safflower, sunflower and castor crops in an area of 425ha.

Table 4.5.4 Performance of CFLDs on oilseeds in Telangana

Crop	Variety	Name of KVK/ District	Average Yield (q/ha)		% increase over check
			Demo	Check	
Kharif					
Castor	ICH-66	Wanaparthi	7.87	5.01	96.25
Castor	PCH-111	Nagarkurnool	12.5	9.7	28.86
Rabi and Summer					
Groundnut	Kadiri Lepakshi	Mancherial, Peddapalli, Karimnagar	26.3	21	25.38
Groundnut	Dharani	Warangal, Bhadradi Kothagudem	31.4	22	42.72
Groundnut	Vishishta	Suryapet	26.5	23.2	14.22
Safflower	ISF-764	Sangareddy	25.1	21.5	16.74
Sesame	JCS-1020	Peddapalli, Suryapet, Nagarkurnool	7.54	4.85	55.46
Sesame	JCS-2454	Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Mancherial	8.77	6.67	31.48
Castor	PCH-111	Nagarkurnool	13.5	9.8	37.75

Groundnut: 562 Cluster FLDs on groundnut were conducted covering an area of 225 ha in *rabi* and *summer* seasons in Telangana. The varieties demonstrated were Kadiri Lepakshi, Dharani and Vishishta. Kadiri Lepakshi along with integrated crop management practices resulted in 25.38% increase in yields over check yield in Karimnagar, Peddapalli and Mancherial districts with average demonstration yield of 26.3q/ha. Vishishta resulted in average yield of 26.5q/ha in demo plots

against the check plots with average yield of 23.2q/ha in Suryapet district. Demonstration of Dharani variety resulted in 25.81% increase in yield over the check plot in Suryapet district.

Sesame: A total of 250 cluster frontline demonstrations on sesame in 100 ha were taken up in *rabi* and *summer* season with other technological interventions. The improved variety JCS-2454 resulted in 31.48% increase in yield over

check plot with 8.77q/ha of Demo plot yield. JCS-1020 resulted in 55.46% increase in yields with a demonstration yield of 7.54q/ha over the check yield of 4.85q/ha.

Castor: 175 Cluster frontline demonstrations on castor were conducted in 70 ha by KVK, Mahabubnagar during *Kharif* season. The technology demonstrated was improved hybrid with integrated crop management practices. During *kharif* the hybrid ICH-66 resulted in an average yield of 7.87q/ha against 5.01q/ha of check

with 96.25% increase in yields. During *Kharif*, the hybrid PCH-111 resulted in yield of 12.5q/ha against 9.7q/ha of check with 28.86% increase in yields.

Safflower: 75 Cluster frontline demonstrations on safflower were conducted in 30 ha by KVK, Sangareddy during *rabi* season. The technology demonstrated was improved hybrid with integrated crop management practices. The hybrid ISF-764 resulted in average yield of 25.1q/ha with 16.74% increase in yield over the check plot.



Field day in Groundnut crop



Field visit in Sesame crop



I adopted IFS model with the help of KVK, Erode and also developed an innovative formula for masala powder preparation. Started "Aara traders Co." and I am marketing value added products with the brand name "Aara". I have a parental stock breeding unit for desi birds to support Back Yard Poultry units in the area. I patented an organic seed coating formulation for agri and horticultural crops.

E. Kavitha
Erode, Tamil Nadu



4.6. Seed Hubs

Twelve KVKs of the zone, 6 from Tamil Nadu, 2 from Telangana and 4 from Andhra Pradesh produced 3266.42 q of quality seed of pulses to augment the demand from farmers and government agencies (Table 4.6.1). Among the crops, 1950.53 q of

blackgram followed by 687.02 q of redgram, 107.02 q of greengram, 510.65 q Bengal gram and 11.20 q of cowpea were produced. A total of 1166.88 q of seeds were certified seeds, 1486.69 q were FS I seeds, and 662.85 q were FS II seeds (Table 4.6.2).

4.6.1 Crop wise quantity of seed produced and sold in 2023-24

Crop Name	Quantity produced (q)			Production/ Procurement cost (Rs./q)	Processing cost (Rs./q)	Quantity Sold (q)			Sale price (Rs./q)	Quantity remained unsold
	KVK Farm	Farmers Fields	Total			Farmers	Govt agencies	Others		
Bengal gram		510.65	510.65	7950.00	62.50				10875	510.65
Blackgram		1950.53	1950.53	9318.00	171.00	10041.71	23110.88	15967.73	9970	971.33
Cowpea		11.20	11.20	9150.00			7.37		11400	2.40
Greengram	0.68	106.34	107.02	9662.50	443.75	335.05	592.23	2.68	11203	22.70
Redgram	24.17	662.85	687.02	11100.00	1970.00	1.50			15000	685.52
Total	24.85	3241.57	3266.42	47180.50	2647.25	10378.26	23710.48	15970.41		2192.60

4.6.2 Seed Class wise quantity produced and sold in 2023-24

Seed Class	Quantity Produced		
	KVK farm (q)	Farmers' fields (q)	Total (q)
Certified seeds		1166.88	1166.88
Foundation seeds I	24.85	1461.84	1486.69
Foundation seeds II		662.85	662.85
Total	24.85	3241.57	3266.42



Seed hub - KVK Kurnool Yagantipalli Dr. Shaik N Meera, Director ATARI inspecting the seed godown



Seed hub – processing and storage facility of KVK Mahabubnagar Palem



Seed hub of KVK Tiruchirappalli - District collector inspecting the seed godown



Seed Hub of KVK Villupuram – Dr.Shaik N Meera, Director ATARI and Dr. P.P. Murugan DEE, TNAU inspecting the seed production unit and seed godown



4.7 Gramina Krishi Mousam Seva (GKMS) Project : District Agro Meteorological Units (DAMU)

District AgroMet Units (DAMUs) are mandated to prepare and disseminate sub-district (block) level weather based agro-advisories to the farmers. DAMUs were established in 28 Krishi Vigya Kendras of the zone with the assistance of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Under Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS). Out of these 28 DAMUs, 9 are in AP, 8 are in Telangana, 10 are in Tamil Nadu and 1 is in Puducherry. Two man power positions (SMS Agrometeorology and Agromet Observer) have been appointed at each DAMU with the responsibility of issuing block level agro-met advisories with the help of an expert panel, disseminate the same through different means like electronic, print and ICT platforms and to quantify the impact of the advisories in terms of benefits accrued to the recipients of the advisories. They will also collect feedback of farmers at regular intervals on the extent to which the advisories issued were of use to them in terms of productivity gain and crop loss avoided during extreme weather events.

Agromet Advisory Bulletins

Block level agro advisory bulletins were prepared based on the IMD block level forecast and disseminated by using all available channels of communication to the farmers. These block level bulletins were prepared twice in a week and communicated to the farmers. Two district level bulletins were also prepared based on the IMD district level forecast and disseminated. These bulletins contain weather forecast for next 5 days, General Advisory about weather, SMS Advisory, Crop Specific Advisory, Livestock Specific Advisory, poultry Specific Advisory etc regarding the activities to be undertaken in next 5 days. A total of 18838 block level bulletins and 8106 district level bulletins were prepared and disseminated by the 28 KVKs in this zone through various channels. Various means of dissemination include messages through WhatsApp groups, Print media & Electronic media, voice messages,

KisanSarathi, mKisan, KVK Websites, Display boards at KVKs, radio and other apps. During the year 341562 farmers got these messages.

Agromet Advisory Messages:

A total of 17013 weather based agro advisories were sent to the farmers related to crops and livestock during the year 2022-23. Out of these, 13674 messages were related to crops and 3339 were related to livestock. Messages related to crop protection accounted for 40.93% of the total messages related to crops followed by Crop production (23.92%). About 11% messages related to each of seeds & sowing as well as harvesting (12.44%). In case of messages related to livestock, 41.27% each was about dairy animals, 29.02% was about sheep and goat, 24.47% was about poultry and the remaining 5.24% was about fisheries. These messages were sent to the beneficiaries through various means such as different means through which messages were sent to farmers. WhatsApp groups and Print media & Electronic media are the major means of reaching the farmers followed by voice/text SMS. Other means include mKisan, Display boards, Websites, radio etc.

4.7.1 Details of various types of messages sent related to crops

Type of message	No of Messages	Percentage
Seed/ Sowing /variety	1471	10.76
Crop production	3271	23.92
Crop protection	5597	40.93
Harvesting	1451	10.61
Others	560	4.10
Total	13674	100.00

4.7.2 Details of various types of messages sent related livestock

Livestock	Diseases	Nutrition / fodder/feed	Others	Total
Fisheries	61	109	5	175 (5.24)
Poultry	317	322	178	817 (24.47)
Sheep & Goat	402	401	166	969 (29.02)
Dairy animals	551	576	251	1378 (41.27)
Grand Total	1331 (39.86)	1408 (42.17)	600 (17.97)	3339 (100.00)

Farmers awareness programmes and Feedback studies

Various Programmes such as trainings, kisan gosthis etc will be conducted to create awareness about weather forecast and weather based agro advisories, benefits and avoiding probable loss due to unexpected events. About 385 such

programmes were organized with the participation of about 21740 farmers and farm women during the year 2023-24 in Zone X. DAMU centres conduct feedback and impact studies to assess the accuracy and usefulness of the agro advisories sent to the farmers. About 43 feedback studies and 37 impact studies were conducted by the KVKs of zone X.



Farmers awareness programme on Agromet Advisory services at KVK Adilabad



KVK Vellore: women farmers attending awareness programme on weather based agro advisories



KVK Banavasi: Awareness programme on weather based agro advisories and weather-based apps.



4.8. DAPST (Development action plan for Schedule Tribes) and DAPSC (Development Action plan for Schedule Castes)

The Development action plan for Schedule Tribes (DAPST), hitherto known as Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) has been implemented by 19 KVKs of the zone (Table 4.8.1) that have operational mandals with predominant tribal population.

