

Citations of RICAREA Senior Members Felicitated on Completion of Seventy Five Years of Age During Annual Day Functions

Name	Year of Felicitatation	Name	Year of Felicitatation	Name	Year of Felicitatation
Abrol, Y.P.	2013	Jagan Mohan Rao, M.	2016	Murty, N.S.	2015
Annamachari, M.	2009	Jaganath,M.	2012	Nagaraj, G.	2019
Appa Rao, Thota	2008	Jagannadha Rao, P.	2014	Nagaraja Rao, Y.	2012
Appala Narasimham, K.	2013	Janardhana Rao, K.	2017	Nagarajan, K.	2017
Arunachalam, V.	2013	Jangaiah,K.	2016	Nagaraju, M.	2019
Atchuta Ramanna, P.V.	2010	Jaya Mohan Rao, V.	2015	Nageswara Rao, M.	2008
Balaraman, N.	2019	Kameswar Rao, K.V.S.R	2012	Nammalwar, P	2018
Barpute, P.V.R.	2013	Kedar Linga Raju, Poduri	2011	Narasimha Rao, K.	2019
Bhadrachalam, A.	2014	Koti Reddy, M.	2015	Narasimha Reddy, G	2009
Bhattacharyulu, Y.	2013	Kotwal, G.V.R	2010	Narayana Reddy, M.	2019
Bhimasena Rao, J.	2009	Krishna Murthy, G. V.	2008	Narayanan, S.S.	2010
Brahmanandam, R.	2008	Krishna Rao, K.	2014	Narayanappa, G.	2014
Deo Singh, K.	2019	Krishnaiah,Kothakonda	2015	Padalia, C.R.B.	2009
Desai, V. R.	2012	Krishnamurty C,V.S.	2016	Pandu Ranga Rao, G.	2014
Dhanalakshmi, P.	2012	Lakshmi Narayana, R.	2017	Panduranga Rao, C.C	2008
Gawali, S.R.	2009	Lasminarasayya, K.	2014	Pankaja Reddy, R.	2010
Girija Vallabhan, K.G.	2017	Luther, G.	2010	Paroda, R.S.	2018
Gopala Krishna, CV.S.S.V.	2017	Madhusudhana Rao, K.	2009	Parvatha Reddy, P	2018
Gulam Mahboob	2011	Mahabir Singh	2016	Pillai, G.K.	2018
Hanumantha Rao, A	2017	Marichamy, R.	2013	Prabhakar Rao, A. V.	2015
Haranath,Adurty	2016	Mohan Rao, M.	2016	Prasad, M.V. R.	2018
Harinarayana, G.	2019	Mohana Rao, R.D.P.	2009	Prasada Rao, M.	2017
Hodlur, R.R.A.R.	2008	Mudholkar, N.J.	2009	Prasada Rao, P.V.	2013
Iyer, R. D.	2011	Murty, A.G.K	2019	Prasada Rao, U.	2017

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Radhakrishna Murthy, B.	2010	Sarma,C.B.B.	2015	Subrahmanyam, M.	2009
Raghavaiah, P.	2016	Sastry, K.S.	2019	Suryanarayana Murthy, K.	2012
Rajagopal, V.	2019	Sastry, S.P.	2011	Suryanarayana Murty, D.	2009
Rama Mohan Rao, M.S.	2018	Satyanarayana Rao, K.	2014	Suryanarayana Sastry, P.	2011
Rama Murty, P.	2011	Satyanarayana, K.	2017	Suryanarayana, T.K.	2017
Rama Prasad, G.	2015	Satyanarayana, K.V.	2008	Tilak, K.V.B.R.	2017
Rama Rao,Khandavalli	2013	Seetharam, A.	2018	Umamaheswara Rao, M.	2015
Ramakrishna Rao, J.	2011	Seetharamachandra Murthy, G.	2009	Veerabhadru, Ayyagari	2015
Ramakrishna, B.	2010	Seshachari, M.	2014	Veerraju, M.	2017
Ramakrishnayya, B. V.	2010	Seshagiri Rao, M	2008	Venkatachari, P.	2011
Ramamohan Rao, G.	2017	Seshu, D.V.	2009	Venkatacharyulu, V.	2015
Ramana Murthy, V.	2014	Sethunathan, N.	2013	Venkataaraman, G.	2012
Ramana Rao, V.V.	2012	Shri Niwas Sharma	2015	Venkateswara Rao, T.	2016
Ramanatha Chetty, C.K.	2015	Siddiq, E.A.	2013	Venkateswarlu, A. M.	2016
Ranga Rao, V.	2014	Sinha, P.S.R.K	2011	Venkateswarlu, J.	2010
Ranga Reddy, P.	2016	Sinha, V.R.P.	2014	Verma, R. N.	2017
Rao, A.V.	2014	Sitaramaiah, S.	2019	Vidyabhushanam, R.V.	2009
Rao, C.V. N.	2011	Somalingam, J.	2011	Vijay Gupta, M.	2015
Rao, G.S..P	2017	Sreekrishna, Yarlagada	2012	Vijaya Lakshmi, K.	2012
Rao, M.H.	2018	Sreeramachandrudu, B.	2014	Vishnumurthy, T.	2015
Reddy, C.M.	2010	Subba Raju, G.	2014	<p>Dr. M.V.S. Sastry - A Tribute</p> <p>Year-wise Name List given below</p>	
Reddy, P.S.	2013	Subba Rao, Chilukuri	2015		
Reddy, P.V.G.K	2017	Subba Rao, Gotety	2013		
Rengan, S.	2011	Subba Rao, S.	2012		
Saha, S.N.	2019	Subba Rao, Y.	2018		
Sarma, N.P.	2017	Subbarao, P.V.	2009		

Year-wise and Name-wise		
2019	2018	2017
Name	Name	Name
1. Balaraman, N.	1. Nammalwar, P	1. Girija Vallabhan, K.G.
2. Deo Singh, K.	2. Paroda, R.S.	2. Gopala Krishna, CV.S.S.V.
3. Harinarayana, G.	3. Parvatha Reddy, P	3. Hanumantha Rao, A
4. Murty, A.G.K	4. Pillai, G.K.	4. Janardhana Rao, K.
5. Nagaraj, G.	5. Prasad, M.V. R.	5. Lakshmi Narayana, R.
6. Nagaraju, M.	6. Rama Mohan Rao, M.S.	6. Nagarajan, K.
7. Narasimha Rao, K.	7. Rao, M.H.	7. Prasada Rao, M.
8. Narayana Reddy, M.	8. Seetharam, A.	8. Prasada Rao, U.
9. Rajagopal, V.	9. Subba Rao, Y.	9. Ramamohan Rao, G.
10.Saha, S.N.		10.Rao, G.S..P
11.Sastry, K.S.		11.Reddy, P.V.G.K
12.Sitaramaiah, S.		12.Sarma, N.P.
		13.Satyanarayana, K.
		14.Suryanarayana, T.K.
		15.Tilak, K.V.B.R.
		16.Veerraju, M.
		17.Verma, R.N.

2016	2015	2014
Name	Name	Name
1. Haranath, Adurty	1. Jaya Mohan Rao, V.	1. Bhadrachalam, A.
2. Jagan Mohan Rao, M.	2. Koti Reddy, M.	2. Jagannadha Rao, P.
3. Jangaiah, K.	3. Krishnaiah, K.	3. Krishna Rao, K.
4. Krishnamurty C, V.S.	4. Murty, N.S.	4. Lasminarasayya, K.
5. Mahabir Singh	5. Prabhakar Rao, A. V.	5. Narayanappa, G.
6. Mohan Rao, M.	6. Rama Prasad, G.	6. Pandu Ranga Rao, G.
7. Raghavaiah, P.	7. Ramanatha Chetty, C.K.	7. Ramana Murthy, V.
8. Ranga Reddy, P.	8. Sarma, C.B.B.	8. Ranga Rao, V.
9. Venkateswara Rao, T.	9. Shri Niwas Sharma	9. Rao, A.V.
10. Venkateswarlu, A. M.	10. Subba Rao, Chilukuri	10. Satyanarayana Rao, K.
	11. Umamaheswara Rao, M.	11. Seshachari, M.
	12. Veerabhadru, Ayyagari	12. Sinha, V.R.P.
	13. Venkatacharyulu, V.	13. Sreeramachandru, B.
	14. Vijay Gupta, M.	14. Subba Raju, G.
	15. Vishnumurthy, T.	

2013	2012	2011
Name	Name	Name
1. Abrol, Y.P.	1. Desai, V. R.	1. Gulam Mahboob
2. Appala Narasimham, K.	2. Dhanalakshmi, P.	2. Iyer, R. D.
3. Arunachalam, V.	3. Jaganath,M.	3. Kedar Linga Raju, Poduri
4. Barpute, P.V.R.	4. Kameswar Rao, K.V.S.R	4. Rama Murty, P.
5. Bhattacharyulu, Y.	5. Nagaraja Rao, Y.	5. Ramakrishna Rao, J.
6. Marichamy, R.	6. Ramana Rao, V.V.	6. Rao, C.V. N.
7. Prasada Rao, P.V.	7. Sreekrishna, Yarlagada	7. Rengan, S.
8. Rama Rao,Khandavalli	8. Subba Rao, S.	8. Sastry, S.P.
9. Reddy, P.S.	9. Suryanarayana Murthy, K.	9. Sinha, P.S.R.K
10.Sethunathan, N.	10.Venkataraman, G.	10.Somalingam, J.
11.Siddiq, E.A.	11.Vijaya Lakshmi, K.	11.Suryanarayana Sastry, P.
12.Subba Rao, Gotety		12.Venkatachari, P.

2010	2009	2008
Name	Name	Name
1. Atchuta Ramanna, P.V.	1. Annamachari, M.	1. Appa Rao, Thota
2. Kotwal, G.V.R	2. Bhimasena Rao, J.	2. Brahmanandam, R.
3. Luther, G.	3. Gawali, S.R.	3. Hodlur, R.R.A.R.
4. Narayanan, S.S.	4. Madhusudhana Rao, K.	4. Krishna Murthy, G. V.
5. Pankaja Reddy, R.	5. Mohana Rao, R.D.P.	5. Nageswara Rao, M.
6. Radhakrishna Murthy, B.	6. Mudholkar, N.J.	6. Panduranga Rao, C.C
7. Ramakrishna, B	7. Narasimha Reddy, G	7. Satyanarayana, K.V.
8. Ramakrishnayya, B. V.	8. Padalia, C.R.B.	8. Seshagiri Rao, M
9. Reddy, C.M.	9. Seetharamachandra Murthy, G.	
10. Venkateswarlu, J.	10. Seshu, D.V.	
	11. Subbarao, P.V.	
	12. Subrahmanyam, M.	
	13. Suryanarayana Murty, D.	
	14. Vidyabhushanam, R.V.	

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Felicitations to Dr. N. Balaraman



Dr. N. Balaraman, former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai and Former Chief Editor, Indian Veterinary Journal was born on 15th October, 1944. He did his B.V.Sc., Degree from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai in 1966 with a First Class. He did his M.V.Sc. Degree in Animal Nutrition from the same institution in 1972. He secured his Ph.D. Degree in the field of Animal Nutrition from NDRI, Karnal in 1987 and secured First position in all disciplines put together.

Dr. N. Balaraman occupied various positions starting from Veterinary Assistant Surgeon during 1966 to 1973, Instructor in Animal Husbandry in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore during 1973 to 1975, Scientist S-1, Scientist S-2 and Senior Scientist (Animal Nutrition) from 1976 to 1985, particularly serving in the North Eastern Research Complex under ICAR. He became the Head of the Division, Division of Dairy Cattle Nutrition at NDRI, Karnal in 1996. He was elevated to the position of Joint Director, Research at the same Institute, in the year 2000. He also occupied positions of Joint Director, Academic and Officiating Director of NDRI, Karnal during 2000 to 2004.

He became Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai in October 2004 for a period of 3 years. He served as Chief Editor of the prestigious Indian Veterinary Journal during 2010 - 2013. He served as selection committee member in ASRB and several Universities all over India. He was Chairman and expert member for various technical review committees like RAC and QRT of several ICAR Institutions and Veterinary Council of India. Notably, he was the chief guest during the Convocation of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati in 2016.

He visited Michigan State University, USA during 2005 and 2006 for initiating inter-institutional collaborative programmes. He visited the College of Veterinary Medicine, Maryland State University, and Synbiotics Company premises, San Diego, USA during 2007.

He visited Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2008 to attend the Vice Chancellors' Conference on Higher Education. He visited Indonesia during 2012 to participate in programmes of White Revolution organized by the Government of Indonesia, The University of Indonesia and The Christian University of Sathya Wachana.

His immense contributions in the field of Animal and Veterinary Sciences were recognized by several Awards such as best doctoral thesis Award (ANSI), ICAR Team Award, Jawaharlal Nehru Award, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Award, Life Time Achievement Awards (ANSI and TLPR) and Fellowship Awards (IDA and NAVSc). The Ministry of Defence honoured him with the Honorary Degree of Colonel in recognition of his meritorious service to the Veterinary and Animal Sciences Profession. He has several publications numbering over hundred and books and booklets to his credit.

He is a member of several professional associations like, IVA, ANSI, ANA, IDA and Indian Society for Application of Nuclear Techniques in Agriculture and Biology. He has been active in his chosen profession of Academic and Research fields in Animal Sciences and Allied Fields till today.

RICAREA wishes him and his family a happy and successful life ahead.

Dated : 22nd April, 2019



Dr. Y. Murali Dharudu
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Felicitations to Dr. K. Deo Singh



Dr. K. Deo Singh, former Director of ICAR-CTRI, Rajahmundry was born in Varanasi District, UP in 1944. He obtained his B.Sc.(Ag.) and M.Sc.(Ag) in Agronomy from B H U, in 1965 and 1967, respectively. He obtained his Doctorate in Agronomy from IARI, New Delhi in 1987. Dr. Singh was active as a guide for M.Sc., and Ph.D students of RAU,Pusa, Bihar.

Dr.Singh held positions in various scientific societies and management committees viz., Member, World Bank Team for evaluation of National Agricultural Research Project (NARP), Member, Research and Extension Advisory Committee and various other committees of RAU, Bihar. He served as Chairman, Tobacco and Tobacco Products Committee (FAD4), Ministry of Consumer Affairs GOI. He was appointed as the Evaluator-cum-Facilitator in the Ministry of Rural Development, GOI, (CAPART), New Delhi for a period of 3 years. Dr. Singh was President of The Indian Society of Tobacco Science for three terms and was Member, Tobacco Board, Ministry of Commerce, GOI. He served as Councilor, Indian Society of Agricultural Sciences, IARI, New Delhi twice. He has served as Chairman/ Member of various Govt. /ICAR Institute Management Committees and Selection Committees.

Dr.Singh was conferred with several awards, honours, recognitions, viz., Dr. G.S. Murthy Award and Gold Medals in 1995 and 1998 for his outstanding research contributions; National Crop Research Award by the GAURAV Society of Agricultural Research and Information Centre (ARIC), Hissar, Haryana in 1997. He was felicitated by Dr.R.S.Paroda, Secretary, DARE and D.G., ICAR for his significant contributions in the field of Tobacco Science during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of CTRI, Rajahmundry in 1998. His other awards included the ITA award, 2003, ISTS combined award, 2003, Fellow of ISTS (FISTS), 2003; Jai Kisan Award, 2003-2004, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, Andhra Pradesh. He was nominated for various honours viz., World Medal of Honour-2005 by the Biographical Institute, North Carolina, USA, 2005 and for International Consulting Editor, by the Biographical Institute, North Carolina, USA, 2003. He also received the NRDC Meritorious Invention Award, 2005 for the Invention of a need based user friendly low cost device "Banana Fibre Extractor" during Technology Day on 11th May 2005 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

Dr.Singh participated in various National and International conferences, and delivered talks viz. "Factors influencing TSNAs in Indian Tobacco" in CORESTA Congress at New Orleans, Louisiana State, USA (22-27th Sept, 2002); Invited speaker from Asia in the AGM of ITGA held at Rovinj-Rovigno, Croatia, East Europe from 2-6th November, 2003. He presented three research papers in the CORESTA Congress held in Kyoto, Japan from 5-7th October 2004.

Dr.Singh is the author of more than 220 papers/ publications including book chapters, popular articles and papers presented at national and international symposia. He is also the co-author of 14 books. Dr. Singh is the Life Member/ Member of several National and International Scientific Societies. Dr.Singh is a reputed Agricultural Scientist who evinced keen interest in the transfer of proven technologies to the farmers' fields and thereby helped in enhancing the productivity & economic returns to the farmers. He gained popularity among the farming communities of different state as well as, Government and non-Government Organizations/ Agencies.

RICAREA wishes him and his family all the best for a successful and happy life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. G. Harinarayana



Born at Bapatla in 1942, Dr Harinarayana graduated (B Sc Ag) from the College of Agriculture, Bapatla in 1963 with GOLD MEDAL. He joined IARI, New Delhi and obtained M Sc Agricultural Botany and Ph D degrees during 1965-68.

As a Rockefeller Research Associate and, subsequently, as Junior Scientific Officer, he demonstrated self-incompatibility and apomixis in sorghum. As Geneticist (Oilseeds), he evolved the sunflower variety, Improved Morden 1267. He joined as the youngest Project Coordinator (Millets) in 1977 and dedicated 15 years of his service to the All India Coordinated Millets Improvement Project till 1992. His first task was to rescue pearl millet from the dreaded downy mildew, which was a stupendous success. He has released many hybrids and varieties of millets, and several varieties of small millets, which are hailed as health foods. His research contributions fructified as pearl millet hybrids MH 182, GK 1004, GK 1014 and GK 1019 and varieties PNBV 8 and PNBV 9-21, Sorghum hybrids GK 4002 and GK 4010, kodo millets PSC 1 and PSC 2, little millet PRC 3, bold seeded groundnuts US 48, US 52, and SM 5, sunflower hybrid GK 2002, wilt resistant chickpeas CPS 1 and CPS 2, and Bt cotton hybrids GK 111 and GK 151.

In his capacity as P.C.(Millets), he rejuvenated the spirit of cooperative program planning and execution; reorganized Coordinated Trials; initiated new trials of genetic resources, drought and pearl millet white grain; established principles of testing, pre-release and release, and breeder seed production. Two significant developments are establishing five Centres of Excellence at Dindori (Kodo millet), Nandyal (Finger millet), Semiliguda (Little millet), Dholi (Proso millet) and Almora (Barnyard millet) with the assistance of IDRC in 1978. The second major development involved bi-furcation of Millets Project into Pearl Millet (AICPMIP) and Small Millets (AICSMIP) projects in 1985. Post VRS he was Research Director, Ganga Kaveri Seeds (1993-2010, Vice-President, Vibha Seeds, (2011 to 2013) and Research Director, HYAGPL till 2017.

He was Consultant/Advisor to Bill Gates sponsored HOPE Project on Pearl Millet (2009-2012), Sorghum and Millet Hybrid Parent Research Consortium (2004-13), IBPGR Sorghum and Millets Advisory Committee from 1979 to 1992, and SAARC Meetings of Counterpart Scientists. He visited many countries such as Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mali, Senegal, Sri Lanka, UK and USA for work on millets development. He is co-editor of two classic books, PEARL MILLET BREEDING (1999) and SMALL MILLETS IN GLOBAL AGRICULTURE (1989). He also published over 250 scientific papers on sorghum, pearl millet, small millets, groundnut, sunflower and chickpea.

Dr G Harinarayana was awarded Vasireddy Saktiswarudu Prize for obtaining First Rank in B Sc Ag, First Doreen Mashler Distinguished Award by ICRISAT for Pearl Millet Improvement with special reference o Downy Mildew resistance, Bronze Medal by Society of JMAU for Research Paper on population genetics and a Plaque by AP Seedsmen Association for Development of Seed Industry in undivided Andhra Pradesh.

He has a son and a daughter and is happily settled in Hyderabad. RICAREA wishes him and his family all the best for a successful and happy life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. A.G.K. Murty



Dr. A. G. K. Murty joined ICAR on 5th October 1967 as Research Assistant at CT R I, Rajahmundry. AP. He was awarded Ph.D. in Chemistry in the year 1979 by the Andhra University for his thesis on the chemical quality evaluation of Chewing tobacco (N. Tabacum). His scientific career started with mosaic virus disease, plant nutrition, quality improvement of tobacco with breeding, plant protection and agronomical management, etc. He was very successful in all these aspects for a period of more than 39 yrs.

He was instrumental in establishing and developing the Pesticide Laboratory at CTRI Rajahmundry. He collaborated with M/S. Rallies India. Ltd., Bangalore on synthetic pyrethroids. He was transferred to the Regional Research Station at Dinahata, West Bengal as Head of the station where he worked for a full five years term. In addition to being an agricultural chemist, he worked on aspects relating to agronomy, plant breeding and plant protection. His work at Dinahata Station was much appreciated by two QRTs. He was instrumental in the release of two Hookah and Chewing tobacco varieties in the year 2000. Highly profitable inter cropping systems were developed for the benefit of small and marginal farmers of North Bengal where Virginia air cured and Oriental tobaccos were successfully grown.

He also served at the Directorate of Rice Research (presently IIRR) Hyderabad for a decade. He contributed to the rice yield programme with Prilled urea. Integrated P management with different sources of P in rice-sorghum, rice-black gram, Phospho-bacterium resulted in higher yields.

He has to his credit 25 scientific publications. He guided one student for Ph.D. degree. He developed new analytical methods using Gas liquid chromatography for two drugs, Indomethacin and Diclofenac sodium Tablets which were internationally recognized. The student received cash award from Andhra University for this work. Dr. A.G.K.Murthy retired as Principal Scientist, from IIR, Hyderabad in the year 2006.

Dr. A.G.K.Murthy was the All India Vice President, ARS Forum and fought for the cause of scientists. Post retirement he served as Secretary, RICAREA for many terms and helped the cause of ICAR pensioners. He is very religious and spends his time on meditation and pilgrimages.

He has two sons who are settled in U.K. and a daughter living in India. He is happily and peacefully settled in Hyderabad with his wife. RICAREA wishes him and his family all the best for a successful and happy life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. G. Nagaraj



G. Nagaraj was born into an agricultural family on 5th June, 1944. He hails from a small hamlet Guttarlapalle, near Kuppam in Chittoor district of A.P. He was a first class first student starting from secondary school through college to the university level. He obtained his graduate, P.G. and Ph.D. degrees from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. He was a CSIR Research fellow for three months in 1966 followed by a short stint (1966-1968) with CSRTI, Mysore as SRA. He joined ICAR at CTRI, Rajahmundry in March, 1968 as S.R.A. On promotion as Senior Scientist, he went to ICAR, DGR Junagadh in March, 1981. He was transferred to ICAR, IIOR, Hyderabad in April 1988 from where he retired as Principal Scientist in the year 2006.

As a researcher he has more than 300 publications which include research papers, reviews, book chapters, popular articles and booklets. He was editor of the journal, Oilseeds Research for one term. He also edited various institutional publications like Annual Reports, Newsletters, Seminar Proceedings etc., He attended many national and international seminars and workshops and functioned as rapporteur and chairman of many scientific sessions. He visited U.K. twice and received training in post-harvest technology of oilseeds and NMR instrumentation. During his career he was a member of Institute Management committees of NRCG (DGR), NRCS (IIMR), and DOR (IIOR). He was vice president of OTAI (SZ), Hyderabad. He was general secretary of organizations like Tobacco Institute Club, Indian society of Oilseeds Research, and RICAREA. He was also treasurer, Association of British Scholars, Hyderabad, apart from being executive committee member of a few professional societies,

He was project leader for many institute projects and two externally funded projects. He was a recognized Ph.D. guide of three universities and has guided two students for Ph.D. degree. He was a guide for many P.G. students in soil science, plant breeding, home science and nutrition. He was ICAR QRT member (2012-13) and reviewed the research work done during 2007-12 on Sunflower, Safflower, Castor, Sesame, Niger and Linseed. He also functioned as assessment committee member of ICAR institutes and also CSIR, IICT, Hyderabad. He also evaluated many M.Sc Ag., and Ph.D. theses of many students.

