

**ICAR Tribal Sub-Plan Programme carried out by
ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources,
Bengaluru in Andhra Pradesh Tribal areas through
Acharya N G. Ranga Agricultural University
during 12-13 April 2023**

The Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) Programme was carried out by ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR) in Andhra Pradesh through Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University Research stations. Four locations, viz., Killoguda village, Dumbriguda Mandal, Alluri Sitharama Raju district; M. Boddavara village, S. Kota Mandal, Vizianagaram district; Chittelaba village, Pachipenta Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District; Donubai village, Seethampeta Mandal, Srikakulam District were identified in Andhra Pradesh and the programme was conducted during April 12-13, 2023.

Awareness programmes on Crop management practices, Biological control of insect pests, Integrated farming systems, Importance of millet growing, Crop diversification and Bee keeping were carried out in these villages along with the inputs distribution appropriately to their requirements.

The inputs comprising seeds of the locally grown crops (Ragi, Rajmah, Niger, Groundnut, Ginger and Turmeric), Pheromone traps and biopesticides for insect pest control and biofertilizers were distributed to the Tribal farmers of Killoguda and nearby villages of Araku Valley, Dumbriguda district. The baby goats of Black Bengal goat breed, duplex poultry units, poultry chicks, vermibeds were distributed to tribal beneficiaries of Bodavara and nearby villages of S. Kota mandal to promote integrated farming system (IFS) to support the livelihoods of Tribal farmers on 12-04-2023. Besides, vegetable seed kits were also distributed to the beneficiaries of these villages.

Ecofriendly insect pest management inputs like sticky traps, tricho cards along with the biofertilizers and Coconut seedlings were distributed in the Chittelaba and nearby villages of Pachipenta Mandal. Later vegetable seed kits, melipone culture units and coconut seedlings were distributed in Donubai and nearby villages in Seethampeta Mandal on 13-04-2023. All these activities were carried out through Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Anakapalle and District Agricultural Advisory and Transfer of Technology Centre (DAATTC) at Vizianagaram, Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Andhra Pradesh. Around 500-550 tribal farmers got benefited in total of these four districts of Andhra Pradesh.

The Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Dr. S. N. Sushil, Honourable Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar, ANGRAU, QRT team of AICRP BC, Dr. Jagannatha Rao, Associate Director of Research, Anakapalle, Dr. Suresh, Associate Director of Research, Chintapalle, Dr. Sivakumar, G., Dr. M. Mohan, Principal Scientists, Dr. Kolla Sreedevi, National Fellow & Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, Dr. Visalakshi, Principal Scientist, RARS, Anakapalle, Dr. K. Lakshman, Senior Scientist, DAATTC, Vizianagaram participated in the programmes and motivated the tribal farmers to adopt newer and

safer technologies towards enhancement of crop production and productivity and adopt integrated farming systems to expand the horizon of their livelihood income opportunities.