Table 4.8.1. List of KVKs implementing DAPST in Zone X

S.No	State	Name of the district	Name of the KVK
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	Rastakuntubai
2	Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam	Amudalavalasa
3	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	BCT
4	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	Kondempudi
5	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	Pandirimamidi
6	Andhra Pradesh	West Godavari	Venkataramannagudem
7	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam	Darsi
8	Telangana	Adilabad	Adilabad
9	Telangana	Mancherial	Bellampalli
10	Telangana	Khammam	Wyra
11	Telangana	Bhadrachalam	Kothagudem
12	Telangana	Nizamabad	Rudrur
13	Telangana	Nalgonda	Gaddipalli
14	Telangana	Nalgonda	Kampasagar
15	Telangana	Warangal	Malyal
16	Telangana	Warangal	Mamnoor
17	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal	Namakkal
18	Tamil Nadu	Salem	Salem
19	Tamil Nadu	Nilgiris	Ooty

The KVK implementing DAPST aim to raise income of the beneficiaries through better agricultural operations, skilling related to agriculture, allied sectors and secondary agricultural activities and also through creation of income generating activities. The objective of achieving higher productivity of crop and livestock production systems is achieved through major mandated activities of the KVK like on farm testing, frontline demonstrations, capacity building, awareness programs, supply of critical inputs and extending

services (soil testing, diagnostic services and issue of time critical advisory) in the adopted villages of tribal mandals ensuring that the population of tribal people is above 50 per cent in the tribal village / hamlet and that the benefit is realized by tribal people directly. The achievement of the 19 KVKs that implemented DAPST during 2023-24 is presented in the following table in terms of the inputs and services supplied / rendered to the tribal beneficiaries.

Table 4.8.2. Achievements of interventions of KVKs under DAPST during 2023-2024

Activity	Andhra Pradesh		Telangana		Tamil Nadu		Total	
	Value	Farmers (No.)	Value	Farmers (No.)	Value	Farmers (No.)	Value	Farmers (No.)
On -farm trails(No.)	256	305	61	102	43	50	360	457
Frontline demonstrations (No.)	521	603	82	474	175	221	778	1298
Farmers training (No.)	189	5630	59	1923	38	1199	286	8752
Training of Rural Youth (No.)	90	1727	26	806	18	488	134	3021
Training of Extension Personnel (Nos)	48	1618	6	300	3	55	57	1973
Skill Training (No.)	83	1304	63	428	18	154	164	1886
Extension Activities (No.)	1332	3507	277	6244	70	3568	1679	13319
Production of Seed(q)	299.525	4801	463.6	2364	8.56	235	771.685	7400
Planting supplied (No.)	188355	261	165250	4447	9500	650	363105	5358
Live -stock strains and fish fingerlings (No.)	142964	509	75765	493	91000	140	309729	1142
Soil samples tested (No.)	1011	1011	1375	1375	342	342	2728	2728
Mobile agro advisories (No.)	3577	51338	3054	44457	670	21650	7301	117445
Micro enterprises/assets supplied (No.)	1065	2100	1281	1165	30562	1577	32908	4842


FLD on IPDM of cashew – West Godavari , Andhra Pradesh

Distribution of rosemary planting material – Nilgiris , Tamil Nadu



Organic cultivation of turmeric – Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh

A total of 50 skill training programmes of varying duration from 1- 5 days were implemented by KVKs during 2023-24 for the benefit of 1194 tribal people. These trainings helped them in establishing income generating units with the supply of critical inputs and hand holding support given by the KVKs under the project. The details of the skill training programmes are given in Table 4.8.3.

Table 4.8.3. Skill training Programmes conducted during 2023-24 under DAPST

Details of the training programmes	Duration	No .of trainees
Andhra Pradesh		
East Godavari(Pandirimamidi)		
Cashew nut processing	3	15
Value addition practices in Rough Lemon	2	16
Honeybee keeping	5	24
Prakasam (Darsi)		
Mushroom production	3	42
Preparation of fish and prawn pickles	3	34
Azolla cultivation methods	3	30
Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi)		
Vermi composting	3	30
Raising of seedlings through Protray technology	3	30
Training on processing using Dhal mill and oil mill	3	30
Visakhapatnam(BCT)		
Skill training program on cashew orchard management - Pruning and training, fertilizer application	3	40
Training program on millet value addition	3	48
Skill development on backyard poultry farming for improved livelihood in tribal communities	3	40
skill training on Natural Farming	3	40
Vizianagaram (Rastakuntubai)		
Raising of seedlings through Protray technology	3	40
Vermicompost	3	30
Apiculture	3	30
Value additions to millets	3	385
Value addition to vegetables and green leafy vegetables	2	30
Cashew grafting techniques	3	40
Mushroom production technology	3	40

Details of the training programmes	Duration	No .of trainees
Mass multiplication of bio-agents and their application / usage in different crops	2	50
Srikakulam		
Identification of stem borer in Cashew	1	20
Use of biofertilizers	1	20
West Godavari (VR Gudem)		
Skill Training on “Horti – Millet Products”	2	15
Soil sampling techniques; do’s and don’ts during soil sampling	1	20
Value addition in banana	1	20
Beekeeping	3	35
Total Andhra Pradesh		1194
Telangana		
Adilabad		
Operation and maintenance of drip irrigation system	2	30
Khammam-Kothagudem		
Training programme on INM Practices in Rabi groundnut cultivation	1	30
Safe handling of pesticides and pesticide residues and its impact on environment	1	30
Precautions to be used while spraying pesticides	1	30
Training programme on terrace gardening	1	30
Use of Mobile & ICT tools for accessing Agriculture information	1	30
Warangal (Malyal)		
Tailoring	4	25
Mamnoor		
Vermicompost production technology	3	25
Nalgonda (Gaddipally)		
Good Practices in organic agriculture	2	30
Bio-inoculants uses and its application ST Farmers under TSP	2	30
Scientific Beekeeping	3	25
Value addition to millet products	3	25
Nalgonda (Kampasagar)		
Skill training programme on raising of vegetable nurseries under shade nets	3	30
Mancherial (Bellampalli)		
Skill training programme on Honeybee rearing	3	28
Khammam (Wyr)		
Homestead technologies for sustainable income generation	3	30
Total Telangana		428
Tamil Nadu		
Namakal		
Production of organic inputs	5	10
Banana Shakthi preparation and nutrient management in spices and plantation crops	3	15
Genetically Improved Farmed Tilapia (GIFT) Farming	5	25
Silage making	1	19
Salem		
Nursery Technologies in horticultural crops	1	30
Nursery Technologies in horticultural crops	1	30
Nilgiris		
Cultivation of Azolla as animal feed supplement	1	15
Backyard Poultry farming	1	10
Total Tamil Nadu		154
Grand Total		1776



Skill training on apiary – Kothagudem, Telangana

The KVKs implementing DAPST created physical assets and helped establish micro-enterprises in tribal households for productivity enhancement

and income generation. A total of 2359 assets were created during the year 2023 for the benefit of 4285 tribal youth, the details of which are given below.

Table 4.8.4. Physical assets/micro-enterprises established in tribal areas during 2023-24

State, KVK and enterprise	No. of units	No. of beneficiaries
Andhra Pradesh		
East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)		
Smoke chamber	1	160
Waterproof tarpaulins	60	60
Rubber processing equipment and tools	1	320
Poultry birds	125	125
Goats	2	2
Sprayers	10	10
Mini rice mill	2	40
Storage bins	20	20
Multipurpose trays	40	40
Oil palm Ab1ation tools	25	25
Monkey guns	50	50
Solar fence	03	03
Monofilament nylon Fishing nets	10	10
Azolla beds	10	10

State, KVK and enterprise	No. of units	No. of beneficiaries
Visakhapatnam (BCT)		
Turmeric boilers	4	60
Turmeric Polishers	4	60
Black pepper ladders	4	20
Sub soiler	1	30
Dryer	1	25
Juice extractor	1	25
Prakasam (Darsi)		
Poultry	25	25
Small farm implements	2	10
Farm produce cleaning / drying equipment	50	50
Battery Sprayers	15	15
Vizianagaram (Rastakuntubai)		
Duplex poultry units	12	10
Battery sprayers	50	50
Tarpaulins	40	40
Srikakulam		
Sticky traps machine	1	200
Leveller	1	10
CAE Aero Towers	1	10
Puddler	1	10
NFT Linear model	1	10
West Godavari (VR Gudem)		
Chaff cutter for green fodder	1	5
Vermi compost beds	5	5
Goat enterprise	4	4
Poultry birds	31	31
Total Andhra Pradesh	706	1639
Telangana		
Adilabad		
Battery sprayers	27	27
Manual hand push seed drills	11	11
Tarpaulins	38	38
Irrigation pipes	100	100
Bullock drawn seed drill	07	50
Khammam- Kothagudem		
Tarpaulins	20	20
Sprayers	4	4
Warangal (Malyal)		
Stitching/sewing machine	25	25
Nalgonda (Kampasagar)		
Promotion of poultry chicks	26	26
Vermibeds	15	30
Shade nets	10	50
Nalgonda Gaddipally		
Sericulture	1	1
Vermicomposting	10	10
Grain storage units	200	200



State, KVK and enterprise	No. of units	No. of beneficiaries
Small farm implements	20	20
Mancherial		
Farm produce cleaning / drying equipment (tarpaulins)	35	35
Battery sprayers	40	40
Goat tray	12	4
Nizamabad		
Tarpaulins	30	30
Vermicomposting	10	20
Manual push seed drill	6	60
Crop weeders	15	15
Hand khurpis	12	12
Vegetable crates	150	30
Crop covers	1	1
Khammam (Wyra)		
Cotton stem applicators	125	125
Vermi beds	10	10
Battery sprayers	20	20
Tarpaulins	11	11
Sickles	100	50
Total Telangana	1091	1075
Tamil Nadu		
Namakkal		
Apiary unit –EDP activities+ Face mask + Hand clothes Smoker +Honey extractor	10	10
Handmade cast net	5	5
Desi bird shelters	11	11
Coffee pulper machine	01	20
Millet pulverizer	01	20
Paneer pressing Device	05	10
Fruit Juicer	02	20
Salem		
Coffee pulper	1	100
Seed drill	4	40
Pepper Ladder	7	70
Oven	1	20
Shredder cum pulverizer	1	200
Sprayer	2	20
Rotary tiller	1	100
Sub soiler	1	100
Nilgiris		
Nursery Production Unit (100 Sq. ft)	1	300
Goatery (6 units)	1 .	100
Honeybee processing unit	6	25
Backyard Poultry	1	100
Value addition in medicinal plants	500	300
Total Tamil Nadu	562	1571
Grand Total	2359	4285



Backyard poultry unit in a tribal village – West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh



Supply of portable vermibeds to tribal youth – Warangal (Mamnoor), Telangana



Promotion of sericulture in tribal villages – Nalgonda (Gaddipalli), Telangana



Development Action Plan for Schedule Castes (DAPSC)

This programme was implemented by all the KVKs of the zone for achieving enhanced income and livelihood security of scheduled caste communities in the adopted villages. Interventions have been taken up by KVKs that would directly benefit schedule caste farmers or youth. Besides

implementing core mandated activities, KVKs organised skill imparting training and also provided physical assets for creating income generating opportunities. Training, demonstrations and awareness programmes were also organised for promoting natural farming among scheduled caste farmers. The achievements of DAPSC during 2023-24 are presented in Table 4.8.5.