Post retirement Dr. G. Nagaraj was a fellow of the DST, Govt. of India (2006-09). As part of a scheme awarded by DST, he authored and published a book entitled "Oilseeds - Properties, Processing, Procedures and Procedures" in 2009. He continued his flair in writing and published more books entitled, Agricultural Plant Biochemistry, Analytical Plant Biochemistry, Plant Lipids and Fundamentals of Biochemistry and Biotechnology apart from chapters and popular articles during 2010-2019. He was also a visiting faculty at JNTU (H), YSR Horticultural university and a Private Engineering college at Hyderabad, apart from being a consultant to a bio-energy firm during 2010 to 2015.

He has two sons who are presently in Singapore. He is leading a retired life in Hyderabad along with his wife. RICAREA wishes him and his family a happy and successful life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. M. Nagaraju



Dr M. Nagaraju retired as the Principal Scientist of Plant Breeding from the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack in 2006. He joined as a Research Assistant at CRRRI in 1967. He held various responsibilities such as Coordinator of various projects in the CRRRI and the ICAR. He was the Principal Investigator for the AP Cess Fund Network Scheme "Enhancement of Genetic Yield Potential of Rainfed Lowland Rice with Emphasis on Semi-deep Water Ecology." This scheme identified various lines that have now been released which are now transforming the life of farmers in the semi-deep ecologies. As the Principal Investigator of the NATP project on deepwater rice varieties he worked on identifying varieties and production technologies in rain fed ecosystem of Eastern India. This project paid major dividends to the farmers.

Dr Nagaraju in collaboration with late Dr M.J. Balakrishna Rao developed fertilizer responsive, dwarf, high yielding, non-lodging Rice variety, Pallavi, from Japonica-Indica crosses. Along with other collaborators, Dr Nagaraju was instrumental in the development of high-yielding, semi-tall rice varieties such as Savitri, Gayatri, Dharitri, CR 1002, Seema and Utkal Prabha which have revolutionized the rice yields of rain fed lowlands of Orissa, West Bengal and other eastern states. He also carried out extensive studies on nature of resistance to bacterial blight disease and was first to postulate quantitative inheritance of resistance in rice which led to recognize two clear cut natures of resistance viz., quantitative and qualitative resistance for bacterial blight.

Dr Nagaraju established major research facilities at the CRRRI such as the RGA and green house facility, the first of its kind in Eastern India. He also started a web page for his AP CESS project when the web pages and internet were in its infancy. He was the doctoral adviser for two students. Post-retirement he continues his active research life by participating in various conferences as an invited speaker.

As Secretary, Association of Rice Research Workers, he conducted Dr. K. Ramiah birth Centenary and organized International symposium on "Advances in Rice Genetics and breeding" from 1st to 2nd April, 1993. XV Genetic Trust- New Delhi and Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding rendered financial support to it. More than 200 National and International Scientists participated in the symposium. There were 10 invited papers and poster sessions. Dr. V. L. Chopra DG was the chief guest. Two sons of Dr. K. Ramiah participated in the centenary celebrations.

He is presently peacefully settled in Hyderabad. RICAREA wishes him all the best and looks forward for a happy and successful life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. Kolli Narasimha Rao




Dr. Kolli Narasimha Rao (Dr. K.N.Rao) born in Dendukoor village on 6th January 1944, He obtained his master degree in Agricultural in 1967, Ph.D (Agriculture, Plant Pathology)

He Prepared detailed Project Document with estimates for civil works, plant & Machinery and targets for production and marketing to achieve continuous profitability. He established the seed company involving recruitment of essential staff, construction of processing plant, cold storage, office and laboratory buildings.

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Felicitation to Dr. M. Narayana Reddy



Born in a middle class farming family at Palur Village of Kadapa district in 1944, Dr M. Narayana Reddy had his elementary education in the native village and secondary education from Z.P. High School, Nossam in Kurnool district. He pursued P.U.C and P.P.C in Bi.P.C at Sri Venkateswara Arts College, Tirupathi during 1960-62 and obtained B.Sc.(Ag) in 1965 from Agriculture college, Bapatla under A.P.A.U. Did M.Sc(Ag) in Soil Science from Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore under the University of Madras in 1967. He obtained his Ph.D in Soil Science from University of Agril. Sciences, Bangalore in 1973.

Joined in A.P.A.U at A.R.I Rajendranagar in 1967 as Research Assistant and continued till 1970.. He left for Ph.D on ICAR senior fellowship and rejoined at Agrcultural College, Rajendranagar as Instructor/ Asst.Professor. He taught Soil Science and Agril. Chemistry to B.Sc (Ag) and M.,Sc(Ag) Soil Science students.

In 1976, he joined the ICAR at, Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack as S1 and was later transferred to AICRIP (now IIRR), Hyderabad. He retired in June 2006.

He worked continuously for about 30 years in developing Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) technologies for sustainable rice and rice based cropping system (RBCS), initially as in charge of Operational Research Project (ORP) of DRR in Nagarjuna Sagar left canal command area, covering Nalagonda/ Khammam districts Later, as Principal Investigator of All India Co-ordinated Soil Science Programmes, he. Published about 50 research papers/reviews/technical bulletins and have become very popular with rice extension trainers, farmers / field scientists. Also participated in IRRI, Manila, Philippines in trainings twice in 1989 and 1992 related to strategic researches for nutrient management in rice.

Some of the strategic researches in INM practices for sustainable RBCS, were developed and popularized at field level. Insertion of dual use grain legumes such as green gram/cowpea during pre kharif capitalizing on off season early/summer pre monsoon showers, improving productivity of saline sodic low-land rice soils by giving initial booster dose of Zinc (to satisfy Zn fixation capacity) in the form of double the normal dose (100 kgZnSO₄/ha) and minimizing the loss of N fertilizer through the use of slow releasing Neem Coated Urea (NCU) with coal-tar as a glue were some notable examples.

He is presently peacefully settled in Hyderabad. RICAREA wishes him and his family all the best for a successful and happy life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. V. Rajagopal



Dr. Velamoor Rajagopal was born on 15th March 1944 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. He obtained his U.G., P.G., and Doctorate Degrees (1961-1971) from S. V. University, Tirupati. He joined ARS and held various positions as ARS Scientist in ICAR. He retired as Director, CPCRI, Kerala (1972 to 2006). His area of specialization was Stress Physiology (drought screening, identification, management) during his career.

His publications included Research papers -147 (over 40 of them in reputed International journals), Books 8, Book chapters 11, Popular articles 28, Technical bulletins 15, Hunger / agriculture related 65, Social issues 38. During his career, he handled International and National projects on cropping systems, poverty alleviation, water management and extension activities in villages

The following awards were received by him. Distinguished Scientist (from Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam), R. D. Asana Gold Medal, Sardar Patel Best Institute Award, Best KVK Award, R. I. Narasimhaswamy Best poster Award, Best Research paper in Indian Horticulture Congress, Commendation Certificate from IPGRI (FAO), Life Time Achievement Award-SVU, Tirupati. He is professionally very active. Fellow of the Indian Society for Plantation Crops; Fellow of the Indian Society for Coastal Agriculture Research; President of the Indian Society for Plantation Crops; Editor, Journal of Plantation Crops; Member of Board of Studies, Mangalore, Calicut and Kannur Universities; Member of Governing body in Coconut Development Board; Chairman and member of Research Advisory Committee in some ICAR Institutes, Referee for seven Science journals

He visited the following countries. Denmark (as post doctoral research fellow invited by Danish Government), Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Vanuatu

He is founder of the Hunger Elimination and You Movement (HEYm) and founder President of the Society for Hunger Elimination (SHE), consultant for natural farming, local advisory member of Regional Science Center, member, India Agriculture Group International (USA) and India Development Coalition of America.

He is happily settled at Tirupati. RICAREA wishes him and his family all the best for a successful and happy life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. S.N. Saha



Dr. Satya Narayan Saha was born on 3rd January, 1944 at Kalaharpur, West Bengal. He had his primary education from Laldaha Primary School. His high school education was from WB Higher Secondary and Visva Bharati Board of Secondary Education, Santiniketan, West Bengal. He had his U.G. and P.G. degrees in Agriculture from Banaras Hindu University. He obtained his Ph.D in Plant Physiology from IARI, New Delhi

The following are the details of his service particulars: 1). Technical Inspector: Tea Board, Kolkata: 1971, 2). Senior Research Assistant: CPRI, Simla: 1971 to 1976, 3). Agricultural Research Service: NBPGR, New Delhi: Scientist S1: 1977, 4). Agricultural Research Service: (inducted): 1st July 1976, 5). Scientist S2: NRCG, Junadh: 1979, 6). Scientist S3: NAARM, Hyderabad: 1984, 7). Principal Scientist: NAARM, Hyderabad: 1986, 8). Joint Director: NAARM, Hyderabad: 1996, 9). Acting Director: NAARM, Hyderabad: 1998 – 1999, 10. Retired from ICAR service from NAARM: on 31st January, 2006, 11) Emeritus Scientist: ICAR at NAARM: 2006 to 2008, 12). He published some research papers in international and national scientific journals, Books, Technical reports etc During Service period. 13). Presently devoted to practice of 'Vipassana Meditation', living the life of 'Dhamma' and spread of Dhamma.

He is happily settled in Hyderabad. RICAREA wishes him and his family all the best for a successful and happy life ahead.

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Felicitation to Dr. K.S.Sastry



Prof. K. Subramanya Sastry, Ph.D., is a retired Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India. He obtained his M.Sc. (Botany) and Ph.D. (Botany) with plant virology specialization in 1966 and 1973, respectively, from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (India). He joined ICAR as a Scientist (Plant Virology) in 1971 and retired in 1999. He served at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hessaraghatta, Bangalore 560 089, Karnataka, Indian Institute of Oil Seeds Research and Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad 500 030, Telangana. Prof. Sastry's research has been

primarily on epidemiology and management of virus and virus-like diseases of Horticultural, Oil Seed and millets crops. He has significant research contributions on Begomoviruses of tomato, okra, chillies and leguminous crops. Dr. Sastry has research experience in molecular and biotechnological approaches for characterization and management of plant viral diseases of different crops. He has published over 80 research papers both in national and international journals. He has also published a widely circulated book entitled "**Compendium of the Plant Virus Research in India (1903-2008)**" having 8,652 plant virus references along with reviews and subject-index. This book is considered as an important source of information for Indian plant virus research.

Dr. Sastry has published globally recognized reference books on Tropical "**Plant virus and Viroid diseases**" and also on "**Seed-borne Plant Virus Diseases**" through Springer publishers. During 2019, he has also published another globally useful plant virus reference book entitled "**Encyclopaedia of Plant Virus and Viroids**" in association with the international plant virologists again through Springer.

His above mentioned recent publications have become viral in the international scientific field. He has a daughter and a son who are well settled. He is presently leading a peaceful life with his wife in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He has been a **prolific publisher of books** on plant viruses and viroids. RICAREA wishes him and his family a happy and successful life ahead.

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Felicitation to Sri Sajja Sitaramaiah



Born in Pydikondalapalem village of Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh on 14-02-1944, Sri Sajja Sitaramaiah retired on February 28th 2006 from ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry after serving the organisation for 34 years. He obtained his master degree in Agricultural Entomology from Andhra Pradesh, Agricultural University in 1970. He has done extensive research on use of neem in management of major tobacco pests. He has developed neem based modules and demonstrated these in tobacco, groundnut and chillies. He is reputed for his work in popularising neem in pest management and biological control of tobacco pests. He has more than 110 publications including 76 research papers in peer reviewed National and International Scientific Journals of repute, several popular articles and book chapters books/bulletins. During his service he has served as Head, Division of Crop Protection at ICAR-CTRI and Officer in charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalavacherla. As OIC KVK he played a pivotal role in various programmes pertaining to agricultural technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity building and various income generation programmes to the rural youth. He is recipient of Dr Benerjee (Plant Protection Advisor, Government of India) Gold medal in 1974 and Dr. G.J. Patel gold medal for Outstanding Research Contribution in tobacco plant protection.

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Felicitation to Dr. P. Nammalwar



Dr. P. Nammalwar, worked as Principal Scientist in the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin (Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR, Govt. of India) for about 35 1/2 years. He worked as Principal Investigator/ Project Leader in various Research and Development Projects (R&D) of the Institute and External Government Funded projects during the period of his service (1967-2003). He joined during October 1967 in CMFRI (ICAR). He has completed many research projects in Marine Fisheries, Marine Aquaculture and Marine Pollution during his service. His specialized subject areas are Marine Biology, Marine Fisheries, Marine/Coastal Aquaculture, (Finfish and Shellfish) Marine Pollution, Environmental Sciences, Marine Biodiversity conservation,

Mangrove and Coral reefeco systems, Marine Mammals conservation, Marine Biotechnology, Coastal Zone Management, Coastal Wetlands, Water Resources Conservation and Management, Natural Disasters and Management, Fisheries Policies, Global Warming & Climate change, Ocean Sciences & Technology, Satellite Remote Sensing applications in Marine including formulation of research projects proposals for funding from External Govt., Organization. After superannuation, during June 2003. He has worked as Project Leader in the Sponsored research project of the Indian National Center for Ocean Information services (INCOIS), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt., of India and in the nodal agency - Institute for Ocean Management, Department of Civil Engineering, Anna University, Chennai from 2006-2012 and executed the project (Applications of Satellite Remote Sensing on Potential Fishing Zone advisories for the benefit of fishing community along North Tamil Nadu Coast, India) He has also worked as Guest Faculty for M. Tech (Coastal Management – CM9154 – Coastal Aquaculture & Engineering) in the Institute for Ocean Management (Department of Civil Engineering), Anna University, Chennai, since inception of the course (2007-2012). At present (Since July 2013), he is working as Project Adviser/ Guest Faculty in the Science & Technology Communication/ Environmental Sciences in Educational Multimedia Research Center, Department of Media Sciences, Faculty of Science & Humanities, Anna University, Chennai. He has published 130 research papers and 30 popular articles in the National and International scientific journals. He has participated in many research cruises of the Fishery Survey of India and Department of Ocean Development research ships ("FORV SagarSampada") in Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. He has been recognized as Supervisor and Guide by Madurai Kamaraj University and University of Madras and guided number of Ph.D Students. He has visited many countries and participated in various Extension Programs, National and International Conferences/Symposium, Workshops and Seminars conducted by various organizations. He is Life member in various Scientific/ Professional Societies. He is very much involving in various social service activities. He has been honored by various organizations for his life achievement in fields of fisheries, aquaculture, ocean sciences & technology and environmental sciences.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member **Dr. P. Nammalwar** on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

Dated : 28, April 2018



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General Secretary



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Felicitations to Dr. R.S. Paroda



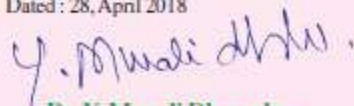
Dr R.S. Paroda has made valuable contributions in agriculture both as a researcher and an able administrator. He has made significant research contributions in plant breeding and genetic resource management. During 1994-2001, Dr. Paroda modernized the national agricultural research system (NARS) as Director General, ICAR and Secretary, DARE, Government of India. During his leadership of ICAR, more than 20 new institutions were created in Annual crops, Horticulture, Livestock, Natural Resource Management, Fishery, Agricultural Engineering and Social Science sectors. The prestigious National Agriculture Technology Project (NATP) of the World Bank was designed by him to reorient agricultural research, education and extension system to meet new challenges faced by the agricultural research system.

Dr. Paroda is the main architect of one of the world's largest and most modern National Gene Banks housing more than 200,000 crops germplasm accessions. The impressive National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex at Pusa Campus, was built mainly at his initiative and direction. International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Patancheru and Agriculture Research Institute of Kazakhstan have named their Gene Banks after Dr. Paroda in recognition. Dr. Paroda has received several national/international awards and recognitions, including the most prestigious PADMA BHUSHAN in 1998. Other awards conferred on him are: Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Memorial Prize (1982-83), ICAR Team Research Award (1983-84), FICCI Award (1988), Om Prakash Bhasin Award (1992), Asia-Pacific Seed Association Special Award (1995), CGIAR Award for Outstanding Partnership (2000), Life Time Award by Association of Agricultural Scientists in America (2001), Dr. Harbhajan Singh Memorial Award (2001), Dr. B.P. Pal Memorial Award (2003), Borlaug Award (2006), ISCA Gold Medal for Excellence in Science (2006), Gold Medals from Ministry of Agriculture of Armenia (2006) and Vietnam (2012), Life Time Achievement Award of 'Agriculture Today' (2008), Dr. A.B. Joshi Memorial Award (2012), Prof. Kannian Memorial Award (2012), and Krishi Shiromani Samman by Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd. (2013).

He is conferred Fellowship of National Science Academies like, INSA, NAAS, NASI and was elected as General President of the Indian Science Congress in 2000-2001. He was elected as Fellow of Agricultural Academies of Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Tajikistan and the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). He had also been the President of more than a dozen Agricultural Scientific Societies. Dr. Paroda has been conferred honorary D.Sc. by 15 academic institutions including Ohio State University, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Scientific Council of Agricultural Academy, Republic of Azerbaijan and State Agricultural Universities. Dr. Paroda served as founder President of Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) from 1988-2001. He also served for more than two decades as Executive Secretary of Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), a well known regional organization fostered by him to strengthen regional research collaboration. He had served as Chairman as well as Vice-Chairman of ICRISAT Board, member of Board of Trustees of IRRI, member of WMO High Level Task Force on Climate Services, member of Advisory Council of Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), member of Finance Committee of CGIAR and a member of the Governing Board of the Commonwealth Agriculture Bureau International (CABI). Till recently, Dr. Paroda worked as Chairman, Farmers Commission of Haryana, Chairman of Working Group on Agriculture and member of Rajasthan Planning Board, when State Agriculture Policies both in Haryana and Rajasthan were released. Currently, he is a member of Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC) of CGIAR. As Chairman of the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), his goal is to link science to the society.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. R.S. Paroda on completion of 75 year of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to to Dr. P. Parvatha Reddy



Dr. P. Parvatha Reddy obtained his M.Sc. (Agri.) degree from Karnatak University, Dharwad, and Ph. D. degree jointly from the University of Florida, Gainesville, USA and the University of

Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. Dr. Reddy served as the Director of the prestigious Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) at Bangalore from 1999 to 2002 during which period the Institute was honoured with "ICAR Best Institution Award". He also served as the Head, Division of Entomology and Nematology at IIHR and gave tremendous impetus and direction to research, extension and education in developing bio-intensive integrated pest management

strategies in horticultural crops. Dr. Reddy has about 34 years of experience working with horticultural crops and involved in developing an F1 tomato hybrid "ArkaVaradan" resistant to root-knot nematodes. He has also developed bio-intensive integrated pest management strategies in horticultural crops using eco-friendly components such as bio-control agents, botanicals and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi.

Dr. Reddy has over 237 scientific publications to his credit, which also include about 30 books. He has also guided two Ph.D. students at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.

Dr. Reddy is serving as Chairman, Research Advisory Committee of Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi; Member of the Research Advisory Committee of the National Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi; and Member of the Expert Panel for monitoring the research program of National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) in the theme of Horticulture including Pest Dynamics and Pollinators. He had also served as Member of the Research Advisory Committee of the National Research Centre for Citrus, Nagpur and the Project Directorate of Biological Control, Bangalore. He served as a Member, QRT to review the progress of the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum; AICRP on Tuber Crops; AICRP on Nematodes and AINRP on Betelvine. He also served as a Member of the ICAR Scientific Panel for Nematology. He is the Honorary Fellow of the Society for Plant Protection Sciences, New Delhi, Fellow of the Indian Phytopathological Society, New Delhi and Founder President of the Association for Advancement of Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems (AAPMHE), Bangalore.

Dr. Reddy has been awarded with the prestigious "Association for Advancement Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems Award", "Dr. G.I. D'Souza Memorial Award", "Prof. H.M. Shah Memorial Award" and "Hexamar Agricultural Research and Development Foundation Award" for his unstinted efforts in developing sustainable, bio-intensive and eco-friendly integrated pest management strategies in horticultural crops.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member, Dr. P. Parvatha Reddy on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitations to Dr. Gopala Krishna Pillai



Dr. Gopal Krishna Pillai Born in the year 1942, in a middle class Nair family of Kerala. After completing school education, obtained B.Sc (Ag) and M.Sc (Ag) degrees with outstanding academic credentials from the Kerala Agricultural University, Thiruvananthapuram. He obtained his Ph.D in Agronomy from the prestigious Institution Indian Agricultural Research Institute, (IARI) New Delhi securing 3 gold medals in 1971-72.

Dr. Pillai while working as Senior Lecturer in Agronomy, got selected by the UPSC, to work as Agronomist, All India Co-ordinated Rice Improvement Project, Hyderabad by early 1972. In the year 1982 he got selected as National Project Co coordinator for Agronomic Research in India, with the headquarters in Bangalore. While working National Project Co coordinator for Agronomic Research he was selected by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Manila, Philippines as Regional Coordinator, African Rice program (UNDP) and worked till 1989. Latter in the year 1989 he joined in All India Co-ordinated Rice Improvement Project (AICRIP) as Principal Scientist and got elevated to the position of Director in 1995. Subsequently he got selected as Chief Technical Advisor, FAO of the United Nations, in Bangladesh.

Dr. K.G. Pillai took voluntary retirement from ICAR in 2000 and continued working with FAO in Bangladesh, till taking an early retirement from FAO by June, 2002. After retirement, he was reappointed as a Consulting / Regional Advisor for FAO in the Asia-Pacific region, with its headquarters at Bangkok, Thailand and worked till 2009 with few intermittent breaks in between.

Dr. Gopal Krishna Pillai retired and settled at Thiruvananthapuram, in Kerala leading a Happy and comfortable life with his family along with two daughters and three grandchildren.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member, Dr. Gopal Krishna Pillai on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life at Hyderabad.

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Felicitation to Dr. M.V.R. Prasad



Dr. M.V.R. Prasad, born at Madanapalle (Chittoor Distt.AP) and studied B.Sc. (Ag) course at the Agricultural College Bapatla (1959-63) Worked for M.Sc and Ph.D. degrees during 1963 to 1968 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute New Delhi under the guidance of Dr H.K.Jain and Dr M.S. Swaminathan respectively. Greatly influenced by the Dr.Swaminathan who inculcated in him great passion and commitment to the science of Applied Genetics in relation to Agriculture. During this period, had the privilege of guidance and close association of Dr Norman Borlaug. Developed the first dwarf durumwheat variety in India, Malavika (HD 4502) with high productivity and resistance to all the three rust diseases.

Later from 1971-77 worked at the Central Arid Zone Research Institute Jodhpur as Plant Breeder establishing breeding programs in pulse and oilseed crops. Developed high yielding and drought resistant varieties of Guar(Maru Guar) , Moth bean(Maru Moth) and Mung Bean(M-8) for drylands of Western Rajasthan. The work at CAZRI Jodhpur created a perceptibly favourable impact in the productivity of dryland agriculture in Baodi Block of Jodhpur area. During 1977 to 1981 worked at the then IARI Regional Station Hyderabad on the genetic improvement of Castor and Groundnut leading to the development of the first wilt resistant variety of Castor JWALA (48-1), which opened new avenues in castor improvement. The first wilt resistant castor hybrid GCH4 was developed using 48-1 as the male parent. During 1981-1984 in Brazil as Visiting Professor and International Crop Improvement Specialist of IICA/OAS-EMBRAPA, developed high yielding drought resistant Cashew Variety EPCACE MQ1 for the North-east Brazil and taught Post-graduate Students. Discovered aerial pod-bearing Groundnut TAP-1.

At the Directorate of oilseeds Research (1987-1995) developed promising groundnut varieties viz., DRG12 and DRG17 possessing the efficient Ca translocation mechanism using aerial pod-bearing Groundnut variety TAP-1 as a parent. Developed selection criteria and guidelines for Groundnut breeding.

