

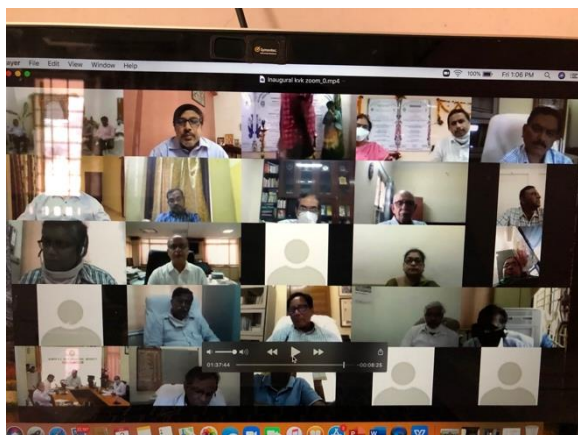
## Online inauguration of new administration buildings and farmers hostels in three KVKs of Andhra Pradesh

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Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR virtually inaugurated new administration buildings and farmers hostel at three KVKs of ANGRAU located at Prakasam (Darsi), Krishna (Ghantasala) and Chittoor (Kalikiri) in Andhra Pradesh through an online meeting hosted by ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad. Dr Mohapatra appreciated the role of KVKs in reaching farmers through advisories in social media and digital platforms during the lockdown due to COVID 19. He drew attention to the strategy document prepared by ICAR on doubling of farmers income by 2022 for Andhra Pradesh and sought support to KVKs for its implementation in convergence mode by SAU and the state government. DG, ICAR also urged the state government to replicate the successful models of climate resilient villages established by KVKs in Anantapur, Kurnool and Srikakulam districts. He advised KVKs to expand the farmers database with the support of line departments at district level for wider outreach.

Shri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, Spl Secretary (Marketing and Cooperation), Govt. of AP and Vice-Chancellor (FAC), ANGRAU, Guntur speaking on the occasion expressed that the new facilities created with the support of ICAR will empower the KVKs and provide technical backstopping to Farmers Service Centres (RBKs) established by the State Government.

Dr A.K. Singh, DDG (AE), ICAR in his remarks appreciated the diversified efforts of KVKs in working with self-help groups and farmer producer organizations for enhancing the income of farmers. Processing and value addition activities are to be given due emphasis by KVKs.



Earlier, Dr YG. Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad presented a brief profile on significant KVK activities in Andhra Pradesh and presented videos of the facilities which were inaugurated by DG. ADG and Officials of ICAR, ATARI, University and Heads of KVKs in AP participated.

Dr P. Rambabu, DEE, ANGRAU presented the vote of thanks.

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