Table 4.8.5. Achievements of DAPSC during 2023-24

S.No	Items/ Activities		Units	No. of Activities		No. of beneficiaries	
				Annual Targets	Achievements	Annual Targets	Achievements
1	Trainings (capacity building/skill Develop. etc.)		No.	708	447	15458	9455
	1.1	1-3 days	No.	1248	1568	30968	36683
	1.2	4-10 days	No.	50	52	1068	1050
	1.3	2-4 weeks	No.	4	42	117	210
	1.4	More than 4 weeks	No.	2	4	45	160
2	On Farm Trials (OFTs)		No.	528	596	1741	2046
3	Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs) and other demonstrations		No.	826	958	4452	6901
4	Awareness camps, exposure visits etc.		No.	1483	1692	69062	68712
5	Input Distribution						
	5.1	Seeds (field crops)	Tonnes	489.6955	6,663.85	6379.1	8081
	5.2	Seeds (High value crop spices etc)	Kg	6237.623	4047.377	408	659
	5.3	Seeds (Roots & Tuber crops)	Tonnes	1004.4	97.45	93	313
	5.4	Nursery plants	No.	1609556	1334877	15744	18244
	5.5	Cuttings, slips, suckers etc	No.	337900	246496	1074	8096
	5.6	Mushroom spawns / Bio-fertilizers	Packets	6431	6321	3294	2558
	5.7	Honeybee colonies	No.	139	213	90	191
	5.8	Animals- small (Pig, sheep, Goat etc)	No.	3025	1847	293	377
	5.9	Animals- Large (Cattle/ Buffalo/camel/Horse/ Donkey/ Mithun/Yak etc)	No.	0	3	0	28
	5.1	Poultry chicks / Ducklings etc	No.	38995	37124	7705	4401
	5.11	Fish spawns / Fingerlings	No.	106625	73722	151	286
	5.12	Small Equipment's (up to Rs.2000)	No.	563	1241	544	1813
	5.13	Medium Equipment's/ Machinery (≤ Rs. 25000)	No.	5825	100,522	1402	2613
	5.14	Large Equipment's/ Machinery (> Rs. 25000)	No.	81	34,535	367	1236
	5.15	Infrastructure / Civil work / Ponds etc	No.	101	288	241	352
	5.16	Setting up plant nursery / Seed farm / Hatchery	No.	217	1598	1349	2304
	5.17	Land development / Reclamation / Conservation	Hectares	10	24	15	10
	5.18	Fertilizers (NPK) / Secondary fertilizers	Tonnes	1.104	18.702	17	23
	5.19	Micronutrients	Tonnes	1.64	147.557	144	307
	5.2	FYM / Vermi compost	Tonnes	64.35	1,096.80	769	2712
	5.21	Soil amendments(Gypsum, Lime etc)	Tonnes	0.1	0.6	10	20
	5.22	Plant protection chemicals	Kg	1394.802	121.6	496	1712
	5.23	Plant growth promoters etc	Kg	616	1718	431	3487
	5.24	Animal Feed	Tonnes	0.965	848.2	43	131
	5.25	Animal Fodder	Tonnes	15.01	12486.35	402	743
	5.26	Animal medicines	Doses	5038	9064	5028	1198
	5.27	Any others (Specify)		20771.55	25880.64	3002	8447

S.No	Items/ Activities	Units	No. of Activities		No. of beneficiaries	
			Annual Targets	Achievements	Annual Targets	Achievements
6	Services/ facilitation					
6.1	Animal Health Camps	No.	90	3702	3522	7566
6.2	Artificial insemination / Vaccination	No.	1169	2158	1243	2376
6.3	Veterinary Services (Hospitalization , on-site treatment , PD, Surgery etc)	No.	60	945	725	971
6.4	Testing samples of soil , plant , water , feed, fodder and livestock	No.	10112	17822	10129	11996
6.5	Promotion of Agri - entrepreneurship	No.	759	4703	4300	3548
6.6	Promotion of IFS, IOFS, Natural Farming, Nutri-garden, kitchen garden, orchards etc.	No.	645	7545	6776	8151
6.7	Creation of market links of farm produces	No.	12	351	283	323
6.8	Use of institute facilities (Processing etc.)	Hours	12	167	91	59
6.9	Subsidies / Assistance (50% of project cost, Max. Rs.10000 / beneficiary)	No.	12	5	12	55
7	Distribution of literature	No.	30492	38725	28090	50791
8	Employment generation for livelihood	Man-Months	37	9407	36	50791



Frontline Demonstration on Chrysanthemum – KVK, Kurnool (Yagantipalli), Andhra Pradesh



Establishment of Goatery units with SC farmers – KVK, Villuppuram, Tamil Nadu



4.9. Formation and Promotion of 10000 Farmer Producer Organisations

This is a central sector scheme which aims to achieve inclusive and sustainable transformation through the creation of a holistic and supportive ecosystem for the formation of 10000 FPOs and their nurturing, hand holding and capacity building. This scheme is implemented through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). Formation and promotion of FPO is based on Produce Cluster Area. NCDC identified 6 Cluster- Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) in this zone of which 4 are KVKs and two are ICAR institutes. Each CBBO established two FPOs under this scheme. No of shareholders in each FPO

ranges from 354 to 960. On an average, these FPOs have about Rs. 10.48 lakh equity amount. Ten FPOs have owned office building and two are functioning in rented offices. Eight FPOs have owned/hired storage facilities. Eight FPOs have license for marketing of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides. Two FPOs have FSSAI licence and the process of getting FSSAI licence was initiated by another two FPOs. Eight FPOs have eNAM registration and three FPOs are involved in paddy procurement. Only two FPOs have custom hiring centres. All the FPOs have linkages with Markfed, APMAS, ICRISAT-IFDC, NABARD, IFFCO, FMC, KRIBCO etc.

4.9.1 Details of FPOs established in zone 10

S. No	Name of CBBO	Name of State	Name of District	Name of Block	Date of Registration	No. of share holders	Equity Amount Collected (Rs.)
1	KVK East Godavari (Kalavacharla)	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	Karapa	20.12.2021	386	7,72,000
2	KVK East Godavari (Kalavacharla)	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	Panduru	20.12.2021	414	828000
3	KVK Kurnool (Banavasi)	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Maddikera	20.12.2021	750	15,00,000
4	KVK Kurnool (Banavasi)	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Pattikonda	20.12.2021	750	15,00,000
5	KVK Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	Telangana	Karimnagar	Jammikunta	22.11.2021	620	682000
6	KVK Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	Telangana	Karimnagar	Manakondur	03.11.2021	740	814000
7	KVK Medak (Tuniki)	Telangana	Medak	Medak	27.10.2021	354	6,28,000
8	KVK Medak (Tuniki)	Telangana	Medak	Nizampet	04.10.2021	750	12,75,000
9	ICAR -IIMR, Hyderabad	Telangana	Medak	Tekmal	22.10.2021	750	1500000
10	ICAR -IIMR, Hyderabad	Telangana	Medak	Yeldurthy	21.10.2021	675	675000
11	ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad	Telangana	Siddipet	Naryanraopet	09.11.2021	470	920000
12	ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad	Telangana	Siddipet	Chinnakodur	01.09.2021	960	1920000
	Average					635	1048429

All the CBBOs completed the identification of training needs and training modules were developed for 10 FPOs. Preliminary awareness programmes / trainings were undertaken for BoDs/members of all FPOs. Interface meetings with stakeholders like various Government Departments, Financial Institutions, Training, Research and Development Institutions at the cluster level were conducted by the CBBOs. Business plans were developed for all

the 12 FPOs and were implemented by 10 FPOs. On an average 72 percent of the businesses plans implemented by the CBBOs. Statutory clearances obtained to carry out business activities were obtained for 9 FPOs. Equity grant was availed by all the FPOs. Ten FPOs were Registered in e-NAM or other electronic platforms. Marketing linkages were established for 10 FPOs.



4.10. Agricultural Drone Project

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has initiated “Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization” (SMAM) to make drone technology affordable to the stakeholders in a major boost to promote precision farming in India. It is operational in ICAR institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and State Agriculture Universities for taking up large scale demonstrations of this technology on the farmers’ fields. Under this sub mission Rs. 10 lakhs were granted towards the cost of each agriculture drone. Accordingly, the ICAR, New Delhi has approved various State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and ICAR Institutions for allocation of funds for purchase of drones and demonstrations during 2022-23. Rs. 10.00 lakhs have been allocated for the purchase of one drone and Rs. 7.50 lakhs have been allocated for the 250 demonstrations (@Rs. 3000.00 per demonstration) per drone. In ATARI, Hyderabad 32 drones were sanctioned to various project implementing centres including ICAR institutes, SAUs and KVKs.

Details of kisan drones purchased:

All the 32 drones sanctioned were purchased by different centres. Of these 20 drones belong to IoTech World Avigation Pvt.Ltd., Model: Agribot, 6 belong to Garuda Aerospace; Model GA-AD, 3 belong to Marut drone Pvt ltd. 2 belong to TREE-D HUBS LLP THBs-E6-01, 2023 model, and one belong Vyomic Innovations Pvt Ltd., 2023, Hexacopter and The cost of the drone ranges from Rs. 5.81 lakh to 10.00 lakh.

Demonstrations conducted:

A total of 1641 demonstrations were conducted during 2023-24 in the zone covering 1330.3 ha area with the participation of 5210 farmers. Among these 989 demonstrations were insecticide sprays, 318 were Micronutrient sprays and 88 were weedicide sprays, 69 were fungicidal sprays. Among the crops 686 demonstrations were conducted in rice, 225 in maize, 219 in groundnut, 152 in sugarcane.

Table 4.10.1: Details of drone demonstrations conducted during the 2023-24

Row Labels	No. of demos	Area (ha)	No. of farmers participated
Insecticide spray	989	685.4	1748
Micronutrient spray	381	302.1	2284
Weedicide spray	88	35	50
Other demos	114	182.6	288
Fungicide spray	69	125.2	840
Grand Total	1641	1330.3	5210

Comparison of drone technology with manual/tractor spraying

Spraying with drones require about 0.64 hours per ha while manual spraying requires 6.83 hours while tractor spraying require 4.86 hours. Thus, about 87 to 90 percent time is saved if drones are used for spraying agricultural chemicals. Similarly cost reduction ranges from 30 to 38 percent with this technology in spraying operations. 90-95 percent of Water is also saved through drone spraying.