Worked as the Project Director, Directorate of Oilseeds Research(1991Dec. to 1995 Feb.) participating in the Technology Mission on Oilseeds and working for integrated improvement of all oilseed crops and strengthening multidisciplinary research in oilseeds under the AICOPO and DOR.

Retired voluntarily from ICAR in 1995 and worked as the Team Leader, International Cashew Specialist and Technical Adviser of Cashew Improvement Programs of African Development Bank and World Bank in Africa. The efforts resulted in powdery mildew resistant and high-yielding cashew varieties (V-12, XI-7, VII-10, IV-1 etc), enhancement of the Cashew Research Programs and technical capabilities of African Scientific Personnel and elevation of cashew production in Mozambique from 30,000 tons to 100,000 tons from 1995-2007. He worked as the Team Leader of European Commission in 2007 for the Cashew Development Programs in Mozambique.Developed the first and largest productive cashew clonal orchard in Central America in Panama. Currently working on Pongamia based bio-energy Programs and coming up with a book on Pongamia pinnata.

Guided research scholars for Ph.D. and M.Sc (Ag) degrees in India and Brazil. He has 132 publications to his credit.Proficient in Portuguese language.Recognized as Significantly Outstanding Scientist by the Brazilian Council of Science and Technology (CNPq).

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member, Vice President and currently President (RICAREA)Dr M.V.R. Prasad at 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

Dated : 28, April 2018

Dr. Y. Murali Dharudu
General Secretary

Dr G.G.S.N. Rao
Vice President



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Felicitation to to Dr. M.S. Rama Mohan Rao



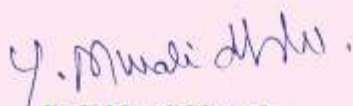
Dr. M.S. Rama Mohan Rao, born on 8th December 1942, holder of Master Degree in "Nuclear Physics" from Andhra University and Doctorate in "Agricultural Physics" with "Gold Medal" from IARI, New Delhi in 1969 has steadily developed integrated expertise while advancing to the coveted position of Principal Scientist and also to the officiating responsibility of the "Director" Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun. His persisting efforts have found ways and means to reduce soil erosion and thereby resource degradation and rain water conservation and its recycling by harvesting promoted assured and integrated farming systems across the country. The

technological package thus developed has helped to counter the hazards of soil, runoff and nutrient losses ultimately leading to improve production of millets, pulses and oil seeds.

He successfully operationalised the above packages with measures to conserve resources, augment vegetation and through alternative land uses to provide resilience to agricultural economy through effective watershed management. In the process he could motivate the concerned people from the level of "Resource Users" to "Resource Managers". His work received recognition and won awards twice from "National Productivity Council", Dr. K.G. Tejwani award for the "Best Scientist" for the years 1989-1993 and "Gold Medal" from Soil Conservation Society of India in 2003. His publication involving Agriculture Department and NBSS/IIIT, Bangalore on "Land Management Techniques for Watershed Development in Karnataka" is widely appreciated and became a reference book for soil conservationists in Karnataka and in some South Asian countries. Water Resource Audit work done for KAWAD Watersheds under DFID is widely acclaimed so also for APRLP. After retirement, he has provided consultancy services to Karnataka Community based Tank Management Project; DFID, Water Aid, KFW Germany; World Bank-India; Bill Milinda Gates Foundation, LISA; AP Community based Tank Management Project. Presently he is heading MEL&D activities of PMKSY-Watershed Development Programmes in Karnataka.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life Member Dr. M.S. Rama Mohan Rao, on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes a long peaceful and healthy life.

Dated : 28, April 2018



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General Secretary



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Felicitation to *Dr. Morla Harinatha Rao (M.H. Rao)*



Dr. Morla Harinatha Rao popularly known as M.H. Rao Born on 14-6-1942 in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. He had B.Sc (Agri) at the Agricultural College, Bapatla, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. In the year 1964-68, M. Sc (Agri) in Agricultural Sciences (Agronomy) at the College of Agriculture, ANGRAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad during 1968-70 and Ph.D (Agronomy) at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute New Delhi during 1973-76

Dr. M.H. Rao joined the ICAR service as Scientist through the selection in the first batch of the Agricultural Research Services in the year 1976. During his professional career he served for a brief period at the Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi and later in 1978, moved to IARI- Regional Research Station on cotton at Sirsa, Haryana state. During the year 1984, he joined IARI- Regional Research Station, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. In addition to the regular research activities, Dr. Rao discharged the responsibility of coordinating the research projects on sorghum agronomy under the All India Sorghum Improvement Project as 'Principal Investigator' for Agronomy from 1986-2002. All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement Project (AICSIP) / NRCS / DSR and present ICAR-IIMR. The research activity of Dr. Rao was mainly focused on agronomic practices for yield improvement in cotton and cotton based cropping systems while he was at cotton Research station and on sorghum yield improvement and sorghum based cropping systems at National Research Center for Sorghum, currently, ICAR IIMR Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

Dr. M.H. Rao published more than ten Research papers in the National Journals and contributed a chapter on "SORGHUM" in a book "Field Crop Production - Principles and Practices" compiled, Edited and published by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, National Professor, IARI. He had two notable assignments during his professional career, one as Nodal Officer for National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) at the NRCS and two, Facilitator and Member secretary to the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) of the NRCS and AICSIP for the period 1994-1998. He visited the state of Queensland in Australia for two months on collaborative Project works.

After Superannuation (June, 2002), associated with the activities of the KVK at Madanapuram, Mahabubnagar District, TS, under the control of an NGO, 'Youth for Action' for 3 years; Associated with a Research project on Bio-ethanol at Nagarjuna Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) for 18 months. Further, spent about 6 years in the service of farmers with the courtesy of a private firm: "Nex-Farm Products India (P) Ltd" Hyderabad. He had three sons, and leading a happy and healthy life with the children and their families at Hyderabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member, Dr. Morla Harinatha Rao on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life at Hyderabad.

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Felicitation to Dr. A. Seetharam



Dr. A. Seetharam, born in Harohally, KanakapuraTq, Karnataka State. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in 1963 from Agricultural College, (Mysore University), Master's degree in Agricultural Botany from College of Agriculture, Dharwad, (Karnataka University) in 1965 and Ph.D from I.A.R.I., New Delhi in 1968. He has served in various capacities at UAS, Bangalore as CSIR Scientific Pool Officer, 1970; Assistant Cytogeneticist, 1970-72; Geneticist, (Sunflower), 1972-79; and later in ICAR as Associate Coordinator, 1980-85, S4 Scientist 1985-86, Principal Scientist and Project Coordinator 1986-2003 and Emeritus Professor, ICAR, 2003-05.

Dr. Seetharam has made notable contributions as a renowned Plant Breeder in the crop improvement of oil seed crops especially sunflower and in small millets. He was the first to initiate hybrid research in sunflower in the country and released the first hybrid "Sunflower BSH-I" and the most popular open pollinated variety "MORDEN" at the National level. His early work thus helped in the establishment of this newly introduced crop plant as an important oil seed crop in the country.

A number of improved varieties in various small millets have been released under his leadership benefiting large rural, tribal and hill farming communities which were left out of the green revolution technology. Dr. Seetharam's most outstanding contribution has been assembling one of the largest collections of six small millets exceeding 11000 accessions for which he was the curator; evaluating and making them available especially the elite genetic stocks to researchers all over the country; thus contributing to the conservation and improvement of India's old and native crop plants of considerable nutritional value that are of great relevance to the disadvantaged sections of society.

He has guided 22 Ph.D. and 20 M.Sc. (Agri.) students with distinction. He has authored/edited 15 books and monographs and published more than 250 papers in leading research journals. His contributions to the field of crop improvement and agriculture were recognized by conferring the "R.D. Asana Endowment Award" by the ICAR for outstanding research in Plant Breeding for Triennium 1977-80; Best Research Paper Award of Indian Society of Seed Science and Technology New Delhi in 1983; Citation from the Association of Teachers of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore in 1983; Best Research Paper Award of Indian Society of Plant Pathologists in 1998, Om Prakash Basu Foundation Research Award in 1998, Distinguished Alumni Award, UAS, 2003; Dr. Harbhajan Singh Memorial Life Time Achievement Award, ISIPGR, New Delhi 2005-06 and Outstanding Teacher Award, Rotary, Bangalore and Karnataka Civil Defense Corps 2013. He was Chairman of International Small Millets Steering Committee from 1986-1993. He is President of Indian Society Of Millets Research, Hyderabad. He is Elected Fellow of National Academy Of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Indian Society of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad; Fellow Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, New Delhi and Fellow, Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member **Dr. A. Seetharam** on completion of 75 year of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitations to Dr. Y. Subba Rao



Dr. Y. Subba Rao Born on 1.6.1942 in an agricultural family in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh State. Studied B.Sc.(Hons) and M.Sc. with geology subject as major from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State.

Dr. Y.S. Rao joined as Junior Soil Surveyor on All India Soil and Land use Survey at Delhi Centre. Later he moved to Division of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR).

Worked on different aspects of Pedological Sciences including survey, classification, pedogenesis and land utilization. Taught three courses to Post Graduate Students. He also guided about half a dozen students for their Ph.D. programme as major adviser.

Dr. Y.S. Rao was the first person to use the Scanning Electron Microscopy to the macro micro minerals in soils in India.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Y. Subba Rao on completion of 75 year of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Shri K.G. Girija Vallabhan



Shri K.G. Girija Vallabhan, was born on July 8, 1941. He is a post graduate in Zoology from Presidency College, Chennai. He joined the central Marine Fisheries Research Institute in March 1963 and retired as Principal Scientist in July 2001. He carried out research in the area of fish eggs, larva and bioactive substances from Marine organisms. He participated in several cruises in Bay of Bengal, Arabian sea, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Laccadives as chief scientist as board. He also was part of the Do De research Vessels.

He has many research publications in leading journals. He is happily and peacefully settled in Kochi, Kerala.

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Felicitation to Dr C. V. S. S. V. Gopala Krishna



Dr. C.V.S.S.V. Gopala Krishna, was born on February 16, 1941 at Rajahmundry to Late Sri C.P. Prabhakara Rao and Smt. Ramanamma. He had his B.Sc., (Hons) in 1961 M.Sc., (Org. Chemistry) in 1962, Phd Physics in 1969 from (Andhra University). He is a fellow member of Institution of Chemists (India) Calcutta. Fellow member of Indian Chemical Society, Allahabad and life member of Indian Society of Tobacco Science. He was a member editorial board of Tobacco Res. Journal and member management committee of C.T.R.I for one term and member task force on pesticide residues in F.C.V. Tobacco in Karnataka area constituted by Tobacco Board. He has published about 26 research papers.

He started his career in 1971 at ICAR C.T.R.I. and superannuated in February, 2001 as Principal Scientist.

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Felicitation to Shri A. Hanumantha Rao



Shri A. Hanumantha Rao, born on June 7, 1941, joined Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry in Chemistry Department in 1962 after his graduation. He was Inducted in to Technical Services (ICAR) in 1977. He was given merit promotion under five yearly assessment system as Senior Technical Officer (T 7-8) in the year 2000 and retired in June, 2001.

During his thirty nine years of service, he worked as the in-charge of Quality cell for a maximum period and associated as co-author in thirty research papers. he played major role in the installation of AUTO ANALYSER (3rd instrument in India at that time) at the Institute and its trouble free running for about 25-30 years.

He is an elected as Associate of Institution of Chemists (A.I.C) and Fellow of Indian Chemical Society (F.I.C.S).

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Felicitation to Dr K. Janardhana Rao



Dr. Kodali Janardhana Rao, took M.Sc., Degree in Zoology and Ph.D., from Andhra University. Dr. Rao joined the erstwhile Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI Barrackpore, West Bengal in 1967 and transferred to the newly established Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) in 1987 under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Dr. Rao has made extensive contributions in the fields of Ecology, fishery, Biology and life history of important penaeid and palaemonid prawns of major aquatic ecosystems (Pulicat Lake, Kolleru Lake, Krishna and Godavari systems, Mahanadi river system etc.,) Carp culture in large freshwater ponds of Kolleru

Lake and freshwater prawns which lead to standardisation of hatchery including broodstock generation in captivity, systems of grow-out culture, diet development for different life stages of giant freshwater prawn (Udang Galah). Dr. Rao has been deputed for advanced studies in freshwater prawn culture to Indonesia and Thailand in 1988 under FAO/UNDP fellowship. He has published over 70 research papers in various National and International Journals and also 8 technology manuals on prawn culture. Dr. Rao has been elected as a Fellow of Association of Aquaculturists (FAA) for the year 1997 and Bioed Research Society, Allahabad conferred on him the Fellowship of the society (F.B.R.S.). The prestigious FAHIM KIDWAI AWARD for outstanding Agricultural Research for the biennium 1999-2000 has been conferred to Dr. Rao by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on 16th July 2001 at New Delhi as an individual life-time achievement award for his outstanding research contribution in Freshwater prawn culture. Dr. Rao supervised research work of many students leading to the award of Ph.D Degree. He acted as selection committee member (expert) for recruitment of Scientist and Professors (Fishery Science; Aquaculture) under ICAR and Agricultural Universities. He also worked as Principal Investigator, Technology Project in Mission Mode on Semi-Intensive Prawn aquaculture sponsored by Dept. of Biotechnology, Govt. of India (total outlay Rs. 20 million), during 1994-2000 at CIFA, Bhubaneswar, India. Under the project a "Prawn Complex" has been designed and established. Dr. Rao has undertaken studies to ascertain the status of prawn aquaculture in different regions of India and published strategy for the development of freshwater prawn culture in different agro-climatic regions of the country. Currently working as an aquaculture specialist and stationed at Vijayawada, India. Dr. Rao Retired as Principal Scientist on 31-12-2001 (CIFA).

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Felicitation to Dr R. Lakshmi Narayana



Dr. Rallapalli Lakshmi Narayana, born on 18th February, 1941 at Kotipalli Village, East Godavari District to Sri R. Satyanarayana and Smt. R. Lakshmi Kantham. He obtained B.Sc. Botany in 1959 and M.Sc. Botany in 1961. He obtained his Ph.D. Plant Breeding from B.A. College of Agriculture around in 1976.

Dr. Lakshmi Narayana served the ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry in various capacities from March, 1962 till February, 2001. He worked as Project Co-ordinator, A.I.C.R.P. on Tobacco from August, 1988 to August, 1998 at Gujarat Agricultural University, Anand Campus, Anand.

During his research career involving nearly four decades, Dr. Lakshmi Narayana's interests centered on Production Breeding, Quality Breeding and Resistance Breeding for Biotic and abiotic stresses. His efforts with resulted in the release of 28 tobacco varieties comprising F.C.V tobacco-7, Bidi tobacco-6, Chewing tobacco-7, Rustica Tobacco-3, Country Cheroot Tobacco-2, Natu Tobacco-2 and Cigar Tobacco-1.

Dr. Lakshmi Narayana has to his credit 100 publications in volveing Research Papers (National and International) Book chapters, Reviews, Bullatins, etc. He was a member of the Editorial Board of Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences (ICAR) March, 1994 to March, 1997 and Member fo the Editorial Board of Tobacco Research Journal of the Indian Society of Tobacco Science from 1978 to 1983.

Dr. Lakshminarayana was recognised as Research Guide by the Andhra university in 1987 and Gujarat Agricultural University Recognised him as Post Graduate Research Guide in 1990. He is happily settled in Rajahmundry.

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Felicitation to Dr. K. Nagarajan



Dr. K. Nagarajan, was born on December 23, 1940 in Kollegal, Kamataka. He has his B.Sc. (Ag.) from Agricultural College, Hebbal, Bangalore in 1961 and M.Sc (Ag.) in Plant Pathology from Agric. College and Res. Instt. Coimbatore in 1963. He got his Ph.D. in 1967 from Madras University. Worked on cucurbit viruses with special emphasis on inhibitory hypothesis of Aphid Transmission of viruses.

He was Sorghum Pathologist in Rockefeller Foundation, Hyderabad from 1967 to 1970 and Associate Professor in Applied Biology in Jawaharlal Nehru University, P.G. Centre, Imphal, Manipur till December 1973. On repatriation to ICAR, he joined central Tobacco Research Instt. Rajahmundry A.P. in December 1973 as Senior Pathologist. Based on ARS 5 yearly assessment, promoted to S.3 Cadre in 1979 and S.4 Cadre in 1984 as Principal Scientist.

Developed and released five TMV-resistant and two black-shank resistant tobacco varieties. Developed Integrated disease management practices for soil-borne tobacco diseases, published 90 Scientific papers and 22 popular articles on tobacco diseases.

As external guide of Andhra University guided five scientists for Ph.D. degree. Under British Council TCTP deputed to Rothamsted Agric. Exp. Station, Harpenden, U.K. for 9 months in 1985 for higher training in virology. Got G.S. Murthy Award and Dr. G.S. Patel Award in 1998 for outstanding research in Pathology. Got certificate of Award for invention of Palmyrah Fibre Separator from National Research Development Corporation, Goi, New Delhi in 1999. Elected Fellow of Indian Phytopathus Legical Society. Indian Society of Tobacco Science and Plant Protection Association of India in 1999. Conferred Merit of Exetlence by ITC-ILTD and Tobacco Institute of India in 1996.

He worked as Director, C.T.R.I. from April 1996 till super ammuation in December 2000. He is happily settled in Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore and leading a peaceful life.

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Felicitation to Dr M. Prasada Rao



Dr. Prasada Rao, was born as July 7, 1940 at Pavuluru Village in Prakasam District, A.P. He obtained his M.Sc. (1961), Ph.D. (1966) in S.V. University, Tirupati. Joined in Central Salt Marine Chemical Research Institute, Bhavnagar (Gujarath) as Senior Scientific Assistant (1966-68) carried out Research on Studies on growth regulators in relation to cultivation of marine algae. Joined in Sugarcane Breeding Institute (ICAR) Coimbatore in January, 1969 as Associate Physiologist (Scientist S-1) and retired as Principal Scientist in June, 2000. During this period he conducted research on the following aspects (1) Screening Sugarcane Varieties and Hybrid Clones for drought resistance; (2) Experiment on Water Economy in Sugarcane; (3) Photosynthetic Variation in Sugarcane Varieties and Source-sink Relations; (4) Studies on Sugarcane Synthesizing Enzymes in sugarcane. He was recognized as honorary faculty member in plant physiology division in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Conducted two courses (i) Photosynthesis and Productivity; (ii) Nitrogen Metabolism in Plant to Ph.D., students. Recognized as Ph.D. guide by Bharathair University, Coimbatore and guided 2 M.Phil. student and 1 Ph.D. He has published 20 research papers.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Shri A. Hanumantha Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Udayagiri Prasad Rao



Dr. Udayagiri Prasad Rao, was born to Sri U Sanyasiraju and Laxmi tilakam at Visakhapatnam. Education upto degree in MR College Vizianagaram and post graduation at Andhra University in 1964 Same year Joined in Genetics Department in Central rice Research Institute .Contributed to Genetics and Breeding of rice and acquired P.hd degree from Utkal university in 1972. From CRRI joined AICRIP now Indian institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad on promotion and served in various positions and finally superannuated as head Plant Breeding and Genetics in 2001. During the total service of 40 years in ICAR contributed 120 research publications relating to

rice genetics and breeding. Visited several countries and participated in research seminars Active part in rice breeding resulted in the making and release of 14 rice varieties by Central (CVRC) and 12 through states . Varieties like swarnadhan , Rasi, phalguna Triguna Mandyavijaya Krishnahamsa gained prominence and served the farmers for longer time.

After 2001 joined Nuziveeduseeds Ltd as General manager R&D up to 2011 and as Consultant till today Continued Rice Breeding and varietal improvement. During the period six rice varieties and two rice hybrids were released by CVRC and two by SVRC. Varieties like Sonal Moti Motigold Sourabh Super moti Kanak plus are covering large areas and are popular with the farmers. One more rice variety NP 9685 with high Zinc content in the grain is approved for submission to CVRC in 2017 rice workshop. During the period from 1961 till now 2017 nearly 57 years working in rice improvement spent with the support of better half Satyasri , blessings of elders , well-wishers and the Almighty for the prosperity of great Indian farmer and continuing till today.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Udayagiri Prasad Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. G. Ramamohana Rao



Dr. G. Ramamohana Rao, born on 20 Feb 1942, Rajahmundry, AP. He obtained his Msc, Ph.D (Zoology) from Andhra University, Waltair. A.P. In the year 1964 he joined as Research Assistant at Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) and worked in different roles involving Riverine, Estuarine, Capture and culture fisheries.

He was "Senior Scientist" and "Principal Scientist" during 1984-1997 at Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) Bhubaneswar, and worked on Catfish breeding and culture, and other aspects of production technology.

During 1997 – 2002 he served as Director, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA, Chennai) and retired as Director, CIBA in 2002. In 1992 he acted as a consultant for three months, to "International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management" (ICLARM) in the field of Catfish breeding in Bangladesh.

In Oct 1999, he participated in the "Asian Productivity Organization" (APO), in Tokyo (Japan) and presented the country's status paper on Brackishwater Aquaculture.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. G. Ramamohana Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitatation to Shri G. Satya Prasada Rao



Shri Garimella Satya Prasada Rao, was born as January 1st, 1942. He had his M.Sc., in Mathematics from BHU in 1962. He also had a three year P.G. Diploma in Agre. Statistics from I.S.I. Culcutta and I.A.S.R.I. Pusa, New Delhi.

He worked at N.C.A.E.R, Indraprastha, New Delhi with Indias top Economists and Statisticians. He worked as Oil Seeds Genetics at IARI, New Delhi. He later worked at central Mango Research Station, Lucknow under I.I.H.R. Bangalore and I.I.H.R. Bangalore for 25 years. He finally super aumenfued in for DOR, Hyderabad.

He has published 56 Research Paper and one Technical Bulletin in areas like Paramillet crop modelling, SORD, Jack KNIFE, Insect Climping models and their distributions, Sequential Sampling Methods for decision making and popular viometrical models. He is happily and peacefully settled in Hyderabad with his wife.

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Felicitation to Dr. P.V.G.K. Reddy



Dr. P.V.G.K. Reddy, is the son of Late Subbi Reddy alias Peddakapu, a native of Ravulapalem in East Godavari District. He has his B.Sc degree from the Bhimavaram College and M.A. M.Sc. and Ph.D Degrees from the Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.

Dr. Reddy worked on fish genetics and Biotechnology. He went to USA to carryout advanced research on fish cytogenetics at the AVM University, Texas. He had also opportunities to visit several other countries, such as Norway, Thailand, Phillippines, Malaysia and Bangladesh in connection with Collaborative research projects.

Dr. Reddy retired on attaining supeannuation, in the year 2001, as Principal Scientist from the central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneshwar. Presently he is engaged in spiritual activities.

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Felicitation to Dr N. Padmanabha Sarma



Dr. Nukala Padmanabha Sarma, was born at Amalapuram, East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, in the year 1942. He had his early and collegiate education at Rajahmundry. Dr Sarma received Honours and Masters Degrees from Andhra University securing several gold medals and prizes for his outstanding academic scores. He did Ph D from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, in the year 1971 followed by post doctoral studies at Stockholm University, Sweden. Prior to joining ICAR as senior scientist in 1976, he served at the Delhi University for a short period. Dr Sarma worked as Senior Geneticist, Mutation Breeding at Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI)

Cuttack and later moved to Hyderabad to establish Rice Biotechnology programme at DRR. While serving in DRR as Principal Scientist, he was a visiting fellow at Purdue University in US and also FAO consultant for Rice improvement programme of Bangladesh, Country Representative of Asian Rice Biotechnology Net work of International Rice Research Institute, Philippines.

