



RASS- Krishi Vigyan Kendra
Vanasthali, Karakambadi (P), Renigunta (M), Tirupati (Dt.) – 517520



Significant Activity for the month of December, 2024

**Honorable Union minister for Agriculture and farmers welfare and rural development
Sri Shivraj Singh Chauhan Visit to KVK and interaction with farmers**

The Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Minister for Rural Development Shri.Shivraj Singh Chouhan has visited the Krishi Vigyan Kendra run by Rashtriya Seva Samithi (RASS-KVK) at Karakambadi, Tirupathi (Erstwhile Chittoor District), A.P., for review of the activities.

Shri Arani Srinivasulu, Hon'ble MLA, Tirupati, Dr.S. Venkateshwar, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate, Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, KVKs of Zone-10, Hyderabad, Dr.S. Venkataratnam, Chairman, RASS-KVK accompanied the Hon'ble Minister during the review.

Dr. S. Sreenivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head, RASS-KVK has briefed the dignitaries about the major activities such as Seed and Seedling Production, Soil Testing Facilities, Natural Farming Practices, Value Addition, etc., being under taken at KVK.

The Hon'ble Union Minister listened to the briefing enthusiastically and reviewed the activities of the KVK thoroughly. He visited the stalls set up by RASS-KVK and farmer entrepreneurs of KVK depicting Sericulture, Field and Horticultural Crops, Kadaknath Poultry Birds, Millets and Millet Products and Organic Products, Natural Farming Infusions, etc., and interacted with the adopted farmers and farmer entrepreneurs about productivity and incomes in their respective agri and allied enterprises.

The Hon'ble Minister expressed his utmost satisfaction on the performance of RASS-KVK and on the development of the KVK adopted farmers and farmer entrepreneurs. He complemented the efforts of the RASS-KVK, ICAR-ATARI and the host organization Rashtriya Seva Samithi (RASS).

Later, the Hon'ble Union Minister while speaking to Media said that RAS-KVK is playing a major role in reducing the cost of farming and doubling the income of farmers in the Districts of Tirupathi and Chittoor by disseminating the latest technologies in agriculture, like Drum-seeder method in rice, Management of fertilizers based on Soil Testing, Use of Agricultural Drones, Integrated Farming System, Farm Mechanization, etc.

He said Government is bringing these new innovative agricultural technologies closer to the farmers and supporting for their development through KVKs across the country. He also appealed to the KVKs, authorities and media to strive for more penetration of Central Government Schemes such as PM KISAN, KISAN CREDIT CARD, SOIL HEALTH CARD, DRONE TECHNOLOGIES, etc., amongst the farming communities for betterment of their lives.

Sri. Arani Srinivasulu, Hon'ble MLA, Tirupathi said that the RASS programmes, especially their KVK activities are very useful to the farmers. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra has been imparting many modern methods to the farmers for over 30 years and has contributed to their economic development.

Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI said that Krishi Vigyan Kendras at the national level are becoming modern farm science centres and working for the welfare of farmers. He said that the efforts made by RASS-KVK for the last 32 years by identifying the problems at the district level is commendable. He said that the Agricultural Science Centers have been asked to focus more on New Crop Varieties, Value Added Products, Linking Farmer Level Production with processing institutions, developing new skills among farmers.

Dr. S. Venkataratnam, Chairman, RASS-KVK explained about the programs implemented by RASS and RASS-Krishi Vigyan Kendra and said that the organisation is working not only in the AP State but also in other states. He assured the Hon'ble Minister to continue to work with more vigour in bringing the benefits of Central Schemes to the doorsteps of the farming community. He called the Hon'ble Minister's visit as a remarkable event in the history of RASS-KVK.

Dr. S. Venkateshwar, District Collector said that he personally witnessed the demonstrations of the usage of Kisan Drones conducted by RASS-KVK, and said that he is confident that the advancement of this technology would revolutionize the farming sector in years to come.

Later, the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to release the publications and QR-Code on activities of RASS-KVK; and to distribute the seeds, seedlings, sprayers, soil health cards, and financial assistance to Farmer and Women SHGs.

Authorities from ICAR Institutes, Scientists and Staff of RASS-KVK and other KVKs, Representative of Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Officials from Line Departments, Representatives from Print & Electronic Media and Prasar Bharathi, along with more than 350 farmers from across Tirupathi and Chittoor Districts have participated in the event.