Table 4.10.2: Comparison of drone spraying with manual/tractor spraying

Particulars	Spraying with Drone	Manual spraying	Tractor spraying	% reduction over manual	% reduction over tractor
Time required (hr) /ha	0.64	6.83	4.86	90.63	86.83
Cost of operation /ha	1471.67	2101.79	2375.00	29.98	38.03
Water required / ha	37.83	473.86	819.23	92.02	95.38



Fig 1. Demonstration of drone spraying in rice field by KVK VR Gudem



Fig 2. Spraying of fish feed in fish tank by ICAR-CIBA



Fig 3. KVK, Adilabad demonstrating the drone technology in Sorghum



4.11. Targeting technologies to agro-ecological zones- large scale demonstrations of best practices to enhance cotton productivity

Special Project on Cotton was implemented by ICAR-CICR supported by Min of textiles, Government of India to demonstrate technological options available with ICAR-CICR and other relevant research organisations including private industries to overcome productivity bottlenecks in cotton production in the identified agro-ecological domains. This project is planned in a cluster based and value chain approach to boost cotton productivity in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with the participation of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur; CITI & SIMA; Seed Industry Associations (NSAI and FSII); Extension partners (Cotton Development and Research Associations of CITI and SIMA; Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes & their Krishi Vigyan Kendras); State Departments of Agriculture-ATMA) and Textile partners and Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).

The pilot project comprises of three components viz, High density planting system (HDPS) in low productivity areas with shallow soils with canopy, nutrient, soil health management, Closer Spacing planting system in medium productivity areas with medium deep soils under rainfed cotton ecosystem with canopy, nutrient and soil health management and Production technology for ELS cotton in niche areas under rainfed/irrigated farming situation.

ICAR-ATARI Zone-X has implemented Special Project on Cotton in 21 KVKs of 3 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu. HDPS technology was demonstrated in 1459 ha area conducting 1485 demos. Closer Spacing planting system was demonstrated in 1152 ha area conducting 1052 demos. While Production technology for ELS cotton was demonstrated in 46 ha area conducting 106 demos.

Table 4.11.1. details of technologies demonstrated under special project on cotton

State	Details of Interventions					
	HDPS		Closur Spacing		Extra Lound Staple (ELS) cotton	
	No. Demos	Area (ha)	No. Demos	Area (ha)	No. Demos	Area (ha)
Andhra Pradesh	66	90	719	864	0	0
Telangana	1336	1326	333	288	0	0
Tamil Nadu	83	43	0	0	106	46
Total	1485	1459	1052	1152	106	46

Activities undertaken from June 2023 to January 2024

Different activities have been conducted by ATARI ZONE-X KVKs to increase awareness among farming society about different cotton production technologies like Farmers trainings, Field days,

Workshops, Kisan mela, Social media advisories, Distribution of Leaflets, Brochures etc., A total of 59 Farmers training, 56 Feildday , 8 Workshop and 10 Kisanmela activities are undertaken during the year with the participation of total 15,193 beneficiaries. 134 Young Professionals are recruited under this project.

**Table 4.11.2. Details of activities conducted by KVKs**

S.No	Particulars	No of activities	No of Participants
1.	Farmers trainings	61	7671
2.	Field days	70	8062
3.	Workshops	11	1294
4.	Kisan Mela	13	7495
5.	Number of Monitoring visits by KVK YPs/ DNO	1411	5392
6.	Number of Monitoring visits by external officials of State dept./ ICAR/ Univ./others	149	1708
7.	No. of farmer demonstrations identified / eligible for success stories	116	141
8.	No. of Leaflets/ brochures/folders developed by KVKs	31	5430
9.	Total	1862	37193

Sub Project 1. High Density Planting System (HDPS)

High Density Planting System includes planting of recommended hybrids/varieties at a spacing of 90x15 cm with the help of pneumatic planter or manual sowing and management of Plant architecture with : Mepiquat chloride (Chamatkar) along with other recommended package of practices.

Nine recommended cotton hybrids were demonstrated by conducting 1485 demonstrations in 1459.60 ha area under HDPS. RCH 971 BG II

(Rasi Swift) was demonstrated in 451 ha followed by Armitha (NCS-2778) and Siri (NCS-927) which were demonstrated in about 328 ha. Highest yield in HDPS demos (31.50q/ha) was recorded by RCH 578 BG II (Rasi Neo) followed by Armitha (NCS-2778). All other hybrids performed equally by giving a yield of about 25 q/ha. Highest yield increase was observed in the demonstrations of RCH-930 hybrid followed by BB 7 Nano and Armitha (NCS-2778) hybrids. On an average, cotton yield in HDPS demonstrations was 25.29 q/ha which was 40.55 percent higher than the yield when compared with farmers practice.

Table 4.11.3. Performance of HDPS technology in demonstrations

S. No	Hybrid/variety	No of demos	Area (ha)	Average yield in demo (Q/ha)	Average yield in control	Average of % yield increase
1.	Armitha (NCS-2778)	351	327.96	26.39	17.38	53.43
2.	BB 7 Nano	3	1.20	13.30	8.42	57.96
3.	RCH 578 BG II (Rasi Neo)	4	4.40	31.50	22.00	43.18
4.	RCH 929 BG - II	154	112.06	25.08	18.56	36.68
5.	RCH 971 BG II (Rasi swift)	556	451.13	25.97	19.45	35.73
6.	RCH-578	4	4.40	25.75	18.75	37.33
7.	RCH-930	29	11.60	16.50	9.20	79.35
8.	Siri (NCS-927)	199	328.85	24.93	18.15	37.41
9.	Winner	185	218.00	25.36	19.05	34.24
	Total/average	1485	1459.60	25.29	18.30	40.55

Closer Spacing Planting System

In this system sowing will be done at a spacing of 90 x 30 cm spacing and with Canopy Management. These demonstrations were conducted in 1152 ha area by conduction 1050 demonstrations. On an average yield in demos was

21.83 q/ha which was 23.13 percent higher than the farmers practice (17.99q/ha). Highest average yield of 30.25 q/ha was recorded by the hybrid Bouncer followed by Bahubali and Siri (NCS-927). Highest yield increase over farmers practice was observed with CCH-03 followed by Winner.

Table 4.11.4. Performance of Closer Spacing technology in demonstrations

Row Labels	No of demos	Area (ha)	Average yield in demo (Q/ha)	Average yield in control	Average of % yield increase
Aatish	56	42.40	17.50	12.90	35.66
Armitha (NCS-2778)	221	301.64	25.26	20.77	20.71
Bahubali	2	1.60	29.25	25.50	14.71
Bouncer	5	6.80	30.25	25.60	18.16
CCH 369 BG II	92	73.85	21.25	16.10	31.44
CCH-03	8	6.40	23.50	17.00	38.24
Dr. Brint Gold	23	16.62	25.92	23.33	10.53
RCH 929 BG - II	14	13.39	14.19	10.94	27.39
RCH 971B II(Rasi swift)	354	305.50	17.58	15.00	20.34
Siri (NCS-927)	254	365.80	26.88	21.35	29.57
Winner	21	18.00	11.00	8.00	37.50
Total/average	1050	1152.00	21.83	17.99	23.13

Extra Long Staple (ELS) production technologies for niche areas

ELS cotton production technology standardized by ICAR-CICR was demonstrated in 46.50 ha by conducting 106 demonstrations in Tamil Nadu. Els cotton hybrid Dels (MC5516) and variety Suraksha

was demonstrated with improved production technology. Dels (MC5516) gave 21.83 q/ha yield which was 16.61 percent higher than the farmers practice. Yield in the demos of ELS cotton variety Suraksha was 17.51 q/ha which was 40.23% higher than the farmers practice.

Table 4.11.5. Performance of ELS technology in demonstrations

Row Labels	No of demos	Area (ha)	Average yield in demo (Q/ha)	Average yield in control	Average of % yield increase
Dels MC5516) (Rallis)	49	22	21.83	18.72	16.61
Suraksha	57	24	17.51	12.85	40.23
Total/average	106	46	18.59	14.32	34.32

Costs and returns in cotton demonstrations

All the three technologies gave higher income when compared to farmers practice. Though there is an increase 16.20% in the cost of cultivation in HDPS demonstrations gave higher net income due to the increased gross income. On an average HDPS demos gave 16000 higher net income over the farmers practice which was about 80% higher.

Similarly, there was 6.6% increase in the cost of cultivation in closer spacing demonstrations when compared with farmers practice. Gross income and net increased by 22.23 and 40.55 percent respectively in these demonstration. There was a marginal reduction (3.98%) in cost of cultivation of ELS cotton demonstrations. Due to higher yield and better prices about 42 % higher gross income was recorded in ELS demonstrations.

4.11.6. Table Costs and returns in cotton demonstrations.

Particulars	Cost of Cultivation	Gross Income	Net Income
HDPS			
Demonstrated Plots	35903	72248	36349
Control Plots (Farmers Practice)	30899	50869	20218
% increase/decrease	16.20	42.03	79.79

Particulars	Cost of Cultivation	Gross Income	Net Income
Closer Spacing			
Demonstrated Plots	35443	71823	35851
Control Plots (Farmers Practice)	33250	58758	25508
% increase/decrease	6.60	22.23	40.55
ELS cotton			
Demonstrated Plots	38320	76302	37982
Control Plots (Farmers Practice)	39907	53813	15039
% increase/decrease	-3.98	41.79	152.55



14. SAKVK - Gaddipally, installation of pheromone traps by YPs in farmers field - saird KVK



HDPS cotton at boll bursting stage in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh KVK, Krishna (Garikapadu)



Mechine sowing of HDPS cotton using pneumatic planter in siddipet dist of telangana by KVK, Medak (Tuniki).



Kisan mela at KVK Mehaboobnagar (Palem)



HDPS demo field in Namakkal district Tamil Nadu - KVK Namakkal



4.12. Out- Scaling of natural farming through KVKs

“Outscaling of natural farming through KVKs” is a central sector project that has been implemented by 44 kvks of Zone X (Table 4.12.1) since 2022-23 with an objective of bringing widespread awareness, enhance the capacity of farmers on the concept and practice of natural farming through training and also to demonstrate the same through

field demonstrations. During 2023-24 , each KVK under the project was to conduct one training program and 8 field demonstrations besides taking up various awareness activities that include exposure visits to practicing natural farming fields also.