Dr Sarma is a Geneticist & Plant Breeder by training and a Biotechnologist by profession. Expertise and in-depth knowledge of these disciplines molded him as a frontline molecular plant breeder. During, his career as Rice Scientist, spanning over a quarter century, he was instrumental in developing improved varieties through mutation breeding, initiating Hybrid rice research and establishing Anther culture programme at CRRI. He laid a strong foundation for Rice Biotechnology programme at DRR that lead to deployment of marker technology for pyramiding disease resistance genes in a popular rice variety which has been released as Improved Samba Mahsuri. Post superannuation in 2002, Dr Sarma served as consultant to Golden Rice development programme supported by DBT and as Research Advisor to seed industry subscribing to development of five rice hybrids approved by CVRC. He participated in many International conferences and visited several countries that include Sweden, Denmark, England, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and United States. Dr Sarma is a member of several scientific societies - Indian Society of Genetics & Plant Breeding, Association of Rice workers of India, Rice genetics Cooperative. His research publications are limited to peer reviewed International Journals - Crop Science, Euphytica, Journal of Plant breeding, Radiation Botany, Theoretical and Applied Genetics, Genetical Research and Hereditas. Sarma's are blessed with a daughter and a son who settled abroad

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Nukala Padmanabha Sarma on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr Kasturi Satyanarayana



Dr. Kasturi Satyanarayana, born on Sept 8, 1941 at Hyderabad. He got his BSc (AG) from College of Agriculture, Bapatla, Andhra University in 1964, MSc (Ag) Plant Pathology from College of Agriculture, APAU, R'Nagar, in 1966 and was awarded PhD for his work on Rice Blast Disease in 1992 from ANGRAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. He started his career as Research Assistant in APAU at Tenali in 1967, later he took up the job as Instructor in Plant Pathology at ANGRAU, R'Nagar in 1972. He qualified for ARS and joined as Scientist S-1 in 1976 at DRR, Hyderabad. He was assigned the job coordinating pathology multilocation trials under the leadership of Head,

Plant Pathology. Dr Satyanarayana, during service, widely contributed on factors influencing towards the tolerance of rice blast disease and identified sources of resistant donors. He also contributed towards the integrated management of blast disease. He improvised the techniques for in vitro multiplication of inoculum of blast pathogen and in turn standardised the screening the germplasm. He visited IRRI, Philippines and participated in the International Symposium on Rice Blast disease in Malaysia. He published over 50 research papers, 25 popular articles and 10 chapters in books.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Kasturi Satyanarayana on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

Dated , 2017

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Felicitation to Shri T.K. Suryanarayana



Shri T.K. Suryanarayana, was born on 20th June 1941 at Lakshmi Polavaram, East Godavari District, A.P. to Shri T.V.S. Ramachandra Murthy and Smt. T. Balatripura Sundari. His wife (Late) Smt. T. Sri Lakshmi. He is blessed with two sons and one daughter. He has an M.Com Degree for Andhra University, Waltier. He received training in glass hoving technology.

He joined C.T.R.L., Rajahmundry on 1st June 1963 and super as awarded a technical officer after putting he 38 years service on 30th June 2001. he has lot of interest in acting dramas & films and is participating in social services. He is a widower and is spending his retired life peacefully by doing Yoga.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Shri A. Hanumantha Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Prof. K.V.B.R. Tilak



Prof. K.V.B.R. Tilak, served as head, Division of Microbiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and Senior Scientist and Platinum Jubilee Fellow, The National Academy of Sciences, India, Department of Botany, Osmania University, Hyderabad, A.P.

Prof. Tilak has a very distinguished background in the field of soil microbiology, biological nitrogen fixation, biofertilizers and plant-microbe interactions. He was coordinator of Indo-US Science & Technology Initiative (Senior Scientific Panel) Program during 1984-91 and visited various universities in USA in a bilateral programme on Biological Nitrogen Fixation and Biofertilizers including Mycorrhizae. Dr. Tilak held various positions at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi as Professor of Microbiology, National Coordinator, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) of Biological Nitrogen Fixation Program; Project Director, National Facility for Blue-Green Algal Collections and Head, Division of Microbiology for over a period of 25 years besides serving in a number of organizations in the country on programmes dealing with Biofertilizers and Soil (Agricultural) Microbiology. Presently he is working as NASI Senior Scientist in the Department of Botany, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

For his contributions towards research in Soil Microbiology and Biofertilizers, he was awarded the prestigious Prof. Sr. Vyas Memorial award by the Association of Microbiologists of India. He was the recipient of the Best Teacher Award of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR) New Delhi and Late Prof. Uma Kant Sinha Memorial award by the Indian Botanical Society. K.C. Mehta Memorial Award in Plant Protection by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Life Time Achievement Award for his contributions in Soil/Agricultural Microbiology by the Association of Microbiologists of India besides receiving the Life Time Achievement Award in Agricultural Microbiology at the National Workshop on PGPR held at Varanasi, U.P. and Life Time Achievement Award in Life Sciences at the Global Conference in Biotechnology held at Jalgaon, Maharashtra. He has delivered Prof. M.V. Shantaram Memorial Lecture at Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad, Telangana in 2014. He was the President of Association of Microbiologists of India. He was a Fellow of German Academic Exchange Service Scholar's Programme and Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and Indo-US visiting Scientist's programmes in Microbiology. He visited extensively, Europe, USA and Thailand besides serving as FAO expert to Nepal and Bangladesh in Biofertilizer's Programmes.

He is a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India, Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India, Fellow of National Academy of Biological Sciences, India, Fellow of Andhra Pradesh Academy of Sciences, Fellow of Indian Botanical Society and Fellow of Association of Microbiologists of India. He has supervised more than 30 students for doctoral degrees in Microbiology besides teaching at IARI, New Delhi and Osmania University, Hyderabad. He has published over 250 research papers in peer-reviewed journals of national and international importance.

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Felicitation to Shri M. Veerraju



Shri M. Veerraju, was born as 15th July, 1942 to Sri Appala Swamy and Smt. Ramayamma at Kakinada, E.G. Dist. A.P. Education upto P.U.C. Childrens three sons and daughter. He joined ICAR, CTRI on 19-10-1962 and served for 40 years as Technician - T1, T2, T.1.3 & T4 and retired on 31-7-2002. He was farm manager at C.T.R.I.R.S. Jeelugumilli, W.G. District. He is Association President and President Aryapuram Walkers Welfare Association. He regularly Organising Eye Camps, Medical Camps and Distributing Clothes to Poor and Orphans. He is active member of Backward Classes Welfare Association and he was and ex. member, Family Counselling in Mahila Police Station. He is happily settled with his wife and for children at Rajahmundry.

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Felicitation to Dr. Ranbindra Nath Verma



Dr. Ranbindra Nath Verma, M.Sc., Ph.D., FPSI, FMSI, Ex-Director, National Research Centre for Mushroom (now Directorate of Mushroom Research, DMR), Solan (HP) and former Project Coordinator, All India Coordinated Mushroom Improvement Project (AICMIP) from 1994-2002 has nearly 40 years of experience in Teaching, Research and book-writing in fields of Botany, Plant Pathology, Mycology, Fungal Physiology and Biotechnology. Dr. Verma, with Masters in Botany (Cytogenetics and Plant Breeding) in 1961 had his initial stint in teaching and translation of some Master-Pieces of Botany authored by stalwarts like P. Maheshwari, Weaver and Clements, K. Esau and A.B. Randal, under the auspices of the Central Hindi Directorate. Dr. Verma did his Doctorate in 1973 under Professor K.S. Bilgrami with a Research Scholarship awarded by the Bhabha Pur University. As the UGC Post-Doctoral Fellow, he wrote a university-level Book, "Physiology of Fungi" in joint authorship with Prof. Bilgrami, published in 1978, now in 3rd edition 2012. Dr. Verma joined the ICAR Agricultural Research Service in 1975 and as Senior Scientist/ Principal Scientist and Head of the Plant Pathology Division in ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Shillong during 1975-1992, he did pioneering work both in Crop-disease-management and Mushroom-biology. He was deputed to (i) IRRI, Philippines and worked on Resistance Breeding with the renowned rice scientist Dr. G.S. Khush; and (ii) HPAU, Solan (H.P.) for advanced level training in mushroom-production in the Lab of Professor R.L. Munjal. Later, Dr. Verma (i) As Project Leader of ICAR funded Project on Mushroom-survey in NEH Region w.a.f. 1983 to 1990, and later (ii) As Principal Investigator of World Bank Funded (NATP) Project on Strain Improvement of Mushrooms, made significant contributions in the fields of mushroom germ-plasm collection, characterization and improvement. As Director of NRCM, he established a Mushroom Gene-Bank with a large repository of exotic as well as indigenous germ-plasm, and helped to develop the protocols for their DNA Finger-printing and long term cryopreservation.

As AICMIP Coordinator Dr. Verma organized a Multi- location Evaluation Trial of the available Breeding materials and got released a true hybrid of *Agaricus bisporus* and 2 high yielding SSIs each of *A. bisporus* and *A. bitorquis*. The contributions of NRCM under the leadership of Dr. Verma were highly acclaimed by the ICAR and in 1999 the NRCM was bestowed with the "ICAR Best Institution Award". Dr. Verma was invited to deliver a talk on Mushroom Genetic Resources in India by the FAO at an International Seminar in Bordeaux (France) 1998, and was nominated as Member of Scientific Committee for the Conference on "Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products" in 2002 (Mexico). The MSI and IPS elected Dr. Verma as Fellow and as President and Zonal President respectively. He had been the founder Secretary and Editor of Indian Journal of Hill Farming, and is currently Adviser to Mushroom Research and Life and Annual member of various Societies.

Dr. Verma also worked on Resistance breeding of rice, maize and soybean and some of his Rice breeding lines were including in All India Rice Improvement project trials for Hills and a few of them were adopted by farmers.

Dr. Verma is a prolific writer and has published over 170 research papers, 100 abstracts, two books in English, 6 translated books in Hindi, 14 Editorial Assignments, several Book-Chapters, 4 technical Documentary Films, and a few Bulletins in English and Hindi.

After his superannuation, Dr. Verma is serving as Guest faculty in the RK Mission Vivekananda University, School of Agriculture & Rural Development, Ranchi and helping the budding mushroom growers and tribal farmers of the area. Besides teaching the students of the University, Dr. Verma has continued research-guidance and has helped to produce 4 thesis/reports on cultivated mushrooms. His latest contribution is a 400-page book "KHUMB VIGYAN DEEPIKA" (Mushroom Science Handbook) written in Hindi with its FOREWORDS by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Ranbindra Nath Verma on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Adurty Haranath



Sri Adurty Haranath was born to (late) Sri A. Rajarao and (late) Smt Annapoornamma at Rajahmundry on 15th December 1940. He studied at Municipal High School and graduated from P.R. Govt. College, Kakinada and joined the administrative wing of Central Institute of Fisheries Technology unit at Kakinada. Sri Haranath also obtained his Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Andhra University in the year 1970 through correspondence.

Sri Haranath, on promotion posted at CIFT, Cochin. After three years he returned to Kakinada unit and subsequently criss-crossed from administration to technical cadre as Senior Field Assistant at Burla Centre, in Orissa. In the year 1978, he was transferred to Central Tobacco Research Institute at Rajahmundry.

Sri Haranath served in the Scientific Coordination Unit of CTRI as Technical Asstt. and became eventually as Senior Technical Officer from which position he superannuated from Council's service on 1st January, 2001.

Sri Haranath worked under the direction of Drs. (late) N.C. Gopalachari & T. Sitharamachari; Drs. M.S. Chari & A.G.K. Murty and Sri K.S.N. Murty - Scientist in charge of Scientific Coordination. He was fully involved in organizing seminars and conferences, annual SRC meetings, Research Advisory Committee meetings, handled correspondence related to CVRC release Proposals, edited and compiled booklets on Tobacco Production Technology, Ad-hoc Schemes in CTRI, Annual Reports and Newsletters. He was a co-author the paper "Health Hazards to women in tobacco growing and processing" presented at the National Workshop of Technological Empowerment in Agriculture held in 1997 at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

Sri Haranath's wife Smt. Mythreyi was a school teacher and his two sons are software professionals.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri Adurty Haranath on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri M. Jagan Mohan Rao



Sri M. Jagan Mohan Rao s/o M. Raghavaiah was born on 25 October 1940 at Gorigapudi, Rapalle Mandal, Gudur District, Andhra Pradesh. After completing B.Sc degree in Maths, Physics and Chemistry, Mr Rao joined Soil & Water Conservation Training Centre, Ibrahimpatnam, Rangareddy District, Telangana State, on 16-8-1965 as Junior Scientific Assistant. Later he attended a six-month training course at Soil & Water Conservation Training Centre, Ooty. Consequent on the merger of Soil Conservation Training Center of Ibrahimpatnam with CRIDA, Mr Rao was promoted as Research Assistant in 1975 and subsequently became Technical Officer, which position he served

with distinction till his superannuation on 31-10-2000. He has one son and one daughter, both are well settled. Mr Jagan Mohan Rao resides in Hyderabad along with his wife Smt. Vijaya Lakshmi, taking active interest in social and religious activities

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri M. Jagan Mohan Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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General Secretary



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Felicitation to Sri Kanakamamidi Jangaiah



Sri Kanakamamidi Jangaiah son of late K.Sailoo was born on Thirteenth October, 1940 at Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. On passing S.S.C from an open school, he joined the then National Research Center for Sorghum (now ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets) on Second of June, 1964 as Technical Assistant and served the ICAR till Thirty First October 2000 in technical cadre as Sr.Technical Assistant.(T-3).

During the course of his long service Mr.K.Jangaiah worked at IARI Regional Station, in All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement Project, National Research Center for Sorghum and Directorate of Sorghum Research. He was associated with the breeding programs of castor, groundnut and sorghum and involved totally in executing the experimental field programs and multiplication of breeder seed. He had the privilege of working under the stewardship of distinguished scientists-late. Dr.L.G.Kulkarni, Dr.N.G.P.Rao, Dr. R. V. Vidyabhusanam, Dr.U.R.Murthy, Dr.B.S.Rana and Dr.S.V.Rao and won appreciation for his hard and dedicated work.

Sri Jangaiah has been an active participant in all the public activities and established his credibility as sincere worker. He served as Senior Citizen President Rajendranagar, President and Member of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar & Jagjivan Ram Jayanti celebration committees respectively, President and Convener of Bharat Sevak Samaj under Jawaharlal Nehru National Hut Union. Presently, he is a trustee member of Venkateswara Swami Temple, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. Mr.Jangaiah is not only a life member of RICAREA but also served on its Executive Committee.

Sri M.Jangaiah has one son and two daughters who are well settled. Currently, Sri Jangaiah and his wife Mrs. Sandamma are spending their devotional and peaceful life together.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri K. Jangaiah on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to S.Dr. V.S. Krishnamurty Chennubhotla



Dr. V.S. Krishnamurty Chennubhotla was born on 29th June, 1940 at Tirupati. He had his High School and Collegiate education at Rajahmundry and Kakinada. He did his post graduate studies from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in 1961 - 1963. He obtained Ph.D degree while in service from Calicut University, Kerala. Soon after post graduation, he joined Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute at and served in various capacities as. Assist. Research Officer, Scientist S-1, S-2 and Principal Scientist at Mandapam, Cochin, Calicut, Minicoy Island (Lakshadweep) and Vishakhapatnam. He was Scientist-in-Charge, Minicoy Research Centre of

C.M.F.R.I. Minicoy (Lakshadweep) for four years (1990 - 1994) and as Scientist-in-Charge, Research Centre of C.M.F.R.I. Visakhapatnam (1995 - 2000) in which position he superannuated and subsequently shifted to Hyderabad.

Dr Krishnamurty received advanced training course at Marine Sciences Centre, University of Philippines, Manila under FAO/UNDP Programme during 1981 and also in 1988 on Biotechnology of farming and post-harvest technology of marine algae. He served as faculty member for the post graduate programme in aquaculture of Cochin University of Science and Technology and also as guest faculty of Andhra University, Sri Venkateshwara University and Kerala University.

Dr Krishnamurty guided three Ph.D and two M.Sc. students of Cochin University of Science & Technology and published nearly 90 scientific papers in various national and international journals.

Dr Krishnamurty was a recipient of Aquaculture Award at "Indaqua-1993" from Marine Products Export Development Authority, Cochin, Govt. Of India. After his retirement he continued to serve as consultant to INCOIS and APARD, Hyderabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. V.S. Krishnamurty Chennubhotla on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr Mahabir Singh



Dr Mahabir Singh was born on 1st December, 1940 at Sona Arjunpur in Sharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. He had is collegiate education at GA degree college Rampur, Manhyaram, Agra University and Post graduate studies in Agricultural Extension from Agricultural College which is now Chandrasekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, in 1964. While in service he did his Ph.D from National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal and obtained the degree in the year 1995.

Dr Singh served as Technical officer at IARI, New Delhi from 1964 to 1972 and also held several other positions – Section Officer in Directorate of Horticulture, CPWD New Delhi; Research Investigator, NIRD, Hyderabad; Technical officer, Directorate of Oil Seeds Development, Hyderabad; Farm Radio officer & Head AIR, Shimla & New Delhi (1972-1976) National Dairy Research Institute. He worked at Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla as Scientist S-2 (1976-78) and at AICRP for Dryland Agriculture as Head Trainers training Centre and KVK (1978-85). He became Principal Scientist & Head, Communication and Transfer of Technology Centre Directorate of Rice research in 1988 from which position he retired in 2000.

Dr Singh during his career spanning over three and half decades was seriously involved in Extension Education, Communication and Transfer of Technology. He organized more than 189 training programs and seminar cum workshops and 459 training courses for farmers and women in farming in AICRP for Dryland Agriculture & CRIDA. At DRR he conducted close to 130 seminar cum workshops on Rice production, Integrated Pest Management; Integrated Nutrition Management and Improved Farm Implements.. He also subscribed effectively to the development of Museum on Transfer of Technology and organised exhibitions and Farmer's Day at CRIDA & DRR. Dr Singh authored several extension bulletins and popular articles and coauthored an important publication entitled "Innovative Training Approaches in Dry land Agriculture" published in 1986. Dr Singh received the best extension research worker award in the year 1999 from the Indian Society of Agricultural Extension in recognition of his service to extension agriculture and also from the University of Gulf, Canada for his presentation on Effective Video Communication - FOGO Approach, in 1986.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr Mahabir Singh on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family members a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri M. Mohana Rao



Sri M. Mohana Rao was born on 1st-July-1941. He had his schooling and collegiate education from Hindu College High School, and Hindu College, Guntur. Later he did graduate in commerce from Govt., Arts College, and Rajahmundry. Mr Mohan Rao started his career at CTRI, Rajahmundry as junior clerk in 1963 and continued till August, 1971. On promotion as Assistant Superintendent in September 1971 Mr Rao moved to CRIDA, Hyderabad and continued to serve CRIDA till the end of 1986. He was selected as Administrative Officer of N.B.S.S. & L.U.P Nagpur in January 1987, where he had a short stint. He was transferred to DRR, Hyderabad in July 1987 and

worked till 1992. On promotion as Senior Administrative Officer Mr Rao joined CRIDA in 1992 from which position he retired on 30th June, 2001

Sri Mohan Rao has three sons who are well settled. The eldest one is in Pharma- business in U.S. and the other two are software professionals.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri M. Mohan Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

Dated April 10, 2016

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Felicitation to Dr. P. Raghavaiah



Dr. P. Raghavaiah was born on 15 Aug 1940 in Uppalapadu village near Chilakaluripet, Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, in an Agricultural Family. Graduating from Hindu College, Machilipatnam obtained his Masters degree in Botany from Sagar University in the year, 1962.

Dr Raghavaiah started his research career at CRRI, Cuttack in 1962 and moved to Genetics Division of IARI, New Delhi in 1965 to work on quality aspects of wheat and rice. During the period 1965-72, he was involved in quality analyses of wheat & rice lines that were being tested in All India Coordinated Trials.

As a departmental candidate for Ph.D of Post graduate School, IARI, he carried out research on "Interspecific hybridization of wheat and triticale" and obtained Ph.D degree in 1977. As a result of vigorous research on quality parameters, he was instrumental in supporting the evolution of several HYV of wheat. He was seriously involved in i) Introduction of earliness, ii) Transfer of disease resistance genes, iii) Improvement of TKW and Protein, iv) Minimising the compensation effects of the yield components in wheat cultivars through use of various tetraploid and hexaploid species in breeding.

Dr Raghavaiah was the project leader of the project on "Genetic improvement and Breeding for high protein content under high yielding background" that resulted in identification of several high yielding genotypes with higher protein content sans reduction in TKW. These lines were extensively used in cross breeding for enhancing protein levels of HYV of wheat.

Dr Raghavaiah guided three M.Sc and seven Ph.D students and published about 30 research papers in wheat and rice. He presented eight papers in National conferences and seminars. He actively participated in organizing the XV International Congress of Genetics held at New Delhi.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr.P. Raghavaiah on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family members a long and healthy life.

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General Secretary



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Felicitation to Dr. P. Ranga Reddy



Dr. Pothireddy Rangareddy was born on June 1, 1940 in the village Papinenipalli of Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh. He obtained B.Sc degree in Botany, Zoology and Chemistry from Osmania University, Hyderabad and Masters degree in Botany in 1963 and Ph.D in 1973 from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Dr Ranga Reddy joined CRRI, Cuttack in 1963 and later moved to IARI, New Delhi in 1966. In the year 1972, he returned to CRRI, as Jr. Bacteriologist and worked relentlessly on bacterial diseases of rice. He continued his work on rice diseases and became Scientist, S-2 in 1976, Scientist, S-3 in 1982 and Principal Scientist in 1986. Dr Reddy served as Head, Department of Plant Pathology, CRRI from 1995 till his retirement on May 31, 2000.

Dr Reddy's research interests include i) host plant resistance against bacterial blight, bacterial leaf streak, blast and sheath blight diseases of rice as well as bacteriophages of bacterial blight and bacterial leaf streak pathogens ii) host plant nutrition on disease development iii) inheritance of disease resistance iv) disease epidemiology to understand spread pattern under field conditions. v) seed transmission of bacterial blight pathogen and vi) integrated disease management strategies.


Dr Reddy's work on bacterial blight disease has clearly elucidated the three phases of disease manifest and classification of different bacterial strains into pathotypes. Dr Reddy served as a programme leader of an International collaborative project on Systems analysis and simulation modelling for rice production sponsored by the Centre for Agrobiological studies and Wageningen Agricultural University, Wageningen, The Netherlands and the International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines. He visited Wageningen, The Netherlands, Philippines and several other countries including China, Thailand, Nepal and Bangladesh.

Dr Reddy published about 50 research papers in both national and international journals and participated in various seminars in India and abroad. He also guided doctoral students for Ph.D degree of Utkal University. One of his papers on epidemiology of bacterial blight disease was adjudged as the best and won the best paper award by the Indian Phytopathological Society in 1985. After his retirement in 2000, Dr Reddy continued to work till 2010 as a Principal Investigator of the project on "Bio fertilizer Production and extension" sponsored by the Andhra Pradesh- Netherlands Biotechnology Programme at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Rural Development, Gaddipalli, Nalgonda district.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. P. Ranga Reddy on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family a long and healthy life.

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General Secretary



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Felicitation to Dr. Venkateswara Rao Tummala



Dr. Tummala Venkateswara Rao, s/o Veeraraghavayya was born in an agricultural family on 6th June, 1940 at Madhirapadu, Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh. He had his graduation from Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, and obtained Master's degree in Science from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and later Ph.D from IARI, New Delhi. He joined IARI in 1970 as Senior Research Assistant in the Department of Agricultural Physics, and elevated to Scientist S-1, Scientist S-2 and became Principal Scientist in 1998 in which position he continued till retirement in 2000.

Dr T.V Rao carried out research on quantitative clay mineralogy of major soil types of India as related to physical behaviour and genesis-Physical properties of soils in relation to clay mineralogical composition-Modelling transport of water, nutrients and biocides in relation to soil physical condition- Monitoring crop growth and yield in relation to management practices using remote sensing techniques.

Dr Rao's research accomplishments are i) Development of Structural model for soil amorphous materials, ii) Substitution of iron for aluminium in the octahedral layer of soil kaolinites iii) Statistical models to determine soil moisture retention and availability and aggregation characteristics of soils from soil constituents iv) Weathering sequence of clay minerals based on mineralogy of soil fractions, and v) Monitoring crop growth and yield using Remote Sensing techniques.

As faculty member of Post Graduate School, IARI I, Dr. Rao offered courses in Advanced Soil Clay Mineralogy, Soil Mechanical Impedance and Soil Aeration in the discipline of Agricultural physics and took active interest in organising several training programmes held in the Division. Dr Rao guided several Post graduate students serving as chairman and member of their Advisory Committees. After his superannuation from IARI, New Delhi in 2000, he settled in Hyderabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr.T. Venkateswara Rao on completion of 75 years of age and wishes him and his family members a long and healthy life.

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General Secretary



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Felicitation to Sri A.M. Venkateswarlu



Sri A.M. Venkateswarlu hails from Aluru of Kumool district, Andhra Pradesh. He was born on 2.12.1940. After his school education he joined the Indian Army. He worked for 28 years in various military hospitals. He participated in 1962, 1965 and 1971, wars and worked in forward hospitals. During war period he despatched emergency first aid kits to the troops and saved the lives of many jawans and his services were appreciated by higher authorities.

He later joined NAARM as Pharmacist in the health centre and retired from ICAR service in December, 2000.

Sri A.M. Venkateswarlu is leading a peaceful life after his retirement and settled in Hyderabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri A.M. Venkateswarlu on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Vellanki Jaya Mohan Rao



Dr. Vellanki Jaya Mohan Rao was born on 25th February 1940 in a middle class agricultural family in Bhallapenumarru village, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. He obtained his B.Sc., (Ag) from Vikram University, Ujjain M.P. He passed M.Sc., Hons (Ag) with Agricultural Botany from Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur and stood first in the University. He obtained his Ph.D., in Genetics from Osmania University, Hyderabad. Dr. Rao's entire family is highly educated.

Dr. Jaya Mohan Rao joined ICAR-IARI Regional Research Station, in the year 1967 and worked as Research Assistant (Groundnut). In 1968 he was selected as Senior Research Assistant in PL-480 scheme on Collection and study of cultivated and wild races of rice from North East India. During this tenure he collected and evaluated 14,000 native cultivars of rice from North East India and was numbered as ARC No's (Assam Rice Collection No's).

In 1972 he was shifted to All India Sorghum Improvement Project and worked on Sorghum Breeding. He was involved in the development and release of the most popular sorghum Hybrid CSH-9 and 4 kharif and rabi sorghum hybrids and 4 open pollinated varieties. He was also involved in the inheritance studies through temperate and tropical crosses in sorghum for shoot fly, stem borer, midge, rust, downy mildew and quality of proteins and incorporated in sorghum breeding. He took voluntary retirement from ICAR in the year 1992 as Senior Scientist and got absorbed in APSSDC.

Dr. Jaya Mohan Rao as the Chief Scientist (1989 to 1996) in APSSDC was instrumental in producing substantial quantities of breeder seed of groundnut and castor varieties and parental lines of sorghum, bajra and VP-1 pistillate line of castor. He was the sponsored Breeder of ICRISAT to produce breeder seed of ICRISAT released varieties of groundnut and parental lines of ICRISAT released sorghum and bajra hybrids.

From 1996 to 2012 he worked in private seed sector in leading companies like Unicom Agri-Tech, Vibha Agro Tech, and Sriram Bioseeds, Pravardhan Seeds, and Nuziveedu Seeds in various capacities. He is versatile in the statutory requirements and regulatory systems related to seed. He took theory and practical classes to B.Sc., and M.Sc., students in Seed Technology at Nizam College, Hyderabad. He visited Atlanta, Durham Washington and California Universities in US.

Dr. Jaya Mohan Rao published 45 scientific papers and made more than 150 presentations. He got 14 awards and Certificates of appreciation to his credit and the notable ones are Best Scientist Award from Chamber of Federation and Commerce, Karshak Mitra Award from South Eastern Seed Corporation, Certificates of appreciation from USAID (PL480 Scheme), Board of Management of APSSDC and Sriram Bioseeds India Pvt Ltd.

Dr. Jaya Mohan Rao has one son and one daughter and they are well settled and he is currently leading a devotional and peaceful life with his wife Mrs. V. Sarada Devi in Hyderabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Founder member, Life Member and General Secretary Dr. Vellanki Jaya Mohan Rao on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

Date : March 15, 2015

Dr M.V.S. Sastry
Hon'y President

Prof K. Madhusudhana Rao
President



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Felicitation to Dr. Mallavarapu Koti Reddy



Dr. Mallavarapu Koti Reddy was born on March, 9, 1940 at Karumanchi village, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh State. He did his B.Sc., (B.Z.C) at V.R. College, Nellore in the year 1960 and B.Sc., (Ag) from Agricultural College, Bapatla in the year 1964. He did his M.Sc., (Ag) in Agricultural Micro Biology in the year 1967 and Ph.D., from Annamalai University. Dr.Koti Reddy is a meritorious student and a rank holder all through his educational carrier.

Dr. Koti Reddy retired as a Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) from ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (Formerly Directorate of Sorghum Research).

During the course of 33 years of professional career Dr.Koti Reddy was involved in various research assignments like analysis of fertilizers for quality certification, isolation of Rhizobia sp. from different pulse crops and testing their efficacy in fixing atmospheric nitrogen to supply better strains of bacterial cultures. At CPCRI, he worked on areca nut, cacao, cashew and coconut diseases and helped in their enhanced crop yields. Later he moved to the ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad and worked for over 19 years on crop diseases of sorghum and groundnut. Promising good genotypes have been identified in both the crops which were later used in the breeding programmes. An ad-hoc research project on 'Epidemiology and biological control of sorghum grain molds disease was sanctioned by ICAR for which Dr.Koti Reddy was the Principal Investigator.

Dr.M.Koti Reddy along with his colleagues authored a book entitled "A study on certain bio-chemical and physiological changes in resistant and susceptible rice following infection by blast and bacterial blight pathogens". He published 105 research papers in various reputed national and international journals. He participated in a number of meetings, seminars, workshops of scientific importance. He gave a number of radio talks and attended farmers' meet and field days and gave useful tips for controlling diseases and increased crop yields. He was also involved in teaching and took classes on pathological aspects of crops to Agricultural graduate students and imparted training to different persons of various organizations for obtaining high quality produce of various crops. Dr. M. Koti Reddy was superannuated in the year 2000. He has a son and a daughter and he is leading a peaceful life in Hyderabad along with his wife.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr.Mallavarapu Koti Reddy on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long and healthy life.

Date : March 15, 2015

V. Jayaraman Rao

Dr V. Jaya Mohan Rao
General Secretary

K. Madhusudhana Rao

Prof K. Madhusudhana Rao
President



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Felicitation to Dr. Kothakonda Krishnaiah



Dr. Kothakonda Krishnaiah was born on 5th February 1940 in Perka Kondaram village in Nalgonda district, Telangana state. He had his graduation in Agriculture from Osmania University in 1964 and M.Sc., and Ph.D., from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (1964 to 1970). He worked at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (Formerly Directorate of Rice Research) and ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research in different positions for 32 years, organizing research, research management and technology transfer and training programmes, and retired as Project Director of the Directorate of Rice Research in the year 2000.

Dr. Krishnaiah identified genetic resources of resistance in rice and extended collaboration in the development of insect pest resistant varieties. Through operational research, he developed and implemented location specific IPM packages and solved the problems of the pest endemic areas of Andhra Pradesh. Trained extension personnel and farmers in the adopted areas in improved technologies that enabled increasing their farm productivity and profitability. He was also involved in coordinating and guiding national level entomological programmes. He guided three Ph.D., students in Entomology.

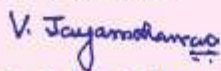
As Project Director, DRR, he provided direction to the national rice research programme. During his tenure as many as 110 rice varieties/hybrids were released and development of several management and protection technologies through the national programme that contributed to the national rice productivity. There was significant improvement in the DRR infrastructure and also received the Best Institute award. Dr. Krishnaiah was awarded Hyderabad Farmers Gold medal by Osmania University and Golden Jubilee Medal and Guru Prasad Pradhan Gold Medal by IARI, Best research paper prizes, Dr. Bap Reddy National Award for promoting IPM technology. Received recognition and felicitations by the Farmer communities in Guntur and Warangal districts and Kakani Venkat Ratnam Foundation.

He had the opportunity to serve in different professional bodies, important among them being: President of Plant Protection Association of India and of RICAREA; member of ANGRAU Management committee and member of IRRI consortia on Irrigated Rice and Integrated Pest Management; and chairman of Research Advisory Committee of Rural Development Institute. During post retirement period for the past 15 years he was engaged in FAO short term assignments in India, Indonesia and East Timor; consultancy /advisory/ facilitator role to national seed companies like Nagarjuna Fertilizer and Chemicals Limited, Ganga Kaveri seeds Private Limited; international organizations/company like Natural Resource Institute, Exposit, U.K. besides serving non-government organizations involved in rural development.

He visited a number of countries – USSR, U.K. U.S.A., China, Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam and East Timor in connection with consultancies, study tours, training and participation in the international conferences and committees. He has over 130 publications including research papers, reviews, and book chapters, Proceedings, Popular articles and extension bulletins.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member and former president of RICAREA Dr. Kothakonda Krishnaiah on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri N.S. Murty



Sri N.S. Murty was born on 2nd January 1940 in Kollur Village, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh State. He had his school and college education in Machilipatnam and graduated in Mathematics from Andhra University and did post-graduation in Statistics in 1961 from Karnataka University, Dharwad. He obtained a two year post-graduate diploma in Agricultural & Animal husbandry Statistics from IASRI (ICAR), New Delhi.

Sri N.S. Murty taught courses to UG and PG level students at GB Pant University, Pant Nagar from 1966 to 1976. He did his M.S., in Mathematical Statistics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA in 1971.

Sri N.S. Murty joined ARS in the first batch during 1976 at ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute and retired as Principal Scientist. During this period he suggested optimum plot size for tobacco experiments, prepared computer algorithms for field experimental designs, estimation of tobacco yield losses due to pests, yield estimation through biometric characters, developed Grade Index formula for the quality of FCV tobacco in black soils.

Sri N.S. Murty published 35 research papers in National and International journals.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri. N.S. Murty on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri A. V. Prabhakar Rao



Sri A. V. Prabhakar Rao was born on 25th August, 1939 at Devaadi in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh State.

Sri Prabhakar Rao joined the ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barackpur, West Bengal in 1962. During 1977-1980 he was deputed to APAU as Deputy Director, All India Coordinated Research Project on Shrimp Culture.

Sri Prabhakar Rao retired as Principal Scientist and Head, Crustacean Culture Division from CIBA, Chennai with 11 years experience in capture fisheries and 20 years in Aquaculture.

Sri Prabhakar Rao joined ITC as R & D consultant at Chennai. Worked as Fisheries Expert in World Bank aided project in Sulawesi, Indonesia on enhancement of Shrimp Production in 'Tambaks' through improved water management and culture practice.

Currently Sri Prabhakar Rao is settled at Payakaraopeta, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and spending a peaceful life.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Shri A.V. Prabhakar Rao, on Completion of 75 years of his age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Gudavalli Rama Prasad



Sri Gudavalli Rama Prasad was born on 5th December 1939 in a middle class agricultural family in Mudinepalli village, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh State. He passed M.Sc., (Zoology) with Entomology as a special subject in First Division from the University of Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

He joined ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute as Entomological Assistant on February 25, 1964. He worked in various capacities and retired as Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Crop Protection on December 31, 1999. He has made significant contributions in the field of tobacco crop protection and played a key role in evolving suitable IPM modules for tobacco pests which have been

well adopted by farmers and facilitated production of pesticide residue-free quality tobacco acceptable in the International market. He carried out pioneering research work on use of neem for eco-friendly pest management, biological control work, and identification of *N. gossei* as resistant to green peach aphid, *Myzus persicae* which was used for breeding for resistance to aphids.

He has successfully implemented Mission Mode Project of DBT "Development, production and demonstration of Biological Control agents under IPM" under which 4132 ha of tobacco, cotton, chillies, groundnut and redgram crops were covered. He was also the co-investigator of a DBT project "Breeding Tobacco Varieties for Biotic Stresses". He took active participation in organizing the National Symposium on Botanical Pesticides in IPM in 1990 and World Neem Conference in 1993. He was deputed to Nepal by ICAR during 1998 to advise the tobacco farmers regarding management of leaf curl virus disease.

He has published 65 research papers and received Dr. G. J. Patel Award and Dr. G. S. Murthy Award for his outstanding contributions in tobacco crop protection and crop Improvement. In recognition of his scientific contributions he was elected as Fellow of Plant Protection Association of India and Indian Society of Tobacco Science.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri Gudavalli Rama Prasad on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri C.K. Ramanatha Chetty



Sri C.K. Ramanatha Chetty was born on 23rd October 1939 in Bellary, Karnataka State. He had his M.Sc., (Statistics) from Mysore University, Mysore, Karnataka State and got a Gold Medal.

Sri C.K. Ramanatha Chetty had a distinguished research career as Statistician for three decades in ICAR service and his path breaking research work in the fields of Field Plot Techniques, Inter cropping and Agro forestry have been published in reputed journals of UK and USA. "Staple land Equivalent Ratio (SLER)" developed by him for analysis of Intercropping experiments has been recognized worldwide. He is one of the four Statisticians who have made useful

contributions in the field of Design and analysis of experiments in Agro Forestry.

Sri C.K. Ramanatha Chetty as a statistician in ICAR raised his own crops in experimental farms and used to make regular visits to farms and collected data for arriving at the optimum plot size and shape under dryland conditions for various crops.

Sri C.K. Ramanatha Chetty acted as Director of ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture for a period of one and a half year and during this tenure visited Canada, Kenya, Mali and Zimbabwe as member of High Level Delegations of the Government of India.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri C.K. Ramanatha Chetty on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Changanti Bala Bhadra Sarma



Sri Changanti Bala Bhadra Sarma was born at Yellakurru village in Krishna District on 14th August, 1939. He has four daughters and one son all of whom are well settled in their life. After completing graduation with B.Sc., (Botany) from Hindu College, Machilipatnam, he joined as Demonstrator in Botany at S.S.N College, Narsaraopet in 1959. Later, he joined ICAR - Central Tobacco Research Institute in 1980 as a Field Man and rose to Junior Field Assistant in 1961. He was promoted as Field Assistant in 1962 in West Germany Project. Subsequently, he was transferred to Transfer of Technology and later to Plant Physiology section in 1968 under Dr. N.L. Paul and worked for about 18 years.

He was promoted as Seed Production Officer and Assistant Farm Superintendent in his career. Lastly at the fag end of his retirement in April, 1989, he joined the Scientific Coordination Section as Technical Officer (T6).

Sri Sharma co-authored in 18 research papers and he was recipient of Gold Medal of Sri Devappa Award - 1995 along with Dr. P. Harish Kumar and others. He was actively associated in various cultural activities of CTRI and worked as Secretary of Tobacco club and Staff Council for two years; He also acted as Vice President of the CTRI Cooperative Credit Society.

Sri Chaganti Bala Bhadra Sharma is well settled and staying at his native village along with his wife Smt. Sarada Devi and is leading a devotional and peaceful life.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri Chaganti Bala Bhadra Sharma on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Shri Niwas Sharma



Sri Shri Niwas Sharma was born on 1st March 1939 in Birnagar village, Aligarh District, Uttar Pradesh State. He had his M.Tech., (Agri-Engg) in the field of Watershed Hydrology at Pantnagar.

Sri Shri Niwas Sharma started his professional carrier as soil conservation Engineer, Government of Rajasthan. Later he joined as Assistant Hydrologist at Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur. He has also served at the Soil Conservation Centers at Ooty and Kota.

Subsequently Sri Shri Niwas Sharma joined ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad and held the posts of Senior Scientist and Principal Scientist and headed the Resources Division and retired on 28th February, 1999.

Sri Shri Niwas Sharma is currently settled in Hyderabad and is leading a peaceful life.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri Shri Niwas Sharma on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Chilukuri Subba Rao



Dr. Chilukuri Subba Rao was born on 1st June, 1939 at Achanta, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh State. He had his M. Stat., from I.S.S., Agro University, Agra, P.S.C.C and P.G. Diploma in Agricultural Statistics from IASRI, New Delhi and Ph.D., from Osmania University, Hyderabad. He joined as Research Assistant in 1968 and rose to Assistant Statistician at Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack, Odisha State. Later on he joined as Scientist S-1 in 1975 and as Scientist S-2 (Senior Scientist) in 1983 and as Principal Scientist from 1998 - 1999 and retired on 31st March, 1999 from ICAR service.

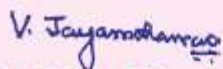
Dr. C. Subba Rao had an outstanding research career. His main research work was in rice breeding. The probability method of selection based on Unit Weight Index (UWI) was developed, which results in more productive genotypes with reduced drudgery and cost. Crop production was estimated by conducting crop cut experiments of size 25 m² plots. On introduction of cultivation of high yielding varieties and better cultural practices the crop cut experiments were to be reoriented. It was found that for fixed cost a reduction in plot size from 25 m² to 16 m², increased 25% gain in efficiency.

Like coefficient of variability (CV), a simple and practicable measure viz., Coefficient of Stability (CS) for cultivar selection from multi-locational trials was developed and this method was found effective by breeders who used it to make selection for release of a variety. He developed a methodology for analyzing both quantitative and qualitative data viz., (1) grain yield (2) physiochemical characters and (3) panel test scores was developed for export quality high yield Basmati rice. As this method was simple in aiding a quick assessment of large numbers of genotypes, it has been routinely adopted. In rice breeding in place of harvest index (HI) a selection method with high translocation of photosynthates to all spike lets has been developed.

As a team associate of NARP projects he has clearly demonstrated the absence of any yield improvement in AICRIP and in the international experiments made during 1975-97. He suggested a regrouping of rice habitats into four mega-environments: (1) rain fed unfavorable uplands requiring varieties with photo insensitivity and very early maturity (< 90 days); (2) rain fed favorable uplands and irrigated areas requiring varieties with photo insensitivity and early maturity (90-110 days); (3) irrigated areas requiring varieties with photo insensitivity and medium maturity (120-135 days); and (4) rain fed lowlands requiring varieties with photosensitivity or insensitivity and late maturity (> 140 days).

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Chilukuri Subba Rao on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri M. Umamaheswara Rao



Sri M. Umamaheswara Rao, a Retired Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Crop Production, ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, was born on 30th October, 1939 at Chirala, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. He started his career as a research Assistant and served at various research stations of CTRI in India. He is a B.Sc., (Ag) graduate from the Agricultural College, Bapatla and M.Sc., (Ag) from G.A.U. Anand.

He has developed package of practices for improving yield, quality and economic returns to the FCV tobacco and helped the lot of farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

Sri Umamaheswara Rao identified tobacco based cropping systems and alternate crops to FCV tobacco in different agro-climatic zones of Andhra Pradesh. He introduced Burley tobacco cultivation in tribal agency areas of East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. Studies were made in Post harvest technology and energy management to save fuel economy in curing of FCV tobacco.

He is happily settled and leading a peaceful life with his wife in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh State.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri M. Umamaheswara Rao on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to *Dr. Ayyagari Veerabhadru*



Dr. Ayyagari Veerabhadru was born on 3rd September, 1939 into a farmer's family at Ponnamanda village of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. He received in 1961 B.Sc., degree from Andhra University. Studied in Bangalore during 1962-66 and received a B.V.Sc., degree. He received the M.V.Sc., and Ph.D., degrees from the Agra University in 69 and 1978 respectively. He was trained in chicken blood-group studies at Iowa State University, in U.S.A., during 1974-75.

He served as a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in Andhra Pradesh during 1966-67. In 1969 he joined the ICAR, as a Research Assistant at IVRI, Izatnagar. He became Junior Poultry Geneticist in 1971. He was Scientist-2 during 1976-1983 and Scientist-3 during 1983-1986 and became a Principal Scientist in 1986. He joined the Project Directorate on Poultry in June, 1988 and also acted as its in-charge Project Director during 1995-97. He became its Project Director in February 1997 and retired on June 30, 1999.

He received the Mysore Feeds Pvt., Ltd., Gold Medal in 1967 from U.S., Bangalore. In 1984 he shared the Hari Om Ashram Trust Award in Agriculture. In the year 2001, he received Dr.C. Krishna Rao Endowment trust award for his scientific achievements. He was on the editorial board of Indian Poultry Science Journal during 1984-88. His research work resulted in developing a layer cross suitable for commercial exploitation. The said cross designated as ILI 80 was later released for commercial exploitation. It was commercialized by a private breeding company from Coimbatore with a brand name LONG LAY ILI 80.

He developed a coloured germplasm named as VANARAJA for rural poultry production. He designed, during 1997-99, an appropriate dual purpose cross under a revolving fund scheme of ICAR at Kerala Agricultural University at Mannuthy. They named it as GRAMAPRIYA.

Currently he is involved in Agriculture and settled at his native place Pulletikurru and spending a holy and devotional life with his wife Smt. Laxmi and two sons and a granddaughter.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr. Ayyagari Veerabhadru on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Valluri Venkatacharyulu



Sri Valluri Venkatacharyulu was born at Korukollu Village, Bhimavaram Taluk in West Godavari District on 1st August, 1939. He hails from a middle class family. He studied up to Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC). Initially he joined in Public Works Department (PWD) and worked for four years from 1960 - 1964. In the year 1964, he joined ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry and worked for 12 years as Tractor Driver in the farm section. Later in the year 1976 he was shifted to CTRI Research Station, Guntur and worked for four years in the same capacity. Again he was transferred back to Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry in year 1980 and retired on 31st August, 1999.

Sri Valluri Venkatacharyulu during 35 years of his ICAR service devoted himself to the cause of his work and got appreciations from different Directors, Senior Officials and staff of Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry and Guntur for his sincere and devoted service.

Sri Valluri Venkatacharyulu is well settled at Rajahmundry and is leading a devotional and peaceful life.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri Valluri Venkatacharyulu on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta



Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta, a native of Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh got his M.Sc., from Banaras Hindu University and Ph.D., from the University of Calcutta. Dr. Vijay Gupta started his career in 1962 with ICAR and his path breaking research in early 1970s resulted in uncovering new aquaculture technologies targeted at the resource poor farmers. Dr. Gupta is the first person in India to break the yield barrier in aquaculture using agriculture wastes and by-products. This has revolutionized aquaculture development in India and laid the foundation for "Blue Revolution".

From 1977 to 2008, Dr. Gupta worked with various UN agencies such as FAO, UN-ESCAP, UNDP, World Fish Center of CGIAR as Fisheries Expert in different countries of Asia, Africa and Pacific overseeing projects in over 20 countries. His pioneering work in all these countries resulted in scientific breakthroughs as well as practices with involvement of rural women. As Research Coordinator of International Network on Genetics in Aquaculture (INGA), Dr. Vijay Gupta was responsible for initiating and coordinating aquaculture genetics research in Bangladesh, China, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malawi, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.

Dr. Vijay Gupta has been Consultant to a number of international organizations such as: The World Bank, The ADB, UNDP, FAO, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Australian Agency for International Development (Aus AID), USAID, Commonwealth Secretariat, Agriculture Research Center of The Netherlands, Mekong River Commission, World Fish Center, Malaysia, Member, High Level Panel of Experts of Committee on World Food Security.

Honours / awards received :

- World Food Prize, considered as Nobel Prize in Food and Agriculture. Only person in the world in the fisheries sector to receive this honour;
- Honorary D.Sc., degree from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology;
- Honorary D.Sc., degree from Central Institute of Fisheries Education (Deemed University);
- Gold Medal from the Asian Fisheries Society, Malaysia;
- Honorary Life Member Award from the World Aquaculture Society, USA;
- Outstanding Team Research Award from ICAR;
- Eminent Agriculture Scientist Award from Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- Honorary Fellow of a large number of Scientific Associations;

Dr. Vijay Gupta continues to advise ICAR, Agricultural Universities and other organizations as Chair/ Member of various committees.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him a long, peaceful and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Tanakala Vishnumurthy



Dr. Tanakala Vishnumurthy was born on 1st July, 1939 in the village Nivagam, Kottur Mandal, Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh state. He had his B.Sc., (Ag) from Andhra University in the year 1960 and did his M.Sc., (Ag) from A.P.Agricultural University, Hyderabad in Agronomy and stood first in the University and was awarded HEH Nizam's Gold Medal for the highest OGPA. He got his Ph.D., in Agronomy in 1980 from Post Graduate School, IARI-New Delhi. He was awarded ICAR Junior and Senior Fellowships for M.Sc., (Ag) & Ph.D., Studies. He passed the 1st ARS Examination in 1976 with 4th Rank in Agronomy out of 32 candidates selected.