Table 4.12.1. KVK of Zone X implementing “ Out-Scaling of Natural Farming through KVKs”

S. No	State	No. of. KVKs	Name of the KVKs
1	Andhra Pradesh	23	Anantapur (Reddipalli) , Anantapur (Kalyandurg), Chittoor (Kalikiri), Chittoor (RASS), East Godavari (Kalavacharla), East Godavari (Pandirimamidi), Guntur (Lam), Kadapa, Kadapa (Vonipenta), Krishna (Garikapadu), Krishna (Ghantasala), Kurnool (Banavasi), Kurnool (Yagantipalli), Nellore, Nellore (Pariyavaram), Prakasam (Darsi), Prakasam (Kandukur), Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam (BCT), Vijayanagar am, West Godavari (Undi), West Godavari (VR Gudem).
2	Telangana	8	Khammam (Wyra), Kothagudem, Nalgonda (Kampasagar), Nalgonda (Gaddipally), Nizamabad, Medak II (Tuniki), Mancheri, Ranga Reddy
3	Tamil Nadu	12	Ariyalur, Erode, Karur, Tirunelveli, Krishnagiri, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Salem, Trichy, Villuppuram, Ramanathapuram, Kancheepuram
4	Puducherry	1	Puducherry

Achievements of the project

The achievement of the KVKs across different states in terms of training, awareness and demonstration activities is presented in Table 4.13.2. The KVKs conducted 381 awareness programmes related to natural farming involving 25418 farmers. The

capacity of 8885 farmers was built on the concept and practice of natural farming in different crops through 236 training programmes. Field demonstrations on the performance of natural farming practices were conducted at 528 locations in comparison with conventional method of farming.

Table 4.12.2. Achievement of KVKs under natural farming project during 2023-24

State	Awareness Prog. Organized		Training programmes		Demonstrations
	Number	No. of Participants	Number	No. of Participants	Number
Andhra Pradesh	212	7973	112	4113	276
Telangana	58	2867	37	1609	96
Tamil Nadu	101	13830	80	2657	144
Puducherry	10	748	7	506	12
Total	381	25418	236	8885	528

During the second year of the project too, reduction in the productivity was recorded in the demonstration plots of natural farming compared to conventional chemical methods while there was marked reduction in cost of cultivation too due to low external input use. A positive response

in productivity was recorded in some crops like Bengal gram, banana and ridge gourd. In all the demonstrations, farmers got higher net returns in natural farming plots compared to chemical method of farming because of higher price paid by the consumers who preferred natural farming produce to conventional produce.

Table 4.12.3. Per centage change in cost of cultivation and productivity in natural farming demonstrations during 2023-24

S.No	Crop	Mean % reduction in cost of cultivation /ha	Mean % reduction in Yield /ha
Cereals			
1.	Paddy	-29.33	-31.38
2.	Maize	-27.93	-26.93
3.	Bajra	-12.41	-20.91
Pulses			
4.	Black gram	-24.74	-17.70
5.	Bengalgram	-91.97	7.62
6.	Greengram	-25.275	-27.52
7.	Redgram	-27.85	-17.95
Oil seeds			
8.	Groundnut	-18.28	-18.24
9.	Castor	-10.37	-27.14
10.	Sesame	-3.69	-0.33
Cash crop			
11.	Sugarcane	-14.12	-14.60
12.	Cotton	-18.92	-8.87
13.	Cashewnut	-25.00	-13.33
Vegetables			
14.	Tomato	-27.09	-28.57
15.	Chilli	-30.98	-28.13
16.	Brinjal	-12.87	-6.82
17.	Bitter gourd	32.58	-12.50
18.	Bean	-18.44	-19.51
19.	Bitter gourd	32.58	-12.5
20.	Bottle gourd	-53.42	-60.08
21.	Ridge gourd	-25.48	6.26
22.	Leafy vegetables	-28.48	-11.047
23.	Okra	-22.87	-11.90
Spices			
24.	Turmeric	-12.77	-19.94
Fruit crops			
25.	Acid lime	-58.00	-10.16
26.	Banana	14.93	28.75
27.	Watermelon	-6.55	-8.45
28.	Musk melons	10.00	-8.33
Flower crops			
29.	Marigold	-29.39	-22.23
30.	Jasmine	-48.31	-7.41

Activities conducted under Awareness programme of Natural Farming by KVKs

KVKs implementing the project undertook the following activities to bring awareness on natural farming in different crops.

- Development of Natural Farming Block of 2-5 ha on its farm.
- Exposure visits of group of farmers to the Natural Farming block of KVK every week (from each block of the respective district).
- Exposure visits of farmers to the successful Natural Farming practicing farmers
- Field demonstration on preparation of different inputs of Natural Farming
- Group meetings with the farmers at village level
- Distribution of leaflets, pamphlets and other literature regarding natural farming to the farmers
- Exhibitions in the instructional farm of the KVK on Natural Farming along with posters.
- Radio and TV talks on Natural farming
- Whatsapp groups maintained to give messages on natural farming to the practising farmers



Awareness programme on Natural farming – KVK-Medak(Tuniki), Telangana



Demonstration plot on natural farming of Brinjal – KVK, Chittoor (RASS), Andhra Pradesh



Method demonstration on preparation of agniasthram -KVK- Nellore, Andra Pradesh



Visit to natural farming awareness centre – KVK, West Godavari (VR Gudem) , Andhra Pradesh

Capacity building and review workshop of KVKs implementing natural farming

The Review and capacity building workshop of KVKs implementing the project 'Out scaling of natural farming through KVKs' was held during 15-16, December, 2023 at RARS, Chintapalli, Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur. The workshop was aimed at building the capacity of the nodal officers of the KVKs implementing natural farming project on various aspects of cultivating crops naturally and other issues like value addition, branding, certification and marketing of naturally produced agricultural produce.

There were four parallel technical sessions in which KVKs from AP, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry made presentations of their achievements during 2022-23, status of implementation of the project during 2023-24 and budget utilization. There was a panel discussion on the second day in which rapporteurs of the four technical sessions presented suggestions/ action points emanating from their respective technical sessions. The nodal scientists from KVKs expressed their impressions of implementing the project, constraints faced by them and farming community at large while growing crops naturally / organically.



Participants of the capacity building and review workshop



4.13. Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav

Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav – MGMG (My Village My Pride) is an innovative initiative of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), was planned to promote the direct interface of scientists with the farmers to speed up the lab to land process. The major objective of this scheme is to provide farmers with the required information, knowledge,

developing linkages with line departments, on-spot advisories on regular basis by adopting villages. In the zone, it was implemented by 10 ICAR institutes in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu states. 77 teams of multi-disciplinary scientists have adopted 256 villages within a radius of 50-100 km from their place of work.

Table 4.13.1. Details of institutes participating in MGMG programme

S No.	Name of institute/ university	No. of Teams	No. of Scientists	No. of villages
Andhra Pradesh				
1	Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIPR), Pedavegi	5	15	17
2	Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry	7	33	14
Telangana				
3	Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Hyderabad	8	40	40
4	Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad	5	10	10
5	Directorate of Poultry Research (DPR), Hyderabad	4	21	12
6	National Research Centre on Meat (NRCM), Hyderabad	4	16	10
7	Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad	8	60	27
Tamil Nadu				
8	Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture, Chennai	15	49	15
9	Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI), Coimbatore	16	76	90
10	National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB), Tiruchirappalli	5	20	21
	Total	77	340	256

About 340 scientists of various ICAR institutes of the zone have made 206 visits to their respective adopted villages and contacted 4460 farmers and rural people during 2023-24. They have organized 45 interface meetings/ kisan Ghoshties in which 4169 farmers have participated. 40 training programmes were conducted on agriculture, fisheries, value addition and other related aspects for 1758 beneficiaries. Scientists have conducted 157 demonstrations were conducted in 3415 farmers' fields to demonstrate the superiority of the

new technologies in agriculture and aquaculture. Linkages were developed with other departments and agencies for the benefit of the farmers of the adopted villages. Mobile advisories were provided to 2344 farmers, literature developed by the ICAR institutes of the zone was provided to 1513 farmers and created awareness on improved agricultural practices, soil health, pest and disease management, nutrition, value addition, government schemes etc. to 2926 farmers & rural women.

Table 4.13.2. Details of activities conducted under MGMG programme

S. No.	Name of activity	No. of activities conducted	No. of farmers participated & benefitted
1	Visit to village by teams	206	4460
2	Interface meeting/ <i>Goshthies</i>	45	4169
3	Training organized	40	1758
4	Demonstrations conducted	157	3415
5	Mobile based advisories	744	2344
6	Literature support provided (No)	16	1513
7	Awareness created (No)	121	2926
8	Linkages developed with other agencies (No.)	101	1285



Demonstration of Bee keeping in sunflower farmer's field: ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad



QRT team visit to MGMG villages: ICAR-CTRI, Rajahmundry



Training on Technologies for Enhancing the Income of FPO farmers: ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad



Mass-multiplication of *Trichoderma* spp. culture on Neem cake - ICAR-IIOPR, Pedavegi



4.14. Swachhata Action Plan (SAP)

Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) is one of the flagship initiatives of Hon'ble Prime Minister towards making Swachh Bharat everyone's business. SAP was formally launched on 1st April 2017 with the active participation of 72 Ministries and Departments. SAP has seen a multi-dimensional range of activities including adopting villages, support for sanitation infrastructure, solid and liquid waste management, cleaner monuments, school sanitation, better sanitation in hospitals and iconic places etc. ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad is also implementing Swachhata Abhiyana through its 72 KVKs in the zone.

Swachhata activities of KVKs

ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad has been implementing Swachh Bharat Mission for promoting cleanliness. KVKs of zone 10 are conducting various programmes every month. These programmes include Cleaning of office main building and farmers hostel, premises, painting, planting of ornamental plants in office premises, Tree plantation, supplying planting materials to farmers, removing plastic wastes from farm, awareness programme on plastic usage, Removal of

weeds in KVK fields & office premises, parthenium awareness, Removal of plastic wastes from farms & around farmers hostel, pruning of orchard trees, Segregation of agri waste for vermicompost, Conducted training to the farmers on Swachhata Abhiyan and explained different agriculture practices to obtain wealth from waste, Awareness on residue recycling of biodegradable waste through composting, Sanitation and solid waste management, awareness programmes on hygiene and sanitation to school children, farm women etc. created awareness to During the year 2023-24 KVKs of zone 10 conducted these activities with the participation of 96118 rural population in which 1130 VIPs are also participated. During the year 3268 old files were weeded out by the KVKs of the zone. Similarly 1148 tones of scrap was disposed freeing the space of 79824 sq feet area which was used as additional Storage space for office records, stationary items, Storage space for storing inputs and farm produce, additional workspace for employees, Guest room, sitting space for visitors, Display of technologies, publications, Crop cafeteria, water storage structure, Nutri garden etc.