Dr. Vishnumurthy joined in service as Farm Manager and Farm Superintendent at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University and worked from 1968-69 and was responsible for testing of new plant materials in cotton, greengram, blackgram. Later he joined as Officer-in-Charge (Farms) at All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture and Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture for 12 years out of the total service of 22 years at CRIDA.

Dr. Vishnumurthy worked as Head (TOT), ICAR-CRIDA and conducted training programmes on dryland agriculture, soil and water conservation measures, integrated watershed management and conducted 15 courses and trained 280 persons of State Department of Agriculture. He was associated in the first micro-watershed planned by CRIDA was executed at Ranga Reddy district. He was responsible in the planning, execution and establishing a sub-watershed of 45 ha. He was also associated in the model watershed programme which was launched by Government of India, ICAR and SAU. He was also in charge of model watershed programs in the states of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Dr. Vishnumurthy also conducted training programmes for the officials of Panchayatraj and Rural Development, Department of Andhra Pradesh. He was a resource person on watershed to IAS trainees at Lalbahadur Sastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie in 1991 and to All India Radio, Doordarshan, Hyderabad on watershed programmes. He was also involved in research projects both in the farm and farmers fields on intercropping systems of sorghum with cluster bean, seeding devices, optimum time of sowing and special problems like control of die-back in castor and striga management in sorghum in drylands. In his post retirement, he worked with NGO and Consultant in UNDP from 2000 to 2004. Dr. Vishnumurthy published a total number of 31 papers.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Dr. Tanakala Vishnumurthy on completion of 75 years of his age and wishes him long, peaceful and healthy life.

Date : March 15, 2015

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Felicitation to Sri. Annapantula Bhadrachalam



Sri. Annapantula Bhadrachalam was born on 15-07-1938 at KindamAgraharam, Vijayanagaram District, Andhra Pradesh State. He obtained his Masters Degree (MS) in Soil Science from the college of Agriculture, Philippines, University of Philippines.

Sri. Bhadrachalam joined Central Rice Research Institute (CRRRI), Cuttack as Senior Scientific Officer on 14-06-1961 and retired from the same institute as Principal Scientist on 31-07-1998.

During a span of 37 years in Soil Science research he has specialized in Soil borne diseases in Rice. He published more than 40 Research papers in National and International Journals.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Sri. Annapantula Bhadrachalam on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

Dated March 09, 2014

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Felicitation to Dr. Paritala Jagannadha Rao



Dr. Paritala Jagannadha Rao was born at Paritala Village, Kanchikacharla Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh State on 01-07-1938. He had his Primary Education in Paritala Village and passed his S.S.L.C from Kanchikacharla High School and studied Intermediate at Andhra Christian College, Guntur (A.P) and then had his B.Sc (1958) and M.Sc (1960) from Osmania University. He obtained his Ph.D from Post Graduate School, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi.

After obtaining his Ph.D he worked as a lecturer in Zoology for 1 ½ years (From October, 1960 to February, 1962) at Govt. Arts and Science College, Khammam. He joined Division of Entomology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in February, 1962 and continued in the same institute till superannuation on 30-06-1998. During this period he worked in different capacities as a faculty member and retired as Principal Scientist (Inset Physiology).

Dr. Rao was invited by Max Planck Organization to work at Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry, Munchen, Germany to work as Guest Scientist for three years at (i). Biopterin Transport in a Protozoan, *Crithidia fasciculata* (ii). Caste determination in honeybees and (iii) Neem (*Azadirachta indica*) as plant protection properties. As a Faculty Member of Post Graduate School, (IARI) guided 10 students for their Doctorate Degree and one for M.Sc degree. He participated in many National and International conferences in Germany, Netherlands and UK and presented papers as a subject expert invited by B.A.R.C, C.S.I.R, A.S.R.B and many national universities.

Dr. Rao worked as an evaluator of scientific projects for UGC, DST, DBT, ICAR and CSIR. Referee to many scientific journals of both national and international importance presided scientific scissions and worked as a Member of Research Advisory Committee of National Center for Integrated Pest Management (NCIPM) for 2 years.

Dr. Rao published research articles in both National and International journals and contributed articles to books.

Dr. Jagannadha Rao was Associate Warden of P.G. School, IARI, Officer-in-charge of Sindhu and Godavari Guest houses of IARI.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Dr. Paritala Jagannadha Rao on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Kotamarti Krishna Rao



Sri. Kotamarti Krishna Rao Retired Principal Scientist, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi was born on 2nd may, 1934 at Maddikira, Kurnool district Andhra Pradesh.

After obtaining M.Sc degree in statistics from Andhra University in 1956, Sri Krishna Rao joined as a Research Assistant (statistics) at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Mandapam camp (Tamil nadu) in December, 1956. On selection by U.P.S.C., he joined as Assistant Research Officer (statistics) at Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin, in October 1963. He Retired as Principal Scientist from the same department on 1st January, 1994. He had 40 years of experience In designing of experiments and analysis and interpretation of experimental data in the field of fisheries statistics. He published fifty publications.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Sri. Krishna Rao on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri. Kattula Lakshminarasayya



Shri. Kattula Lakshminarasayya a Retired Technical Officer, Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry was born on 20-05-1938 at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh State. He was graduated from Andhra University in April 1958 in B.Sc degree in chemistry.

He Joined CTRI in 1959 as Junior Scientific Assistant and Retired as technical Officer T6 on 31-05-1998 after 39 years of devoted service in Crop Chemistry Division. During his carrier he was associated on the uptake pattern of macro and micro nutrients at different stages of growth and monitored the pesticide residues of samples of flue cured tobacco from different areas.

He participate in Summer Institute for 3 months at Gujarat Agricultural University (GAU), Anand in 1973 and 3 months training in Pesticide residue analysis in Central Plant Protection Institute (CPPTI) Rajendranagar, Hyderabad in 1990.

Shri.Kattula Lakshminarasayya was Co-author of 11 Research papers published in journals of National repute.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Shri. Kattula Lakshminarasayya on his completion of 75years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to G. Narayanappa



Sri. G. Narayanappa was born at Alamuru village near Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh State on 10-06-1938. After graduation Sri. Narayanappa took his M.Sc degree in Zoology from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh State.

He served as faculty member of Zoology department of Govt. Arts College, Rajahmundry for one year. He joined Central Rice Research Institute of fisheries (CIFT), Cochin on 30-01-1964. Since then worked at Kakinada, Burla, Goa and Visakhapatnam research centers of CIFT and retired on 30-06-1998 as Principal scientist.

During his service, research work was carried on projects related to fisheries technology, in particular on Fishing technology. Around 30 publications were brought out on different technological aspects of Bottam Trawl nets of marine waters and Gillnets for reservoir waters.

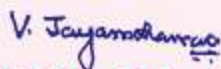
As scientist in charge of Kakinada, Burla, Goa and Visakhapatnam research centers of CIFT he guided and managed the research projects taken up by these centers.

Sri. Narayanappa served as member of Board of Examiners in GEAR Technology of Fisheries Training Institute Consultative Committee, Govt of Andhra Pradesh Kakinada as a member of Consultative Committee of Fisheries Survey of India, Mumbai.

Took active part in the group meetings at Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Goa and Kolkata of FSI Regional Centers.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Shri. G. Narayanappa on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Shri. G. Pandu Ranga Rao



Shri. G. Pandu Ranga Rao was born in the Village Chavali, Vemuru Mandalam, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh State on 1-7-1938. Initially he joined in Chemistry Section on 09-03-1962 and worked under Shri. B. Appaji Rao till 1969.

In 1969 he was shifted to USAID (PL 480) Scheme for the outstanding work done on "Collection and study of cultivated and wild rice from North East India and their Utilization in the Breeding Programs". During this period he was associated with Dr. S.D. Sarma and Dr. V. Jaya Mohan Rao and visited the states of Assam, Garo Hills, Mizoram and other states in North East India in the collection program of cultivated and wild rice. He was instrumental in planting and evaluation and Data recording the characters at Hyderabad for preparing the catalogue and the cultivars are named as ARC No's and worked up to 1971.

In the year 1971 after the completion of USAID (PL 480) Scheme he was shifted to Oilseeds, in Plant Breeding Section and worked under Shri. G. Ankineedu and Dr. M.V.R. Prasad till 1981. During this period he gained thorough knowledge in selfing and crossing programs and handled the breeding programs of the varietal and hybrids development programs and ably assisted and gained appreciation from his superiors.

From 1981 till his retirement on 30-6-1998 he joined the pulses (Arhar) and Sweet Sorghum programs under worked under Dr.S. Bala Ravi.

Shri. Pandu Ranga Rao is a very good Kabadi player and athlete and a key sports men and represented Directorate of Sorghum Research in the ICAR South Zone sports meet for several years.

He is a sincere, honest, humble and willing worker.

Shri. Pandu Ranga Rao retired as Technical Officer, T-5 on 30-6-1998.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Shri. G. Pandu Ranga Rao on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri K.V. Ramana Murthy



Sri K.V. Ramana Murthy Retired Assistant Administrative Officer, Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry was born at Amalapuram, East Godavari District, A. P. State on 30-10-1938. He served in various capacities in the Administrative cadre for 38 years at CTRI Rajahmundry and retired on 31-10-1996. He received The Best Administrative Worker for the year 1996 from CTRI, Rajahmundry.

After retirement Sri. Ramana Murthy was involved in various cultural activities as Honorary Assistant Treasurer, Dharmamchara Community Hall, (Gandh Puram, Prakasam Nagar Cultural Association), Prakasam Nagar, Rajahmundry.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri K.V. Ramana Murthy on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Veerapaneni Ranga Rao

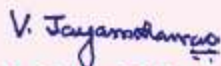


Dr. V. Ranga Rao was born on 7th March 1939 in the village Kallur of Huzurnagar Taluq, Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh. He is a graduate in Agriculture from the Agricultural College, Bapatla (1960-63) and obtained his Masters Degree in Agriculture Botany (Genetics & Plant Breeding) from ANGRAU, Rajendranagar (1965) & Ph.D in Genetics & Plant Breeding (1968) from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He is the top ranker throughout his academics and is the recipient of numerous trophies and medals for excellence in academic as well as extracurricular activities. During his Professional career spanning over more than four decades, Dr. Rao had the unique distinction of working in a widely divergent organizations & sectors representing international (Rockefeller Foundation, N. Delhi: 1969-mid 1970), Public (ICAR: July 1970 to Dec 1991) as well as Corporate Agribusiness sectors (1992-2013) namely Seed Business & Crop Development, (ITC Agribusiness Division: 1992-98) & the Regional Farm Media (Ramoji Easadu Group: 2000-13). Prior to joining ICAR services, Dr. Rao

worked with the wheat program of Rockefeller Foundation, N. Delhi for around 2 years. His stint with ICAR started in mid 1970 at the Soil Conservation Research Centre, Bellary (Karnataka) as Plant Breeder, All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Dry land Agriculture. In his 21 years of service with ICAR, Dr. Rao occupied a number of important positions namely Principal Scientist & IC Agronomist (Dry land project, Bellary (1970-May 81), Project Co-ordinator (Safflower), All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Oilseeds, Sholapur (May 1981- July 86) & Project Director (Oilseeds) of the undivided Directorate of Oilseeds Research i.e. before its fragmentation (July 1986- 02 December 91). Thereafter in early 1992, he moved into the Corporate agri-business sector first as Executive Vice President and Head, Seed business of one of the country's leading corporate houses namely ITC-Agri-business division, Secunderabad (1992-98) & then to the regional Farm Print & Electronic Media of the prestigious Ramoji Group as its Chief Operating Officer (2000-may 2014). Dr. Rao left an indelible mark in whatever positions he held, be it the development of appropriate & relevant cost effective & implementable technologies for rain fed vertisols of Deccan plateau & their large scale transfer to farmers fields or streamlining the researches on war footing & the un-folding of the hitherto hidden potentials of safflower as sole, mixed & sequential crop for stepping up the yields & incomes of dry land farmers or steering the country's R&D in oilseeds in the latter's most crucial & challenging times i.e. 80s & galvanizing the country's largest co-ordinated crop research networks namely the then integrated AICORPO & its nodal head quarters, DOR on time bound mission mode towards the attainment of the ultimate goal of self reliance in vegetable oils as envisaged by TMO, the first ever of its kind in the country or the removal of the widespread skepticism in the minds of country's policy makers, administrators, developmental agencies & farmers about the available indigenous technological capabilities & their true potentials at the field level through the launch of large scale macro on-farm trials across geographies & diverse agro-ecological and crop growing situations in the country or laying the foundation for strong industry-institutional linkages in the crucial domestic oilseed sector or in leveraging the powerful regional print & electronic media for the empowerment of farmers with state of art skills, know-how, technologies, information, real farm experiences through the twin regional platforms namely "ANNADATA" Print (4 languages) & electronic (10 regional channels) and "JAIKISAN" (ETV-2) of Easadu group in the domain of on farm & off-farm fronts, respectively and building them into strong pan - India (ANNADATA) & state wide most popular & reputed brands (JAIKISAN) or the launch of low cost multi -lingual & multi-state educational series of DVD's/VCD's for farmers which have since become very popular with all stakeholders connected to farming across the country. To date, Dr. Rao has more than 200 research & popular publications (reputed national & international journals) to his credit, besides numerous bulletins & special presentations at national & international seminars/conferences on diverse fields related to rain fed farming (vertisols), oil crop improvement & production, lab-land TOT, farm media etc. He is widely travelled and actively involved in a number of international consultancies/ assignments (FAO/UNDP/IDRC) & external collaborative projects (INDO-USSR, INDO-SWISS, INDO-IDRC ETC) related to the oilseeds sector.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Dr. Ranga Rao on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri. A.V. Rao



Sri A.V. Rao was born on 5-9-1938 at Vijayawada Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh State. He obtained his Master's Degree in Statistics from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad and Diploma in Agricultural Statistics: I.A.S.R.I, I.C.A.R, New Delhi (1964)

Sri Rao joined as Research Apprentice at I.A.S.R.I, I.C.A.R, New Delhi (1964-1967).

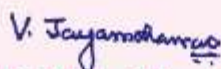
Later Sri Rao served as Assistant Statistician : Agricultural Experimental Station, University of Udaipur, Udaipur, Rajasthan State (1967-1972).

He joined the Directorate of Rice Research, (I.C.A.R), Rajendrangagar, Hyderabad In 1972 as . Statistician: and Retired as .Principal Scientist, Statistics: in 1998.

He published 20 Research papers in National and International Journals.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Sri.A.V.Rao on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Kotipalli Satyanarayana Rao



Dr. Kotipalli Satyanarayana Rao, Retired Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi was born on 20-05-1938 at Chennai. After his M.Sc Degree in Zoology through Pachaipappa's College, Chennai and getting Ph.D in Zoology from University of Chennai in 1996 by research in the University Zoological Research Laboratory, Chennai he joined Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and involved in various research projects in marine capture and culture fisheries during a span of over 33 years.

Dr. Rao carried out studies and developed methods of culture of the esteemed Indian oyster, *Crassostrea madagascariensis* and the clam, *Metrixa casta* which are economically important self shellfishes. Cultured the green mussel, *Perna viridis* by pole culture and rack culture methods in estuaries in Chennai area.

He studied the biological and ecological aspects of the bivalve molluscs. He surveyed and assessed the stocks of oyster resources of the estuaries of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Kerala. Identified sites suitable for conducting oyster farming along the coasts of the three states. Carried out comprehensive detailed studies on the regional, gear wise and seasonal fisheries of cephalopods, squids, cuttlefishes and octopods biological aspects of the members of the three groups and standing stocks of commercially important squids and cuttlefishes which earn huge foreign exchange through exports.

Dr. Rao visited Japan during December, 1987 – April 1998 on deputation programme sponsored by Japan Society for Promotion of Science (J.S.P.S), Tokyo and studied the researches on culture techniques for marine molluscs and commercial cephalopod fisheries in different places in Japan.

Dr. Satyanarayana Rao published over one hundred research articles. He retired as Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) during May, 1998.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Dr. Kotipalli Satyanarayana Rao on his completion of 75 years of age and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Madabhushi Seshachari



Dr. Madabhushi Seshachari was born on 2nd November 1938 at Nandyal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh State. He had his school education at Tylor High School and College education at Y.N. College, Narsapur, West Godavari District, A.P.State. He studied B.Sc (Agriculture) at College of Agriculture, Parbhani and obtained degree from Marathwada Agricultural University, in the year 1963, and M.Sc (Agriculture) Entomology in the year 1965 and Ph.D in Agriculture (1970) from Sardar Patel University, Vallabh, Vidyanagar, Gujarat.

Joined as Junior Research Assistant under P.L. 480 Parasite Breeding Scheme at Anand Agriculture Institute in 1964 and promoted to Lecturer in Entomology (PG Programme) in 1965 and Professor of Entomology in 1970 at the same Institute. Moved to Research as Principal Scientist, AICRP (Tobacco) and worked in this capacity till 1986. Joined Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as Director, CTRI, and Rajahmundry on deputation from Gujarat Agricultural University in the year 1986 and worked as Director for two tenures till 1996. After completing the tenure he was posted as Officer on Special Duty at NAARM, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. He took voluntary retirement in the year 1998 and joined NGO as Advisor Pest Management and played key role in establishing Solidarity Institute, the CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE in the year 2000. At present giving advice to CSA as a Managing Trustee.

In the basic research a new species of insect on cluster bean was identified and developed pest resistant varieties in tobacco, cotton and vegetables (Cowpea). The transgenic tobacco (Bt) work on *Spodoptera* and *Helicoverpa* was initiated at Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry. Aphid and whitefly resistant wild species of tobacco were identified and was used in pest resistant breeding work. He was instrumental in releasing new tobacco varieties suitable to Karnataka light soils (Bhavya and Kanchana), Northern light soils (Kanchana), Southern black soils (Hema and VT-1158) and Burley tobacco variety (Banket-2). These varieties helped in increasing the productivity of FCV and Burley tobacco. Low tar, TSNA, Solanesol and tobacco based cropping systems were strengthened during his tenure. IPM of tobacco, cotton, groundnut and vegetables were developed using botanical pesticides and NPV. Transfer of technology was given priority through inter agency team (Tobacco Board, ITC and CTRI). Established CTRI Research Station Jeelugumelli, West Godavari and infrastructure was strengthened at K.V.K, Kalvacherla by acquiring 25 hectares of land.

At NGO Centre for World Solidarity, Non Pesticidal Management for control of Red Hairy Caterpillar was carried out in 5000 hectares in SAT area, AP, and the same concept was extended to other crops like cotton, pigeonpea, chickpea, and groundnut under NRI project vegetables. He guided IFDA-ICRISAT project on IPM of pigeonpea and chickpea and village level production of NPV units were developed for which World Bank gave an award to ICRISAT-CWS.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Dr Chari on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. V.R.P. Sinha



Dr. V.R.P. Sinha was born in Hajipur, Bihar on 1-10-1938. He started his career in 1961 as a Lecturer in Zoology and taught Fish Biology for a decade at the universities of Ranchi, Bihar and Liverpool, U.K. He did his Ph.D. from Liverpool University, U.K. in 1965. CIFE conferred him the degree of D.Sc. (h.c) in 2007.

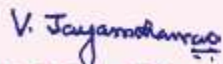
His notable contribution include the correct identification of male and female sex in the European eel and clarification of the confusion of their sex change. He also hypothesized that the Sargasso Sea is the emerging ground of leptocephali and not the breeding ground of the European eel. In Malaysia, he separated fish pituitary gonadotropin and in Hungary established that the gonadal hydration was the prerequisite for carp spawning and clarified why major carps did not spawn in ponds in India. He has been instrumental in revolutionizing fresh water aquaculture in India through composite fish culture and fish seed production.

For his contributions, he was awarded the Leverhulme Fellowship (1964), British Council Travel Scholarship for writing a book on European Eel in the U.K.(1967), Hooker Award (1975), Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Memorial Prize (1976), ICAR Team Leadership Award (1979), Lal Bhadur Shastri Award (1989) Great Son of the Soil Award (1991), Ashirwad Award (1992), Congress of Zoology Gold Medal (1995), Eminent Zoologist Award, ZSI (2006) and the Millennium Plaque of Honour of ISCA (2008). He is a Fellow of several prestigious academies like the Indian National Science Academy, National Science Academy, Indian National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and many other professional societies. As the Head and National Project Director of the FARTC (1976-86), he established the Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) at Bhubaneswar along with the KVK and TTC. He also established there the Lead Center for Carp Farming under the FAO/ NACA. As the Director, he played a very crucial role in getting the Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, upgraded to the status of the Deemed University in 1989. He retired from ICAR in 1997.

He has published over 100 scientific papers in different journals of France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, the USA and the U.K. In addition, he has also published ten books in Bangladesh, India, Thailand and the U.K. Presently, he is the President of the Pillay Aquaculture Society and lives at Pittsburgh in the USA.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Dr.V.R.P. Sinha, on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri. Bhamidipati Sreeramachandrudu



Sri Bhamidipati Sreeramachandrudu retired Technical Officer T 9, CMFRI; Kochi was born in Kothapeta, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh on 2nd March, 1939.

After obtaining the Licentiate in Mechanical Engineering, Agricultural processing Engineering, Sri. Ramachandrudu served for 5 years in Andhra Paper Mills, in the fields of Small Scale Industries Turbine Erection and operation etc., and later he has undergone Training under various FAO experts in Innovated Hand tools, accessories, implements. He established Quality cell at Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry, He worked as Coordinator. In charge for PP equipment, testing and release. And Faculty member for Engineering at Central Plant Protection Training Institute (CPPTI), Hyderabad. He dealt various aspects of Aquaculture Engineering and was a Faculty member for CAS in mariculture at CMFRI, Kochi.

He has published 65 Research Papers, apart from 2 books on (1) Engineering principles in mariculture and (2) Physical testing of soil Apart from these books after retirement he published AAdhyatmic books on (1) GNYESWAR CHANGADEV PRASASTHI and (2) OHM SRI RUDRAM.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life Member Sri Sreeramachandrudu on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

Dated March 09, 2014

V. Jayamohan Rao

Dr V. Jaya Mohan Rao
General Secretary

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Prof K. Madhusudhana Rao
President



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Felicitation to Sri. Gadiraju Subba Raju



Sri. Gadiraju Subba Raju, Retired Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Institute, Kochi was born on 10-2-1938 at Pippara village, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh

Sri Subbaraju worked as Fisheries oceanographer in UNDP/FAO Pelagic Fisheries for six year on deputation during 1971-1977. His major contributions were in Remote sensing studies for Marine Fisheries at Central Marine Fisheries Institute, Cochin collaboration with National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Hyderabad, and space application center, Ahmedabad and Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai.

The Association takes pride today to honour its life member Sri. Gadiraju Subba Raju on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Prof Yash Pal Abrol



Professor Yash Pal Abrol was born in Lahore (now in Pakistan) on December 23, 1935. Graduated (B.Sc) from Punjab University he did his Master's degree from Banaras Hindu University in 1957. He obtained his Ph.D from the University of Chicago followed by Post Doctoral Fellowship for two years in University of California, Davis in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics.

On his return, he joined as CSIR Pool Officer in 1965 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Subsequent to joining as Jr Plant Physiologist in 1967 he worked his way to be Head of the Division of Plant Physiology. He superannuated in 1995. After Post-superannuation he joined as CSIR Emeritus Scientist (1996-2000); INSA Senior Scientist / Honorary Scientist (2001 onwards) and Adjunct Professor (2006 onwards) at Hamdard University and now at ICAR National Agricultural Science Complex.

Professor Abrol contributed significantly to identification and biosynthesis of cyanogenic glycosides; identification of biochemical characteristics affecting chapatti quality of Indian tall and Mexican dwarf wheat's; Nitrate assimilation in crop plants. He is now leading INDIAN NITROGEN GROUP which is working in close association International Nitrogen Initiative and Global Platform for Nutrient Management (GPNM) of the United Nations Environment Program. The group is developing an understanding of the environmental implications of Nitrogen Use (Agriculture and Energy Sector) so as to quantify the Nitrogen Cycle Indian Scenario.

He published more than 150 research and review papers and edited several volumes. Prof Abrol received several awards including: FAI Dhru Moraji Memorial Award First Prize, R.D. Asana Award, Sukumar Award, ICAR National Fellowship Award (1978-84), FICCI Award, VASVIC Award and prestigious BIRBAL SAHNI Medal. He is a Fellow of all four National Academies.

The Association takes pride today to honour Professor Yash Pal Abrol on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Dr. Kuntamukkala Appala Narasimham



Dr. Kuntamukkala Appala Narasimham was born on 03-03-1937 at ELURU, West Godavari District. He obtained his masters degree in Zoology from Agra university. He obtained his PhD Degree from Andhra University in 1986.

He joined the Central Marine Fisheries Institute in June 1959 and after rendering 37 years of service in various capacities in the institute he retired on 31-3-1997.

He conducted research for 17 years on marine capture fisheries and 20 years on aquaculture of several species of marine and brackish water fin fish and shell fish. His major achievement was the development of a complete package of farming technology, including hatchery production of seed for blood clam. For this work he received INDAQUA-93 award from the Marine Products Development Authority of India. Another significant contribution was the development of Composite Sea Farming Technology.

Dr. Narasimham has published 70 Scientific papers, 2 University level text books and 5 articles in Books.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr. Narasimham, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Vaidheeswara Arunachalam



Dr. Vaidheeswara Arunachalam, Retired Head, Division of Genetics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi was born on 13th October, 1936 at Punamangalam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu. After Post Graduation in Botany from Madras University he obtained his Ph.D. degree in Genetics from Cambridge University, U.K. in 1970 [Special Merit Award].

His research experience of 35 years include teaching experience also at IARI, New Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, A.P. Agricultural University and Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Dr. Arunachalam's most significant work include Population Genetics of two gene polymorphisms; Analysis of the concept of additive genetic variance for traits governed by two linked genes. He was the first to derive the expression for heterosis for traits governed by two linked genes now incorporated in text.

Dr. Arunachalam received Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Memorial Award, Norman Borlaug Award, IARI Best Teacher Award, Vasvik Award, Special award for Ph.D thesis from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, U.K.

He is the Fellow, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi (FNA), Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences (FASc), Bangalore, Fellow, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (FNAAS), New Delhi, Fellow, National Academy of Sciences (FNASc), Allahabad. He published 194 publications in the form of 8 Books, 1 Monograph, 1 Book, 25 chapters, 112 journals publications and 48 others.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr. ARUNACHALAM Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Mr. Prabhakar Rao Venkat Rao Barpate



Shri. Prabhakar Venkat Rao Barpate born in the year 1938 at Hyderabad. He joined as Lab Technician in the year 1957 in the Chemical Technology Department, Osmania University, Hyderabad and served for three years. Subsequently he joined as Lab Technician in the year 1960 in PIRRCOM center and subsequently in All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement Project/National Research Center for sorghum and retired as Technical Assistant T-3 in the year 1998.

During the period of service he worked in Pathology Laboratory and subsequently in Plant Breeding in AICSIP and NRCS. During the period of more than 35 years he worked sincerely, honestly with devotion to the work and to the satisfaction of his superiors. He gained good knowledge in the breeding and assisted in the sorghum breeding program.

He had two children and settled in their lives and living at Hyderabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour Shri Prabhakar Rao Venkat Rao Barpate on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Yedavalli Bhattacharyulu



Dr Yedavalli Bhattacharyulu , Retired project Coordinator , Intercellular Blood Protista (Animal health) was born in Mandapeta Village, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh on November 24, 1937.. Graduated from College of Veterinary Sciences, Tirupathi, he obtained Master's Degree in veterinary Sciences from College of Veterinary Sciences, Mathura (U P) and Ph.D. (Parasitology) from Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, UP. In 1971... He underwent training in semi- large scale Tissue culture of Theileria Parasites at International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases, Nairobi, and East Africa during 1982. He visited ILRD, Nairobi again and University of Illinois USA to acquaint with the latest advances in Technology for Control of Tick-borne diseases of livestock for a period of 3 weeks during 1990.

Dr Bhattacharyulu's major research was on highly fatal disease of exotic and cross bred cattle in India Tropical Theileriosis, against which neither preventive measure nor treatment was available then.

Dr Bhattacharyulu published 35 research articles in National and International journals.

Indian council o agriculture Research, New Delhi awarded him HARI O ASHRAM AWARD for the year 1974 &1975 for his outstanding contribution in the field of Animal health.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Dr Bhattacharyulu on Completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri. R. Marichamy



Sri. R. Marichamy was born on 15-06-1937 at Cittumunadappu, Kariapatti Virudunagar Dist. Tamilnadu. Sri Mariachamy joined CMFRI in 1964 and served in various capacities in research fields. As Principal Scientist he shouldered management responsibilities as officer-in-charge in regional centre at Mandapam camp and Tuticorin Centre and retired in 1997. ICAR placed in the Management committee of the Institution during 1993-1996.

Research contributions in early service at Andaman Islands include fishery and biology of chupeids and hydrobiology which are note worthy. He achieved significant progress in mariculture of commercially important fin fishes like mullet, milk fish, seabass, shrimps and mud crab along sea edge of Tuticorin. Extension service rendered to a number of private entrepreneurs, particularly in developing shrimp farming projects, including derelict salt pan areas resulted in spurt of interest among mariculturists for fast expansion of farming along Tamilnadu coast. Accomplished breakthrough in mud crab culture for the first time in the country and received Aquaculture Award in "INDAQUA" programme organized by Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India in 1993. He was awarded FAO/ UNDP Fellowship IND/78/020 for training in fish seed production in Japan in 1984 and applied the techniques for coastal farming in India.

Salient contributions in multi disciplinary activities in the fields of marine biology, fishery biology, mar culture practices, teaching and extension works for commercial scale production are well assessed through 76 research papers published in popular journals/ proceedings of National/ International Seminars.

The Association takes pride today to honour SriMariachamy Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Pandravada Veerabhadra Prasada Rao



Sri PANDRAVADA VEERABHADRA PRASADA RAO Retired Technical Officer, T 8, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 10th September 1937 at Rajahmundry. He was graduated in Science from Andhra University with Botany as Major Subject. He served CTRI for 39 years (1958-1997) as Technical Assistant- Technical Officer. He was associated in the development of high yielding quality varieties of Virginia Tobacco and in the release of Natu Tobacco variety "Prabhat". He published 12 Research Papers.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Prasada Rao Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Khandavalli Rama Rao



Sri Khandavalli Rama Rao, Retired Principal Scientist and Head of Agricultural Engineering, Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad was born in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on January 2, 1938. Graduated from I.I.T, Kharagpur. Started his career in December 1960 as Instructor in the product training school, Massey Fergusons, Bangalore. He imparted training in the operation, repair of Fergusson tractors and farm machinery to their dealer personnel.

In 1964 Sri Rama Rao joined Central of Plant protection institute, Hyderabad where he imparted training to Plant Protection officers. Sri. Rama Rao joined Directorate of Rice Research on July 1975. By career advancement he rose to the level of Principal Scientist and Head of the Agricultural Engineering Section. He was associated with the design development and testing of Farm machinery. Paddy seeds for pre germinated seeds gained wide popularity.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Sri Rama Rao on completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Nambrattil Sethunathan



Dr Nambrattil Sethunathan, Retired Head, Division of Soil Science and Microbiology was born in Chennai June 2, 1937. He obtained his PhD (1967), University of Madras specializing in pesticide microbiology and microbiology of rice soils. He served as Visiting Assistant Pesticide Chemist, International Rice Research Institute, Los Banos, Philippines (1968-71); Scientist (Microbiology) (1971-82), Head, Division of Soil Science and Microbiology (1987-97), Principal Scientist (1983-) all at Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack. He was INSA Senior Scientist (1998-2000) at Division of Microbiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Dr Sethunathan has done extensive work on microbial degradation of pesticides in flooded rice soils. He was the first to demonstrate that loss of control of a pest after regular use of a pesticide (diazinon) is related to its accelerated degradation by adapted microorganisms. He isolated a *Flavobacterium* sp., ATCC 27551, which is one of the microorganisms most intensively studied in relation to molecular aspects of enhanced degradation. His group has isolated bacteria capable of degrading not only alpha and gamma-isomers, but also thermodynamically stable beta and sigma-isomers of hexachlorocyclohexane under aerobic conditions.

Dr Sethunathan was the Editor-in-chief *Oryza* (1981-85) and *Indian Journal of Microbiology* (1999-2000); Member, Editorial Boards of *Journal of Environment Science & Health* (Pt. B), *Proceedings of the Indian National Science Academy* (Biol Sci), and *Biology and Fertility of Soil and Pesticide Research Journal* and Associate Editor, *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety*. He was Member, INSA Council (1995-97), American Chemical Society (1971-74), Society of Pesticide Science, Indian Society for Nuclear Techniques in Agriculture and Biology, Indian Society of Soil Science. He is a Life Member, Association of Rice Research Workers (1971), Cuttack and Association of Microbiologists of India.

Dr Sethunathan is a Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi, and National Academy of Sciences (India), Allahabad.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Dr Setunathan on completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Dr. Pellakuri Subba Reddy



Dr Pellakuri Subba Reddy , Retired Project Director ,Directorate Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad was born in Makthapuram, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh on July 1, 1937 he did his MSc (Ag) in Agricultural Botany from college of Agriculture, and acquired his PhD ,degree in 1967 from the college of agriculture, Pune.

He served in the Department of Agriculture/ Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University from 1968 to 1979 in various capacities.

Dr Reddy joined ICAR in 1979 After serving as Project Coordinator, Ground nu. Akola, Project Director (Ground nut) Junagadh he joined as Project Director, Directorate of Oilseeds Research , Hyderabad in 1993 from where he retired in the year 1997.

Dr Reddy developed 15 male sterile lines and a series of Sun Flower Hybrids. One of the hybrids developed by him (APS 11) was released for cultivation in Andhra Pradesh.

He was associated with the development of Groundnut Sunflower, Safflower, Castor varieties and hybrids.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Life member Dr Subba reddy on completion of 75 Years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitations to Prof E. A. Siddiq



Professor Ebrahim Ali Abubacker Siddiq was born in Ryangudi, Sivaganga District, Tamil Nadu on July 13, 1937. Graduated in Botany from Madras University in 1959, he obtained Master's Degree in Genetics in 1964 and Ph.D in Genetics in 1968 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Prof. Siddiq served the Indian Council of Agricultural Research although in various capacities, as Cytogeneticist, Principal Scientist and Professor (Genetics) at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Project Director, Directorate of Rice Research and Deputy Director General (Crop Science), Indian Council of Agricultural Research. On his superannuation, he served the Council as National Professor followed by Hon. Chair Distinguished, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting & Diagnostics, Department of Biotechnology. He served at present as Adjunct Professor, University of Hyderabad and Indian Agricultural Research Institute and Hon. Director, Institute of Biotechnology, Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University.

Prof. Siddiq has made significant contributions towards growth and development of Indian Agriculture in general and rice in particular by his vision, planning, coordination and execution of innovative research and development programmes. His 45 year long research career was devoted totally in strengthening and shaping of the country's rice research and development. As research leader his outstanding contributions include launch of Hybrid Rice Research and National Rice Biotechnology Networks, Regional Research Consortium for Rice Improvement in Rain fed Eastern India.

As researcher, Prof. Siddiq's contributions to rice are of both applied and basic value. Applied research led to the development of more than one dozen high yielding varieties for different agro ecologies and socio-economic niches. Unique in their making and utility value, some considered to be landmarks in rice breeding are the world's first high yielding basmati rice Pusa Basmati-1, Pusa-44, the only variety till date uneatable to combine harvest in the North-Western segment of Indogangetic Plain, Pusa 2-21, the first ever quick maturing variety and DRRH 1, India's first hybrid rice. Whereas Pusa Basmati-1 enabled the country increase by many folds the volume of basmati rice export and formed the base for India's first basmati hybrid Pusa RH 111, Pusa 44 sustains the most productive rice-wheat system. His notable contributions of basic value helped (a) understand the qualitative and quantitative genetic architecture of various indices of rice quality and tolerance to stresses, (b) identify and address the genetic bottlenecks impeding hybrid breeding, (c) map and tag temperature sensitive genetic male sterility sources of indigenous origin and inter-subspecific hybrid sterility neutralizing gene loci, (d) develop molecular signature for traditional basmati rice and (e) discover still uncovered yield genes in wild/weedy progenitor species.

Aside his contributions at national level, Prof. Siddiq has contributed equally at international level by serving as IRRI's expert rice breeder in Egypt, as FAO/UNDP expert consultant in many Asian countries including for the establishment of the National (Mekong) Rice Research Institute in Viet Nam and National Rice Research Institute in Egypt and as Member of the Board of Trustees of the International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines.

Prof. Siddiq has published over 150 research papers in peer reviewed national and international journals, besides many book chapters and edited the Proceedings of three International Symposia/Dialogue on rice.

Prof. Siddiq's contributions to rice research have been recognized through national awards and Academy Fellowships. He is recipient of Hari Om Ashram Trust Award, Om Prakash Bhawan Award, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Prize, Norman Borlaug Award, BNSA Silver Jubilee and Prof. Sunderlal Hora Medal, GP Chatterjee Memorial Lecture Award of ISCA, Agriculture Leadership Award, Fellowships of the Indian National Science Academy, National Academy of Sciences (India), National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Society of Plant Genetic Resources and the National Civilian Recognition 'Padmaashree'.

The Association takes pride today to honour its Founder President Professor Siddiq on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Gotety Subba Rao



Dr Gotety Subba Rao was born at Narsapuram, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh on April 4, 1937. After completing BSc (Ag) from Agricultural College, Bapatla he did his post graduation from Agricultural College, Dharwad. He obtained his PhD from Karnataka University followed by Postdoctoral Fellowship at the same place.

Dr Subba Rao joined CPCRI Research Centre, Appangala for 6 years on maintenance and evolution and of conservation of Cardamom germplasm. He joined National Reach for Sorghum in 1984. Thirty two mutants of high lysine were created and deposited in NGPG and ICRISAT. These mutants were tested at NIN, Hyderabad. He was associated with the hybrid development of CSH 16.

Dr Subba Rao has published 63 Research Papers.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Gotety Subba Rao on his completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Vasant Ramchandra Desai



Dr. Vasant Ramchandra Desai, Ex-Principal Scientist, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR), was born on 25th July, 1936 at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Dr Desai joined Central Inland Fisheries Research Station in 1958. During his service period of 38 years (1958-1996), Dr Desai worked for 25 years in reservoir fisheries development to gain enormous experience in this field .

Looking to the endangered state of this fish, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, assigned the work to write a synopsis on biological data on Tor mahseer to Desai, which was published by FAO in 2003. Thus, Desai is one of those few fishery scientists in India to whom the FAO assigned the work of writing such a synopsis. During this assignment, Desai as Project Officer, studied the ecology and fisheries of some reservoirs in India under All India Coordinated Research Project and thereby prepared the final reports of the projects. He also officiated as Director, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore (West Bengal) for six months before his retirement on 31st July, 1996 as Principal Scientist. He has over 70 research papers to his credit published in different reputed journals of India and abroad.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Desai, Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life

Dated February 19, 2012

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Felicitation to Smt P. Dhanalakshmi



Smt P. Dhanalakshmi, Retired Supporting Staff (Grade I) National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal was born on 19th February 1937 at Kovvur, WG Dt. She studied SSLC and did her Health visitors course at Vizag. After working as health visitor in Andhra Pradesh for 6 years she joined NDRI, Karnal and retired in February 1997.

The Association takes pride today to honour Smt P. Dhana Lakshmi life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes her long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri M. Jaganath



Sri M. Jaganath, Retired Technical Officer, Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad was born on 3rd January 1937 at Secunderabad. After obtaining B.E. Degree from Osmania University, Hyderabad, he joined Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad as Foreman in 1971. During his 26 years of experience he was associated with the on farm demonstration trials, testing, fabrication maintenance and repairs of Agricultural Machinery, Vehicles. He retired as Technical officer on 31st January 1997.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Jaganath, Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Dr. K.V.S.R Kameswar Row



Dr. K.V.S.R Kameswar Row Retired Principal Scientist, Central Rice research Institute, (CRRI), Cuttack was born on October 10, 1936 in Chodavaram, Vizag district, AP. He studied MSc, Botany at Ravenshaw College, Utkal University, Orissa and graduated with a First Class. He Did PhD on 'Control of Rice Diseases' and Post Doctoral work on 'Pathogenic Variability in Rice Blast' at IRRI, Manilla, Phillipines and Cornell University, USA.

He joined CRRI, Cuttack, and Orissa in 1959 and retired in October, 1996. Dr. S.Y. Padmanabhan had inculcated the spirit, values and hard work in Research and honesty without aspiring for returns. As a post retirement activity, he was involved in Vermitechnology, mechanization in Rice cultivation, Hybrid Rice seed production in villages, Organic activity and related activities. Dr Kameswara Row visited IRRI-Phillipines, Cornell University-USA and Japan. Work satisfaction at work. The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Kameswar Row, Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Dr. Yalamanchi Nagaraj Rao



Dr. YALAMANCHI NAGARAJARAO, former Professor of Agricultural Physics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi was born on 29th April 1936 in Tadanki village of Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh. After obtaining B.Sc.Ag. Degree from Govt. Agricultural College, Bapatla in 1955 and Assoc.IARI in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in 1957, he joined as Soil Survey Assistant with the Delhi Center of All India Soil and Land Use Survey in 1958.

He obtained Doctorate Degree (Dr.sc. agr.) in 1965 from the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart in Soil Science/Soil Physics.

He joined the Division of Agricultural Physics, IARI in 1968 as Soil Physicist, in AICRP on soil physical conditions. As Soil Physicist in AICRP, he developed technologies for improvement of crop growth under rainfed conditions. He worked in various capacities, and retired in April 1996. as Head and Professor of Agricultural Physics.

Dr Nagaraja Rao has guided a number of Ph.D (11) and M.Sc. (3) students. Published a number of papers in referred journals (National and International:46), symposia papers (National and International:34), books (chapters) and reports.

He was elected fellow of the Indian Society of Soil Science. and was elected fellow of the Indian Society of Soil Science. and was awarded "al Honor 2006" by the Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi. After retirement he was Principal Investigator (DST) to write a book on "Remote sensing applications in Agriculture" at NRSA, Hyderabad (1997 to 1999).

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr. Nagaraja Rao, Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life....

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Felicitation to Sri V V Ramana Rao



Sri Veluveli Venkata Ramana Rao, Retired principal Scientist and Head, Division of Crop Improvement, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born 13th October, 1936 at Jagandha Giri village, East Godavari District. Graduated in science from Andhra University in 1955 he had his postgraduate degree in Agriculture from Gujarat Agricultural University in 1973 he joined as Technical Assistant in Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry and rose to the post of Principal scientist. Head, Division of Crop Improvement and worked in the same capacity till his retirement in October 1996.

Sri Ramana Rao in 1968 introduced the most promising varieties of Virginia Tobacco in Karnataka state which is now producing best quality Cigarette tobacco in the country and earning foreign exchange. Sri Ramana Rao developed seven varieties of tobacco with resistance to pests and diseases. He also developed lines with TMV resistance and caterpillar resistance using relevant donors of *N. tabacum*. He received G.S. Murty award in 1992 and A. A. Paranjape Memorial medal in 1971. He published 32 papers.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri V V Ramana Rao, Regional Secretary of Rajahmundry centre of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Prof Yarlagada Sreekrishna



Prof Yarlagada Sreekrishna, former Professor of Fishing Technology, Central Research Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai was born on 2nd March 1937 at Pedamaddali village of Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh. After obtaining MSc (Zoology) Degree from University of Rajasthan, he joined Govt. of Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Department in 1959. After serving for 4 ½ Years in fisheries department of A.P. he entered ICAR service in 1965 as Research Assistant, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and worked at Kakinada and Hirakud till 1972. Later after serving 3 Years Fisheries Survey of India,

Prof Sreekrishna joined, Central Research Institute of Fisheries Education as Professor of Fishing Technology, in 1975 and continued in the same capacity till his retirement March 1997. He also worked as Acting Director and his major contribution during that period is that of obtaining Deemed University status for the institute.

Prof Sreekrishna guided 10 Research students in preparation of dissertations. He published 20 scientific papers besides authoring 3 books on Fish technology. Prof Sreekrishna visited Norway, United Kingdom and China as Expert. He has participated as Expert in the Expert Consultative meeting of FAO held at Beijing, China selective Fishing.

The Association takes pride today to honour Prof Sreekrishna, Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life

Dated February 19, 2012

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Felicitation to Sri S. Subba Rao



Sri S. Subba Rao was born on 15-07-1936 at Guntupalli, Krishna District. He obtained his masters degree (M.A.Mathematics) from Allahabad university and Professional Statistician Certificate from Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta. He worked in various capacities at Central Sericulture Station, Berhampur (West Bengal), Directorate of Oilseeds Development, Hyderabad and Directorate of Sorghum Research, Hyderabad. Most of his research work was spanning over 32 years in Agricultural Statistics in Sorghum and Oilseeds crops on design and analysis of coordinated and experimental data. His research was

centred on isolation of homozygous silk worm lines on graphic methods, projections of demand for oilseeds and oils in the country for edible and non edible purposes, assessment of the impact of development schemes on oilseeds production in the country. His work on Sorghum research is related to the assessment of the impact of development of genotypic stabilities of Sorghum varieties and hybrids and studies on the relative merits of Sorghum varieties and hybrids based on multi location trials.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri S. Subba Rao Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Kompella Suryanarayana Murthy



Sri Kompella Suryanarayana Murthy, Retired Senior Scientist and Head, Division of Division Of Soil Science, Agr Chemistry , Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born 4th February, 1937 at Podagalapalli village, East Godavari District. Graduated in science from Andhra University , he had his postgraduate degree in Agriculture from Gujarat Agricultural University he joined Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry in 1955 and worked in the different capacities and retired in 1997.as Senior Scientist of the several significant contributions his pioneering programmes on development of objective chemical criteria for quality appraisal of FCV tobacco and micro nutrient requirements are monumental. His studies on Cadmium and lead contents of Indian tobacco types won him laurls from National and International Researchers.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri K.S.N.Murthy, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri G. Venkatraman



Shri.G. Venkataraman, Retired Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin was born at Chennai on 12th May 1924. After obtaining his BSc , Bsc (Honours) and M.A degrees in Zoology from Presidency College, Chennai (Madras University 1942-1946), he underwent training under All India Fisheries Training Programme for 10 months organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

He joined CMFRI at Madras later shifted to Kochi in 1947 and served in the Institute in various capacities and retired from service as principal Scientist in 1984 His field of work was on Fishery Biology. His earlier research papers are on Inshore Fish Populations of Malabar coast, Food and Feeding Habits of Fishes of Malabar Coast and Fishery and Biology of Indian Anchovy. His later work relates to Offshore Fish Populations of Indian Coasts, Pen Culture and Fisheries Environmental aspects. As head of Fisheries Resources Assessment Division, he published papers in collaboration with his colleagues on Socio economic Conditions of Marine Fishermen and also carried out an All India Census of Marine Fishermen, Crafts and Gears. He also published a Catalogue of Marine Fishes of India with code numbers as a prelude to computerization of marine fish catch data. He took classes on Marine Fisheries for the MSc students of Cochin University. He is a Fellow of Marine Biological Association of India.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri G.Venkatraman life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes her long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Smt K. Vijayalakshmi



Dr. K. Vijaya Lakshmi, Ex-Principal Scientist, Central Institute for Dry lands Research (CRIDA) was born on 23rd December, 1935 at Trichur, Kerala State.