Table 4.14.1. Details of Swachhata activities conducted by KVKs of Zone X

KVKs involved	Participants	VIPs attended	Outdoor activities	Files identified for Weeding Out	No. of Files Weeded Out	Scrap Disposed off (tones)	Space Freed (sq. ft)
72	96118	1130	1699	4434	3268	1148	79824

Special campaign on Swachhata Abhiyan - October 2022-23

Special campaign on Swachhata Abhiyan conducted during October 2023-24 in which Swachhata activities were conducted throughout

the month. During October this campaign 4115 programmes were conducted in which 7794 files were weeded out from the KVKs about 42 tons of scrap was disposed freeing a space of 18407 sq feet area.



Swatchhata activities being carried out at KVK Erode



Swatchhata pledge by the KVK staff of KVK Ariyalur



KVK, Nellore 2 (Periyavaram) organized Swatchhata rally by school children



KVK Adilabad disposing scrap during Swachhata abhiyan



4.15. Kisan Sarathi

Kisan Sarathi is a digital platform launched on 93rd Foundation Day celebration of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) to facilitate farmers to get 'right information at right time' in their desired language. It is a System of Agri-information Resources Auto-transmission and Technology Hub Interface of ICAR powered by Interactive Information Dissemination System (IIDS), Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

This Information Communication and Technology (ICT) based interface solution supports agriculture at local niche with national perspective. In Zone-10, a total of 13.46 lakh farmers (Andhra Pradesh (572555), Tamil Nadu (411221), Telangana (445074) and Puducherry (2946)) and 403 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) experts have been registered in the portal. With this digital platform, the farmers are interacting with the KVK scientists, getting information on latest technological interventions and availing personalized advisories on agriculture and allied areas.

I am an Organic traditional farmer following Integrated Farming System with crop+dairy+poultry+ vermicomposting. I am also practicing Natural farming . I earn additional income through sale of organic products and bio inputs. I disseminate my practices to school children, farmers, farm women and Krishi sakhis.

N. Pazhani

Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu





5. Awards and Recognitions

KVKs and KVK staff

KVK, Kurnool (Yagantipalle) received ROLING TROPHY for the award of BEST KVK in zone 10 for the year – 2022



Photo 1 : Dr G Dhanalakshmi PC KVK, Kurnool (Yagantipalle) receiving ROLING TROPHY

KVK Tiruvarur received TNAU Best KVK Award from TNAU, Coimbatore



Photo 2 : KVK Thiruvarur received TNAU Best KVK Award from the Honourable Vice Chancellor

KVK, Tiruchirappalli received Best KVK Award at during 30th Foundation Day of ICAR-NRCB, Trichy



Photo 3 : KVK Tiruchirappalli Best KVK Award at ICAR-NRCB

KVK, Darsi Received Best KVK Award during ZREAC meet of ANGRAU Lam Guntur



Photo 3.1 : KVK, Darsi receiving Best KVK Award during ZREAC meet.

K. Sudha Rani, SMS, KVK Anantapur (Reddipalli) received Best Oral Presentation award in National conference on Agri-startups:” KVK-A Technical Backstop for innovations, organized by ICAR-KVK Erode & NABARD

Dr. V. Shilpakala, SMS (PP), KVK Kadapa received Best Extension professional award from Eruvaka Foundation for the year 2022

Dr. K. Revathi, SMS (Plant Protection) KVK Krishna (Ghantasala) received Young Agricultural Scientist Award for the year 2023 from Dr B. Vasantharaj David foundation at the 5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Agricultural and Industrial Entomology and Environmental Sciences and their Impact on Environment and Food Security held on 29-30th September, 2023 at Entomology Research Institute, Loyola College, Chennai.

Dr.P.Sujathamma, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Banavasi received annual award of excellence in Agriculture - Best Scientist (Agronomy) from Eruvaaka Foundation during Kisan Mahotsav-2023 held at ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur on 19.08.2023.

Smt G. Dhanalakshmi, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Kurnool (Yagantipalle) received Best Institutional Film award from MANAGE Hyderabad

Sri M. Sudhakar, SMS (Agronomy), KVK, Kurnool (Yagantipalle) received RYTHUNESTHAM AWARD – 15.10.2023

Dr B Mounica SMS (DAMU) received woman scientist award from Astha foundation during ICCS conference 2023

Bandi Nagendra Prasad, SMS-Plant protection, KVK Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi) received Padmasri Dr. I.V.Subba Rao Rytunestam Award 2023 from Sri M. Venkayya Naidu, Former Vice President of Bharath on the occasion of 19th Anniversary of Rytunestam Monthly magazine.

Bandi Nagendra Prasad, receiving Rytunestam Award 2023 from Sri M. Venkayya Naidu, Former Vice President of Bharath

KVK Vijayanagaram (Rastakuntubai) Received BEST KVK AWARD for the year 2022-23 from ANGRAU

Dr TSSK Patro, Programme coordinator, KVK Vijayanagaram (Rastakuntubai) received J P Verma Memorial Best Scientist award from Indian Phytopathological Society, Mysore

Dr S Srinivasa Raju, Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture), KVK Vijayanagaram (Rastakuntubai) received Young Horticultural Scientist award, 2023 by Vasantharaj David Foundation

Dr G Amrutha Veena, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Protection), KVK Rastakuntubai Received Young Agricultural Scientist award, 2023 by Vasantharaj David Foundation

Mr. Chandra Mohan, farmer of KVK Vijayanagaram (Rastakuntubai) awarded Best Agricultural workman of ANGRAU, 2023

Dr. E. Karuna Sree, PC, KVK West Godavri (VR Gudem) received Best Extension/Development Award from The Society of Progressive Horticulture at GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand on 05.02.2023.

Dr.A.Devivaraprasad Reddy, SMS, KVK West Godavri (VR Gudem) received the Dr.YSRHU Best Extension Scientist Award – 2020-2022

Sri.G.Shali Raju, SMS, KVK West Godavri (VR Gudem)received Padma Sri.Dr.I.V.Subbarao Rythu Nestham Award for the year 2023.

Dr. M.A. Vennila KVK Dharmapuri received All India Outstanding Agricultural Extension Worker Award from SADHNA (Society For Advancement of Human and Nature), Solan, Himachalpradesh, India

Dr.K.Sivakumar KVK Dharmapuri received Dr.Varghese Kurien Best Extension worker award from TNAU

Dr.G.Anand KVK Madurai received Best oral presentation award during International Tamil conference on Millets, CSC&RI, Madurai

Dr.S.Sathya, KVK Nagapattanam received Women Scientist Award during 1st International Agriculture Conference on Natural Vs Organic Farming ‘ in Contest to Bharatiya Agriculture on 24.12.23 - 26.12.23 organized by Gujarat Natural Farming and Sciences University, Anand & Hindustan Agricultural Research Welfare Society and IIMTU, Meerut, UP

KVK, Namakkal received Best stall award during Regional Millet Mela conducted on 28.05.23 - 29.05.2023

Dr S P Thamaraiselvi KVK Nilgiris received Best paper award during International conference on “Emerging Post Harvest Technologies for Shelf Life Enhancement and Valorization of Horticultural Crops” on 05.01.2024



Dr B Vinothkumar KVK Nilgiris received Best poster award during International conference on “Emerging Post Harvest Technologies for Shelf Life Enhancement and Valorization of Horticultural Crops” on 05.01.2024

Dr C Cinthia Fernandez, KVK Nilgiris received Best paper award during the 1st International Conference on Emerging Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture on 02.02.2024 – 03.02.2024

Dr.V.Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor KVK Sivagangai received Best oral presentation award during Award the International Conference on “Global Perspectives in Ethno Veterinary Herbal Research for Production of Residue Free Animal Products” held on 21-23, June 2023 at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu, jointly organised with SAARC Regional Veterinary Association and Indian Society of Ethno Veterinary Herbal Research

Dr.V.Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor, KVK Sivagangai received Louis Pasteur Animal care and Veterinary Services Award for Significant & Outstanding Contribution in the field of ANIMAL CARE, VETERINARY SERVICES and exemplary contribution on social awareness on Rabies Control.

Dr. M. Alagappan, Assistant Professor, KVK Theni received Best Paper presentation Award during International Conference By ICAATAS 2023 for a paper presentation on Impact of ARYA training in promotion of aquaculture in farm ponds

Dr.V.Karunakaran SMS(Agronomy) Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tiruvallur received Best paper author award during 8th National Conference on Agricultural Scientific Tamil held at Dr.JJFU, Nagapattinam

Mr.J.Vijay, SMS(Agronomy) KVK Karimnagar (Jammikunta) – Received Best Agronomist Award from Gujarat Natural Farming & Science University (Anand), HARWS & IIMTU virtually during 1st International Agriculture Conference on “Natural vs Organic farming: In context to

Bharatiya Agriculture” held on 24-26 December, 2023 at Uttar Pradesh.

Mr.G.Venu Gopal, SMS(Horticulture) KVK Karimnagar (Jammikunta) Received “Best Horticulturist” Award on the occasion of 5th International conference “Global insights on Research and Development in Agriculture, Horticulture and allied Sciences “ conducted during 5th -7th Oct 2023 at G.H Rasoni University, Saikheda (MP).

Dr. T. Vinod Kumar, SMS (Agril. Extension) KVK Ramagirikhilla Received Best Poster Presentation Award at National conference in National conference on NexGen Extension for Evolving Resilient Agro-Eco systems organized by PJTSAU, EEI, Hyderabad. He has Presented poster presentation on “Nutrisensitive Agricultural Extension approaches and interventions for sustainable Agriculture”. Received best Poster Presentation award in National conference, Hyderabad.

Dr.T.Prabhakar Reddy PC, KVK, Mahbubnagar (Palem) received Raithu Nestham Puraskaraalu 2023- Best Scientist Award during annual day celebrations of Rhytu Nestham Foundation held at Swarna Bharthi Trust, Vijayawada on 14.10.2023.

Dr. B.Rajashekar, SMS (Extension), KVK, Palem received PJTSAU Best Extension Scientist Award 2023 during University Foundation Day Celebrations held at University Auditorium on 03.09.2023.

Dr. O. Shaila, SMS (Plant Protection), KVK, Palem Young Agricultural Scientist Award 2023 during the 5th National Conference on “Recent Advances in Agricultural & Industrial Entomology & Environmental Sciences 29-30th, September, 2023 at Chennai.

Dr. I. Thirupathi, SMS (Crop Production) received Best Poster Award - for the poster title: Effect of Insitu green manuring on yield and economics of rice during the national seminar

on Harnessing The Potential of Panchabuthas (Tathvas) For Sustainable Climate Resilient Rainfed Agriculture on 28-29th September, 2022 at CRIDA, Hyderabad

Dr. Shivakrishna Kota, PC, KVK, Bellampalli received “Young Extension Professional Award” in the National Conference on Next Gen Extension for Evolving Resilient Agri - Ecosystems (NEERA 2023) at University Auditorium, PJTSAU from 25th - 27th September, 2023.

Dr G Bhargavi, SMS - Home Science from KVK Tuniki received innovator award from Telangana State Innovation Council, Telangana State

Mr. Srinivas Mamindla, SMS-Horticulture KVK Tuniki received Raithu Nestham-Padmasri I.V Subbarao Annual Award for Best Agriculture Extension Institute for the year 2023 on behalf of EGVF-KVK from Former Vice President of India, Sri. M.Venkaiah Naidu

A.Kiran SMS-Soil Science KVK Nalgonda (Gaddipally), Awarded with Rythu Nestham Best Scientist Awards on the occasion of 19th Annual Celebrations of Rythu Nestham Foundation day honoured by Rythunestham Foundation and Muppavaram Foundation Presented by Honourable Former Vice President Sri M.Venkaiah Naidu, Government of India. On 14-10-2023 at Swarnabharth Trust, Ghannavara, Krishna Dist.

Dr. M. Swetha, SMS (Agril. Extension) KVK Rudrur received Best Poster Presentation Award in National Conference on Next Gen Extension for Evolving Resilient Agri-Ecosystems

Farmers

Mrs. Gara Lakshmi receiving best female progressive farmers award under poultry farming category at 17th national conference by Indian Association of Women Veterinarians at NTR CVSc, Gannavaram



Photo 4 : Mrs. Gara Lakshmi receiving Best Poultry Women Farmer award KVK-BCT, Visakhapatnam

Sri.M Kamalakar Rao Progressive Farmer from KVK AP-East Godavari (Pandirimamidi) received, best farmer award from Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Sri P.Rajanna Dora at State Tribal Festivals on 22.07.2023

Puchaykayala Ramu, KVK Anantapur (Reddipalli) farmer received Best innovation farmer award from ICAR-ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad on 39th foundation day -2023

Sri K.Purushotham Naidu KVK Tirupati farmer received Padma Sri Dr. I.V.Subbarao Rythu Nestham Award award from

Smt. Srilatha Reddy (woman farmer from KVK Kothagudem received Best Woman Farmer” award “PJ TSAU Abyudaya rythu praskaram” at PJTS Agricultural University 9th University Foundation Day.

Sri.M Kamalakar Rao receiving best farmer award from Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister Sri P.Rajanna Dora at State Tribal Festivals on 22.07.2023

Sri L. Sadasiva Reddy, V.Rajupalem (V), Chapadu (M), YSR Dist received Ugadi uraskaram as best Farmer for the year 2022-23 frpm Dr. A. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, LAM, Guntur on 22.03.2023 at LAM, Guntur

Mr.S.Meenakshisundaram, Erumbukadu, (Progressive farmer of KVK Kanyakumari) awarded Best Banana farmer Award from ICAR-NRC on Banana



Photo 5 : KVK Kanyakumari- Shri S Meenakshisundaram receiving Best Banana farmer Award from ICAR- NRCB Trichy

Sri. V. Srihari, farmer from KVK Wyra received Best Progressive Farmer award PJ TSAU university foundation day

Sri. I.V.K Satyanarayana Reddy farmer from KVK Wyra Best Farmer award PJ TSAU university foundation day

Smt N.Sujatha, millet farmer form , KVK Srikakukam received Millet Mahila Award from IIMR, Hyderabad and ANGRAU, Guntur

KVK, Darsi Received Best KVK Award during ZREAC meeting



6. Important Events

Inauguration of Administrative Building and Modern Soil Testing Laboratory at KVK Adilabad

Dr. Udham Singh Gautam, Hon'ble DDG (Agricultural Extension), ICAR-New Delhi Inaugurated Administrative Building and Modern Soil Testing Laboratory at KVK Adilabad. Other dignitaries present during the occasion include Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad, Dr. S. Sudheer Kumar, Registrar, PJTSAU, Dr. V. Sudharani, Director of Extension, PJTSAU and Dr. Venkataramana, Director of Research, PJTSAU and Dr. G. Sreenivas, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Jagtial. On this occasion interaction of Hon'ble DDG (Agriculture Extension) with farmers was organized and discussed about



various technologies transferred to the farming community, impact of drone technology, impact of the demonstration taken up in the farmers field and various projects and also strengthening of KVKs to cater the needs of farming community.

Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister and Shir. Rameswar Teli, Hon'ble Minister of State, Govt. of India attended Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) organized by KVK Chengalpattu at at Minnal Chithamur Grama Panchayat in Acharapakkam block of Chengalpattu district on 30.11.2023 in Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister for

Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, New Delhi and Shir. Rameswar Teli, Hon'ble Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Labour and Employment, Government of India, New Delhi participated. They also witnessed the webcast of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launching Drone Didi and 10,000th Kendra of PM-Jan Aushadi Kendra.



Honorable MoA&FW, Government of Puducherry, Sri. C. Djeacoumar visited ICARATARI, Hyderabad on 12-06-2023

Honorable minister for agriculture and farmers' welfare, Government of Puducherry, Sri. C.Djeacoumar visited ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad on 12-06-2023 and discussed performance of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the union territory of Puducherry with Dr. Shaik N Meera, Director of the institute. The minister later made a visit to



KMG dairy farm at Gudimalkapur where more than two hundred buffaloes of Murra breed are maintained, and goat farm of an awardee farmer, Sri. M. Mahender Reddy at Nyalata in Ranga Reddy district.

Dr. Udham Singh Gautham, DDG (AE) ICAR participated in Rythu Sadassu & Agricultural Exhibition organized by KVK- Nalgonda (Gaddipally)

Dr. Udham Singh Gautham, DDG (AE) ICAR inaugurated the exhibition stalls and honoured the occasion of Rythu Sadassu & Agricultural Exhibition and engaged in meaningful discussions



with farmers and highlighted the significance of timely planting with appropriate crops and varieties. Dr. Shaik. N. Meera, Director, ICAR- ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad attended as honorary guest and addressed the farmers regarding climate-resilient technologies to address the challenges posed by climate change during the event.

Zonal Programme Management Committee (ZPMC) meeting of Farmer FIRST Programme and Zonal Monitoring Committee meeting of ARYA Project held at ICAR-ATARI Hyderabad

ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad organized meetings of Zonal Programme Management Committee (ZPMC) of Farmer FIRST Programme and Zonal Monitoring Committee of ARYA Project on 02.11.2023. In the inaugural session Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR- ATARI, Hyderabad in his introductory remarks emphasized the uniqueness and importance of the programmes and KVK system. Two invited talks



one on “Accelerating socially equitable agricultural development.” By Dr. Ranjitha Puskur, IRRI and the second on “Avenues and Opportunities for Agri-startups through Government Finance Institutions in India” by Dr. Yandra Haragopal, General Manager, NABARD, Hyderabad were organized for the benefit of the participants. After the inaugural session review of FFP and ARYA projects were carried out by the respective committees.

Swachhta Hi Sewa” campaign and Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at ICARATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad

ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad Celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with the spirit of “Swachhta Hi Sewa” campaign and conducted cleanliness drive on 2nd October 2023, with the purpose of spreading awareness among the Sta.....? regarding cleanliness and its benefits. On this special day, let's remember the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and his emphasis on cleanliness and



selfless service. In this massive cleanliness drive all the staff of the institute participated and cleaned the surrounding areas of the institute.

One day workshop on Gender Dynamics of Seed Systems in Telangana organized at ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad

ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-X, Hyderabad organized one day workshop on “Gender Dynamics of Seed Systems in Telangana” jointly with ICAR National Institute of Agricultural Economics & Policy Research on 04.10.2023 to understand the gender participation in the seed production of rice, maize and redgram, R&D in seed sector, seed value



chains, role of private sector in seed systems and farmers’ collectives in seed systems of Telangana. The workshop was attended by delegates from farming community, seed companies, extension agencies (ATARI, KVKs), state seed corporation, researchers, NGOs etc.

Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur visited demonstrations of special project on cotton

Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director ICAR-CICR, Nagpur visited demonstrations of Closer spacing technology in



cotton on 15.11.2023 conducted by KVK Krishna (Garikapadu) and interacted with farmers on the yields and problems faced to implement closure spacing and gave suggestions on sowing and picking of cotton. He enquired on method of picking and storage facility at farmer level. As there is pink boll worm incidence, he suggested measures to manage the pest.

Regional Millet Mela at KVK Dharmapuri

As a part of the Celebration of the International Year of Millets 2023, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dharmapuri organized a Mega Regional Millet Mela 2023 on May 28 and May 29, 2023. Honorable Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Government



of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.R.K. Panneerselvam inaugurated the mela and exhibition. Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore and Dr. Shaik N Meera, Director ICAR-

ATARI also participated in the mela. About 7000 farmers, 800 students 350 officials were attended the Mela.

Dr.U.S. Gautam DDG (Agri. Extn.) ICAR, New Delhi visited KVK Karimnagar (Jammikunta) on 17.11.2023 along with Dr. Shaik N Meere Director ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad. DDG interacted with the Awardee farmers, Entrepreneurs, FPO members and SHG members and felicitated them.



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Krishnagiri organized Millet Recipe Contest

ICAR-KVK, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu organized a Millet Recipe Contest at Anchetty Village, Thally Block of Krishnagiri District to celebrate the International Year of Millet 2023 and create awareness about the health benefits of millets in shaping our millets in lifestyle area expansion for increased production and productivity. Dr. Ranjay Kumar Singh, Assistant Director General



(Agrl. Extn.) ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad witnessed the contest.

Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri. R.N. Ravi flagged off the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at KVK Tiruvannamalai

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thiruvannamalai had organized the Vikshit Bharat Shankalp Yatra in Jawathu hills on 16th November 2023 to raise awareness and facilitate the delivery of various centrally sponsored welfare scheme benefits. Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri. R.N. Ravi flagged off the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra van and he shared his ideas on tribal area



development, and interacted with tribal farmers. On the occasion, Dr.Shaik.N.Mira, Director, ATARI, ICAR, Hyderabad, Shri B. Murugesh, District Collector, Thiruvannamalai District, SHri. R.Shankar Narayanan, Chief General Manager, NABARD,Tamil Nadu, Shri. S. Ramesh, President, ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mr.Annadurai, DIG, PIB, Chennai were also attended. A total of 684 tribal farmers participated in the event

DDG visit to KVK Tiruppur

Dr.Udham Singh Gautam, Deputy Director General (Agrl Extension), ICAR, New Delhi Inaugurated Administrative building, Farmers hostel building and vermicompost unit at this KVK Tiruppur



I cultivated banana following good nutrition management practices suggested by KVK, Vonipenta (spray of d 13:0:45 and 0:0:50 . I achieved an yield of 70 t / ha which is an of 10.71 % . I got an additional income of Rs. 67,000.

Setti Venkatesulu
Adireddypalli, YSR District



After the Vocational Skill Training On Bamboo value added products for tribal youth at KVK, Venkataramannagudem I established a unit for preparing making handicrafts from bamboo as I realized good scope for marketing the bamboo products. The additional income from this enterprise is significantly contributing to my family income.

Kovvasu Vijayakumari
Kotaramachandrapuram,
West Godavari District, A.P.

With the technical assistance of KVK-Gaddipally, I initiated Mulberry plantation and Silkworm rearing unit which gave a net income of Rs.6,40,000 per annum through innovative technologies in Sericulture. I established mulberry nursery unit and distributed mulberry saplings to farmers for supplemental income.

B. Anjaiah
Lingala, Suryapet, Telangana





7. Staff Position

Staff Position in ICAR-ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Shaik N Meera	Director
2.	Dr. J.V. Prasad	Principal Scientist (Agricultural Entomology)
3.	Dr. A.R.Reddy	Principal Scientist (Agricultural Economics)
4.	Dr. A. Bhaskaran	Principal Scientist (Soil Science)
5.	Dr. B. Malathi	Scientist (Agricultural Economics)
6.	Vacant	Senior Scientist (Agricultural Extension)
7.	Vacant	Senior Scientist (Horticulture/Vegetable Sciences)
8.	Shri. V.V. Ramana	Assistant Administrative Officer
9.	Shri. A. Prem Kumar	Assistant Finance and Accounts Officer
10.	Shri. S. Siva Rama Krishna	Private Secretary
11.	Vacant	Technician T-1
12.	Shri P. Venkatesh	Assistant
13.	Vacant	Assistant
14.	Smt. N. Archana	Upper Division Clerk
15.	Vacant	Lower Division Clerk
16.	Vacant	Lower Division Clerk
17.	Smt. Subbalakshmi	Skilled Supporting Staff



8.

List of KVKS in Zone-X

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S. No.	KVK/ District	Name and Address of KVKS
Tamil Nadu		
1.	Ariyalur	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Cholamadevi Post, Jayamkondam, Udayarpalayam, Ariyalur - 612 902
2.	Coimbatore	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vivekananduram, Seeliyur Via, Karamadai Block, Coimbatore - 641 113
3.	Cuddalore	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vriddhachalam, Cuddalore - 606 001
4.	Dharmapuri	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Papparapatti, Dharmapuri - 636 809
5.	Dindigul	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Dindigul - 624 302
6.	Erode	Krishi Vigyan Kendra ,272, Perumal Nagar, Pudukkottai Road, Kalingiyam Post Gobichettipalayam Taluk, Erode - 638 453
7.	Kancheepuram	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kattangulathur (P.O.), Kattupakkam, Kancheepuram - 603 203
8.	Kanyakumari	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thirupathisaram, Kanyakumari - 629 901
9.	Karur	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pulutheri, RT Malai Post, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur - 621313
10.	Krishnagiri	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Elumichangiri, Mallinayanalli Post, Krishnagiri - 635 120
11.	Madurai	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai - 625 104
12.	Nagapattinam	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sikkal, Nagapattinam - 611 108
13.	Namakkal	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, VC & RI Campus, Namakkal - 637 002
14.	Nilgiris	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Woodhouse farm, Dodabetta, Ooty- 643002
15.	Perambalur	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Valikanduram Distt. Perambalur - 621 115
16.	Pudukkottai	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vamban Colony, Pudukkottai - 622 303
17.	Ramanathapuram	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Coastal Saline Research Centre Collectorate Complex, Ramanathapuram - 623 503
18.	Salem	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sandhiyur, Via Mallur, Salem - 636 203
19.	Sivagangai	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kundrakudi, Sivagangai - 630 206
20.	Theni	ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kamatchipuram (S.O) Theni - 625 520
21.	Tirunelveli	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Urmelalagian, Ayikudi Post, Tenkasi Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu - 627 852
22.	Tiruppur	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, TNAU Farm, Pongalur, Devanampalayam Post, Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur - 641 667
23.	Tiruvallur	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirur, Tiruvallur - 602 025
24.	Tiruvannamalai	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kilnelli Village, Chithathur Post, Vembakkam Taluk, District Thiruvannamalai - 604 410



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25.	Thiruvarur	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Needamangalam, Thiruvarur - 614 404
26.	Tiruchirappalli	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani, Tiruchirappalli - 639 115
27.	Tuticorin	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mudivaithanendal Vagaikulam, Thoothukudi - 628 102
28.	Vellore	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Virinjipuram, Vellore - 632 104
29.	Villupuram	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tindivanam, Villupuram - 604 002
30.	Villupuram-II	Krishi Vigyan Kendra - Villupuram II, Avian Disease Laboratory, 345 D, Pattuthurai Road, Thalaivasal - 636 112
31.	Virudhunagar	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kovilangulam, Aruppukkottai, Virudhunagar - 626 107
Andhra Pradesh		
32.	Anantapur (Reddipalli)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Reddipalli (V), B.K. Samudram (Mdl), Ananthapuram (Dist) - 515 701
33.	Anantapur (Kalyandurg)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Garudapuram (V), Kalyandurg (M), Anantapur - 515 761
34.	Chittoor (Kalikiri)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CLRC Building, Madanapalle Road, Kalikiri. Chittoor District - 517 234
35.	Chittoor (RASS)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, RASS-KVK, Vanasthali, Karakambadi Post, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - 517 520
36.	East Godavari (Kalavacherla)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalavacharla, Rajanagram Mandal, East Godavari - 533 294
37.	East Godavari (Pandirimamidi)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pandirimamidi, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District - 533 288
38.	Guntur (Lam)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lam, Guntur - 520 034
39.	Kadapa	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Utukur, Kadapa, Y.S.R District - 516003
40.	Kadapa-2	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vonipenta, YSR Kadapa district - 516173
41.	Krishna (Garikapadu)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Garikapadu, Krishna District - 521 175
42.	Krishna (Ghantasala)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Agricultural Research Station, Ghantasala Krishna - 521 133
43.	Kurnool (Banavasi)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Near G.L.S. Farm, Banavasi, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District - 518 360
44.	Kurnool (Yagantipalli)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Yagantipalle, Kurnool District - 518 124
45.	Nellore	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mini Bypass Road, A.K. Nagar (Post), B.V. Nagar, Nellore District- 524 004
46.	Nellore (Periyavaram)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Periyavaram, Venkatagiri Post, SPSR Nellore District - 524 132
47.	Prakasam (Darsi)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Agricultural Research Station, PO : Darsi, Prakasam District - 523 247
48.	Prakasam (Kandukur)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Research Station Premises, Kandukur, Prakasam District - 523 105
49.	Srikakulam	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Amadalavalasa, Srikakulam District - 532 185

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50.	Visakhapatnam	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, BCT, Haripuram, Rambilli Mandal, Visakhapatnam - 531 061
51.	Visakhapatnam (Kondempudi)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, C/o Jyothirmaya Trust, Amarapuri, Pottidorapalem Post, Butchayyapeta Mandal, Visakhapatnam -531 026
52.	Vizianagaram	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rastakuntabai, Vizianagaram - 535 523
53.	West Godavari (VR Gudem)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari - 534 101
54.	West Godavari (Undi)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Undi, West Godavari - 534 199
Telangana		
55.	Adilabad	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ARS premises, Ramnagar, Adilabad - 504 002
56.	Mancherla (Bellampalli)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bellampalli, Mancherla - 504 251
57.	Karimnagar (Jammikunta)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jammikunta, Karimnagar - 505122
58.	Karimnagar (Ramagirikhilla)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramagirikhilla, Ratnapu, Ramagiri, Peddapalli District - 505 212
59.	Khammam (Wyra)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ARS Wyra, Khammam - 507 165
60.	Khammam (Kothagudem)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Garimellapadu Village, Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam - 507165
61.	Mahabubnagar (Madanapuram)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madanapuram (Vill. & Mdl), Wanaparthy, Mahabubnagar - 509 110
62.	Mahabubnagar (Palem)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palem, Mahabubnagar - 509 215
63.	Medak (DDS)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Didgi Village, Zaheerabad, Medak - 502 220
64.	Medak (Tuniki)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tunki Village, Kowdipally, Mandal, Medak District - 502 316
65.	Nalgonda (Gaddipally)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gaddipalli, Garedapalli Mandal, Nalgonda -508 201
66.	Nalgonda (Kampasagar)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kampasagar, Babusaipet Post, Tripuraram Mandal, Nalgonda - 508 207
67.	Nizamabad (Rudrur)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Farm Science Centre, Rudrur, Varmi Mandal, Nizamabad - 503 188
68.	Ranga Reddy	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Near Deer Park, Bhagyalatha Busstop, Hayathnagar Research Farm, Hyderabad - 501 505
69.	Warangal (Malyal)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Malyal, Mahabubabad, Warangal - 506 101
70.	Warangal (Mamnoor)	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mamnoor, Warangal, Telangana - 506 166
Puducherry		
71.	Karaikal	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madur, Sellore Thirunallar, Karaikal - 609 607
72.	Puducherry	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kurumbet, Puducherry - 605 009