After completing her post graduate degree from Benares Hindu University she obtained her PhD Degree from New Delhi. Dr Vijayalakshmi joined Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture (CRIDA) as Scientist in Soil Physics and worked in the different capacities till she took voluntary retirement in 1987. She was associated with not only soil water management but also in water shed management.

After VRS in 1987 she joined Canadian high commission as consultant and worked not only on Agriculture but also on Women Development. In this job she worked with NDDB on their oilseed project in 10 states, with IPL on their project in 3 districts of U.P., with IICO on their waste land project in Rajasthan and with Gujarat Government on their salinity management project.

Now she is leading a peaceful life at Hyderabad and she is associated with spiritual Satguru whose religion is Love and serve now she is trying look more inside, avoid my negativities and find peace and happiness.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Vijayalakshmi, Life member of the Association on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes her long and healthy life

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Felicitation to

Sri Gulam Mahboob



Sri Gulam Mahboob retired, Stenographer, National Research centre for Sorghum was born on 26th April 1935 at Yadagir (Karnataka) He worked in various capacities at ICAR - RRS Dhadesugur (Karnataka) and National Research Centre for Sorghum), Rajendra Nagar and Retired as Jr. Steneographer on 01-08-1982.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri SriGulam Mahboob LifeMember of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Raja Durai Iyer



Dr. Raja Durai Iyer Retired Principal Scientist Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod was born on 25th May, 1935 at Tirumangalam, Madurai District, in Tamil Nadu. He joined the Post-Graduate School of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, in 1958, and worked in various capacities as Faculty Member, teaching PG courses in Cytogenetics, Cytology, Cytochemistry & Developmental Genetics.

He was instrumental in establishing the Anther Culture Laboratory at IARI, and carried out extensive work on the Induction of Androgenic Haploids in Rice, Wheat, Brinjal, Tea, and other crops.

Following his appointment in 1976, as Head, Division of Genetics & Biotechnology at the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod, Kerala, Dr. Iyer had initiated work on the 'Survey and Evaluation of Elite Super Palms in Coconut', both in healthy and root-wilt disease-affected tracts of Kerala, in order to evolve high-yielding, disease-tolerant selections and hybrid derivatives using the Elite Tall & Dwarf Palms both as pollen and female parents.

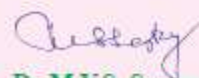
During 1987-'89, Dr. Iyer served as Adviser, Plant Tissue Culture, to the Govt. of Mauritius, and trained their Staff in mass multiplication of ornamental & horticultural crops of export value. After his retirement on superannuation in 1995, Dr. Iyer served the Bangalore-based Pharmaceutical Company, Sami Chemicals & Extracts, as General Manager, R & D, to set up a modern Tissue Culture Unit for the mass production of medicinal plants of export value. He is also serving as Retiree FAO Consultant, Oil Palm Tissue Culture Project in Myanmar.

Besides his scientific pursuits, Dr. Iyer has been serving as President, Chinmaya Mission, Kasargod for over two decades.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Iyer, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 77 years of age and wish him long healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Poduri Kedar Linga Raju



Sri Poduri Kedar Linga Raju retired Technical Assistant (Mechanic)
Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 28th
August 1934 at Kakinada. He joined as mechanic in CTRI, Rajahmundry
in 1965 and retired in 1995. He played important role in Lab Works,
Plumbing, Solar Barn Construction.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Kedar Linga Raju Life Member of the Association,
on the occasion of completion of 76 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to
Sri Pamu Rama Murty



Sri Pamu Rama Murty Technician Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 16th April 1934 at Kamini village, Amalapuram Taluq, East Godavari District He joined CTRI, Rajahmundry in 1958 worked in various divisions, and retired as Technician on 30th April 1994.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Rama Murty, LifeMember of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 76 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Janapareddy Ramakrishna Rao



Sri Janapareddy Ramakrishna Rao Retired Principal Scientist Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad was born on 12th February 1936 at Gajapatinagaram, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh

With 35 years of Research in Rice Breeding Sri Ramakrishna Rao played key role for achieving Green revolution by developing varieties Vikramarya (Rice Tungro Resistant Variety) besides associating with the development of multiple resistant varieties Sasyasree, Phalguni, Shakti, and Nidhi.

After Retirement Sri Ramakrishna Rao played key role in private seed organization as plant breeder and later Secretary of, Farm Rural Science foundation

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Ramakrishna Rao Founder Life Member and Former Treasurer of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr C.V.N.RAO



Dr C.V.N.RAO retired Principal Scientist Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) was born on 16th December 1935 at in Visakhapatnam. He served in various capacities as Principal Scientist / Scientist in charge of Regional centres of CIFT at Burla (Orissa), Kakinada, Visakhapatnam.

During his service, his main fields of study were on thermo physical investigations during fish processing, physical properties of fish, development of instruments for rapid quality assessment of fish, packaging techniques for fresh and processed sea foods.

On retirement he served as National Expert on "safe, healthy, hygienic and ecofriendly packaging for seafood exports from India" with International Trade Centre, UNCTAD (UNO).

The association takes pride today to honour Dr Rao Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Subbiah Rengan



Sri Subbiah Rengan Retired Chief Administrative Officer, National Academy of Agriculture & Research Management (NAARM) was born on 3rd October 1933 Kallidaikurichi, Tinnevely Dt, Tamil Nadu.

Sri Rengan worked in various capacities at Deep Sea Fishing Station (later renamed as Fisheries Survey of India) Mumbai, Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai as Administrative Officer, Senior Administrative officer, Registrar (In its Deemed University status), IVRI, Bangalore as Senior Administrative officer for a short period and National Academy of Agriculture & Research Management as Chief Administrative Officer. He Retired as Chief Administrative Officer at NAARM Hyderabad on 31st October 1991.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Rengan, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 77 years of age and wish him long healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Sista Perayya Sastry

Sri Sista Perayya Sastry Retired Office Superintendent CFRI Barrackpore, has born on 20th December 1935 at Amalapuram, East Godavari District, A.P. Sri Sastry worked in various capacities at Rajahmundry, Barrackpore Nagarjuna Sagar, Cuttack and Eluru He retired as Office Superintndent on 31st December 1993.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Sastry, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long healthy life.

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Felicitation to Prof. Penumetcha Satya Ranjan Kumar Sinha



Prof. Penumetcha Satya Ranjan Kumar Sinha retired Professor and Head Aqua culture division, Central Institute of Fisheries Education Mumbai was born on 24th December 1935 at Bhimavaram, W.G.Dist.A.P.

Most of the Prof Kumar Sinha's research work centered on Aqua culture, Farms and Hatchery management.

The association takes pride today to honour Prof Kumar Sinha a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Prof. Jilagam Somalingam

Prof Jilagam Somalingam retired Principal Scientist Central Institute of Fisheries Education Mumbai was born on 13th June 1935 at Eletipadu, W.G.Dist.A.P.

Most of the Prof Somalingam's research work centered on fresh & brackish water fish and prawn farming. He wrote several articles on fish & prawn farming which were published in the training manuals by C.I.F.E & were distributed to the trainees for their benefit.

He Played key role for achieving BLUE REVOLUTION in fish & Prawn farming in Andhra Pradesh.

The association takes pride today to honour Prof Somalingam LifeMember of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Polepeddi Suryanarayana Sastry



Sri Polepeddi Suryanarayana Sastry, Retired Principal Scientist, Agricultural Meteorology, IARI, New Delhi was born on 24th February 1936 at Vijayawada.

He joined the Post-Graduate School of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, and worked in various capacities as Faculty Member,

Sri Sastry's research contribution on Evapo transpiration, crop-weather modeling, operational weather models for pest-disease forecasting was well recognized. Sri Sastry received IARI -Faculty Award as "Best Teacher" in 1996 at the hands of Dr Norman Borlaug and he was Nominated by WMO (World Meteorological Organization) as Chairman, Working Group on "Agro meteorology of Banana and bush

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Suryanarayana Sastry a LifeMember of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Palathirthapu Venkatachari



Sri Palathirthapu Venkatachari retired Technical Officer Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 20th June 1934 at Kaikalur, Kistna District A.P.

He joined in CTRI, Rajahmundry on 2nd April 1954 and worked in various divisions, in various capacities and retired as Technical Officer (T 5) on 30th June 1994.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Venkatachari, LifeMember of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 76 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Sri Pulavarthy Venkata Atchuta Ramanna



Sri Pulavarthy Venkata Atchuta Ramanna retired Assistant Administrative Officer, CTRI, Rajahmundry was born on 1st July 1934 at Kakinada .

Sri Atchuta Ramana was known for his punctuality and integrity. Taking note of these features , all the Directors had entrusted to him important and delicate issues of the Institute. One of such cases is procurement of 15 acres of land free of cost from the A.P. Government for construction of present new C.T.R.I. building .

Sri Atchuta Ramanna retired on 30th June 1992. After retirement he was practicing as an Advocate.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Atchuta Ramana, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Dr Govindaraj Vittal Rao Kotwal



Dr Govindaraj Vittal Rao Kotwal, Retired Principal Scientist, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore was born on 11th April 1934 at Badami, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.

Major contributions of Dr Kotwal were in the field of breeding and genetics. His achievements are spawning of the same Indian Carps twice in the same breeding season, production of intergeneric and interspecific hybrids of Indian and exotic carps and their utilization in fish culture. Breeding and hybridization amongst gray mullets were successfully carried out. Under FAO fellowship Dr Kotwal had undergone advanced training in genetic engineering at U C Davis. He successfully applied this technology at CIFA, Kausalyaganj, which resulted in the production of gynogenetic triploid and tetraploid progenies of Indian major carps.

Dr Kotwal has published more than 40 Research Papers in National and International journals.

The association takes pride today to honour Dr Kotwal a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wishes him long healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr G Luther



Dr G Luther eminent fisheries Scientist was born on 31.07.1934.

Dr Luther Retired as Principal Scientist Pelagic Fisheries Division, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute. At present he is the Chairman, Marine Biological association of India, Visakhapatnam Branch. Dr Luther has made outstanding contribution to the Marine Fisheries of India.

He discovered phenomena of shedding and regeneration of gill rakers in Mullet. He could succeed in introducing cage culture of anchovies *Stelophorus* in Indian waters. He postulated a phenomena that occurrence of oil sardine in large quantities in Bay of Bengal may be due to transport of eggs and early developmental stages of this fish through ballast waters of Ships that moved from West Coast to East Coast.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Luther a Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Dr. Srirangam Srinivasan Narayanan



Dr. Srirangam Srinivasan Narayanan Retired HOD (Crop Improvement) and Officiating Director, Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur was born on 18 January 1935 in Srirangam, Thiruchirapalli district of Tamil Nadu. Dr. Narayanan has worked as Assistant Professor / Assistant Cotton Specialist in TN Agri. Dept. & TNAU and for 20 years as Scientist/ Senior Scientist in SBI, CPCRI and finally as Principal Scientist & HODCI at the CICR from 1980 to 1995. After superannuation, he has served as Consultant / Advisor in ICMF / SIMA CDRAS at Nandyal,

NFCL, Nagarjuna Agricultural Research & Development Institute in Wargal, Medak District, Vibha seeds and in JK Agri Genetics Ltd Hyderabad from 1995 to 2009. During 2003-04, he has served as International Consultant for Cotton in a German sponsored project under FAO in Afghanistan.

Dr. Narayanan has made significant contributions in cotton improvement (MCU5, MCU7, CBS 156, and CICR HH1 & HH2 etc), genetic resources management, hybrid seed production technology, evaluation of transgenic cotton hybrids and as advisor for cotton R&D in breeding and biotechnology in private seed industry. He was member of RAC of CICR and CIRCOT for two full terms, served as Expert Member of Quinquennial Review Team of ICAR for CICR, AICCIP and CIRCOT. Dr. Narayanan has published over 400 papers and authored a few books and several chapters in other books. He has participated in national and international seminars and secured merit scholarships, prizes and medals for PG thesis and cotton research work in TNAU and AICCIP. He was Editor in Chief of ISCI Journal, Mumbai and Member of International Cotton Genome Initiative, USA. He has travelled widely all over the cotton growing regions of the Country and also Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, UAE, Afghanistan, Hong Kong and Macau Islands, mainland China, Germany, USA and the erstwhile USSR on technical missions. Currently Dr. Narayanan is Advisor, M/s Vidya Sagar Foundation in Hyderabad.

The association takes pride today to honour Dr. Narayanan a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Dr R Pankaja Reddy



Dr R Pankaja Reddy retired Principal Scientist, National Research Centre for Sorghum (NRCS), Hyderabad was born on 13th May 1935. After obtaining BSc (Ag) from APAU in 1963 and MSc (Ag) degree from IARI under Rockefeller foundation fellowship, she obtained her PhD Degree from Kansas State University as a full bright Scholar. In 1969 she underwent Post Doctoral Research in Ornamental Plant Breeding at Ohio (USA).

Major contributions of Dr Pankaja Reddy were in the fields of Plant Breeding. She developed 6 varieties of Pigeonpea, 6 varieties of Groundnut (Spanish type) and identified 6-8 Fodder Jowar varieties. She has published 25 research papers.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Pankaja Reddy a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish her long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri Bejagam Radhakrishna Murthy



Sri Bejagam Radhakrishna Murthy, Retired Assistant, National Research Centre for Sorghum was born on 26th March 1935 at Nandigama, Krishna Dt. A.P.

He joined IARI Regional Research Station on 2nd January 1959. After serving in Establishment and Accounts Department he retired in 1993.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Radhakrishna Murthy, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long healthy life.

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Felicitation to *Sri Bhagavathula Ramakrishna*



Sri Bhagavathula Ramakrishna retired Technical Officer, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, was born on 1st July 1934 at Jami village, Vizianagaram Dt. A.P.

Sri Bhagavathula Ramakrishna joined ICAR (then Government of India) service at CTRI, Rajahmundry on 21-6-1951. He worked in different divisions for over 43 years. He retired on 30th June 1994.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Ramakrishna, Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr. Bhamidipati Venkata Ramakrishnayya



Dr Bhamidipati Venkata Ramakrishnayya retired Principal Scientist and Head of Division of Crop Chemistry and Soil Science, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 15th November 1934.

Some of his research achievements were Chemical indices and salinity limits for quality FCV tobacco leaf, growth pattern and nutrient uptake of tobacco plant, soil fertility survey of different FCV tobacco growing districts of Andhra Pradesh, essentiality of Potash fertilization for tobacco in alfisols (using Beckett's concept of buffering capacity and quantity – intensity parameters), causes for iron chlorosis in Goradu soils, nicotine extraction from tobacco waste, burn-related potassium in tobacco leaf and importance of midribs as components in Cigarette tobacco blends.

He has published more than 100 research papers. He is a life member of Indian Society of Soil Science and also Indian Society of Tobacco Science. He is recipient of Dr GS Murty award and Sri K Devappa award for best research papers. He also received International Potash Institute – Fertiliser Association of India award (instituted for best comprehensive research on potash done on any crop) for his potash research on tobacco. He was also given lifetime achievement award by M/s ITC Ltd. for his dedicated research and development on Tobacco crop.

The association takes pride today to honour Dr Ramakrishnayya a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to

Sri M China Manga Reddy



Sri Mora China Manga Reddy, Retired Technical Officer (T 8)
Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry , was born on 28th
April 1935 at Akividu village near Bhimavaram ,W.G. Dt .A.P.

Sri Reddy joined ICAR (then Government of India) service at CTRI,
Rajahmundry as Junior Scientific Assistant. He served in Plant
Physiology, Agricultural Chemistry & Soil Science and Tobacco Technology Sections for
22 years and then Scientific Coordination for about 13 years. He mainly worked on yield
Flue cured Virginia Tobacco of Northern Light soils. In Association with Dr NC Gopalachari
as Main Author he published eight research papers and was associated with the publication
of 10 Quarterly News Letters

He retired on 30th April 1995 after 35 years of satisfactory service

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Reddy, Life Member of the Association,
on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wishes him long and healthy life.

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Felicitation to Dr Jagarlapudi Venkateswarlu



Dr. Jagarlapudi Venkateswarlu, well known Soil Scientist & Former Director of CAZRI, Jodhpur was born in Nellore on 31.07.1934.

After school and college education at Nellore and Hyderabad, he obtained his PhD in 1963 from IARI, New Delhi.

Dr. Venkateswarlu was the first to initiate research on Sulphur using Radio Tracer techniques. He established the first Radio Tracer Lab in APAU and started working in collaborative programmes with BARC and IAEA. He concurrently started work on soil fertility evaluation in the two

major River Valley Project areas – Nagarjunasagar and Sri Ram Sagar. Hydroponic studies were initiated on salt tolerance of different rice varieties. Very fruitful results were obtained. High P-deficiency and more frequent Zn-deficiency in rice were identified in these project areas. Dr. Venkateswarlu had more than 250 peer reviewed scientific publications in national as well as international journals. About ten books were published, the main one being "Rainfed Agriculture in India – Research and Development Scenario", by ICAR in 2004.

Dr. Venkateswarlu was in the National Agricultural Research System from 1968 till he superannuated as Director, Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur in 1994. He had specialized in Rainfed Farming, Area Development on Watershed Basis and Desertification Control. He also worked in the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India during 1986-88 to initiate the programme of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas. He assisted the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India in evolving participatory watershed development under DPAP, DDP and IWDP programmes during 1993-94.

Dr. Venkateswarlu has widely travelled and is a recipient of several honors. He was awarded Jenna Reddy Venkat Reddy Prize in 1983 by the APAU for his work in the River Valley Projects. Later he received the IMPHOS award for his work on fertilizer use in rainfed areas (1985). He was awarded the prestigious Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award in soil science in 1986-87 for his work in rainfed agriculture. The team headed by him on watershed development in arid Rajasthan was awarded the UNESCO citation for ecological security.

The association takes pride today to honour Dr Venkateswarlu, a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him long and healthy life.

Dated March 07, 2010


K Vidyasagar Rao
Secretary


Dr MVS Sastry
President

2009



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Felicitation to Sri Gottumukkala Annamachari



Sri Gottumukkala Annamachari was born on 5th August 1933 in Tanuku (West Godavari District) Andhra Pradesh... He obtained his B.A. degree from Andhra University

Sri Annamachari joined as Junior Clerk at Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry on 9th April 1957 and later he was promoted as U.D.C., Office Assistant and Audit Superintendent at the same institute.

On promotion as Accounts Officer, Sri Annamachari was transferred to Central Plantation Crop Research Institute, Vittal (Karnataka) in August 1985.. He was transferred to Directorate of Rice Research in 1987 in the capacity .On promotion as Finance and Accounts Officer, Central Research Institute of Dry land Agriculture in 1989.He retired in the same capacity on 31st August 1991

Sri Annamachari was very helpful to the Scientific cadre, Technical and administrative staff and sympathetic to the needs of Supporting cadre.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Annamachari a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

Dr Y.V.R. Reddy
General Secretary

Dr M.V.S. Sastry
President



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Felicitation to Shri Jagirdar Bhimasena Rao



Shri Jagirdar Bhimasena Rao, Retired Senior Scientist (Prawn Breeding), Central Inland Fishery Research Institute, Barrackpore was born on 15th August, 1934 at Salem District, Tamil Nadu. After obtaining B.Sc. (Zool.) degree from Presidency College, Madras University in 1957 and M.Sc. (Zool.) degree from Mizaffurnagar College, Merrut University (U.P.) in 1968 he joined as Research Assistant in 1969 at Reservoir's Division, Reva (M.P.) and later he became Senior Research Assistant under All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Composite Fish Culture and Fish Seed Production in July, 1971 at Faridabad (Haryana State) and later transferred to Sunkesula Fish Farm (AP) for better co-ordination from the State Fisheries Department of A.P. He was inducted to ARS and elevated to post of Scientist S-1 in October, 1975 and Senior Scientist (Prawn Breeding) in January 1983, later shifted at Kakinada in 1985 and at Eluru in 1987 and continued there till retirement on 31st August, 1993.

There were two significant achievements of Shri Rao viz., recovery of Chinese Silver Carp from Kulgarhi Reservoir for the first time in Indian water and sex differences with particular reference to pectoral spine in a commercially important cat fish, *Ompok bimaculatus*. Secondly under All India Co-ordinated Research Project maximum fish production of 4.650 t/ha/yr was achieved by him from normal production of 1.5 t/ha/yr at Badampudi (West Godavary) Fish Farm with six species combination of Indian and Exotic varieties in spite of low levels of water due to seepage. In the induced breeding program he produced fish seed of Indian major corps, exotic common carp, silver carp and grass carp. At the Prawn Breeding Centre in Kakinada (AP) he raised maximum number of post-larvae of giant fresh water prawn *M. rosenbergi* keeping the larval medium of water at 13 ppt constant, continuous oxygenation. The training has also been imparted by him on prawn hatchery management technique to state Department Officials of Orissa, Tamil Nadu and A.P. While working during 1987-1994 on ecology of Plankton and Benthos from peripheral and core sector of Kolleru lake (W.G.), he calculated the species diversity index of Plankton and Benthos and found to be Euphotic condition in many part of the lake. From the very rich aquatic vegetation present in the shallow water body of Kolleru, 16 weed species belonging to emergent, floating leaved, submerged and free floating were identified by him. He was associated with Consulting Engineering Services (CES); assignment of NTPC for the location of gas based Thermal Project near Kakinada (AP) and Plankton, Benthos and Physico-Chemical features of Kakinada Coast collected and analysed with primary productivity. The results were presented in the project entitled, "Aquatic Ecology studies of Kakinada Coast". He published 5 research papers and made 5 technologies on fish culture and breeding.

The association takes pride today to honour Shri Bhimasena Rao a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

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Felicitation to Sri Sharad Ramachandra Gawali



Sri Sharad Ramachandra Gawali (S.R.Gawali), Retired Senior Photographer, Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad was born on 12th April 1934 at a village in Amaravati District, Maharashtra. Sri Gawali obtained Diploma in Commercial Art, Fine Arts and Photography from Government Polytechnic, Nagpur with distinction in Commercial Art in 1957.

After serving as Artist, in Maharashtra Government for two years Sri Gawali joined as Artist- Photographer at Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack in the year 1959. In 1970 Sri Gawali on transfer from CRRI, Cuttack joined AICRIP (Now DRR) as Senior Photographer. He was trained in Colour printing and Slide processing in ICRISAT.

Sri Gawali has taken the initiative of developing first photo colour printing as well as slide processing unit among ICAR Institutes, through the courtesy of Rockefeller Foundation. Sri Gawali was trained at International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Philippines in communication skills.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Sharad Ramachandra Gawali a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

Dr Y.V.R. Reddy
General Secretary

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Felicitation to *Prof Kadiyala Madhusudhana Rao*



Prof Kadiyala Madhusudhana Rao was born on 19th June 1934 at Ponnavaaram village, Veerulupadu Mandalam, Krishna District, A.P.

After his school education at Gannavaram Intermediate education at Eluru he joined Mrs AVN College, Visakhapatnam from where he obtained his BSc degree (Zoology) from Andhra University He received Sir C VRaman Prize for standing first in BSc from Mrs AVN College, Visakhapatnam. He joined Benares Hindu university and obtained M.Sc. (Zool.) degree standing fourth in the University.

He was Member, High Power Team, Central Task Force on Assam (1980) Coordinator Expert, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad and Ph.D examiner to Madras and Maratwada Universities.

Prof Rao after serving in different organizations retired as Professor & Head, CIFE (ICAR), Mumbai.

After retirement Prof Rao was Chief Executive, Navabharat Enterprises Ltd, General Manager (Admn) later Consultant, Ramoji Film City and Advisor (Technical) National Fisheries Development board (NFDB) He received Certificate from UN/ FAO – International Training Course on Remote Sensing, Rome, Italy (1984)

He was Technical Expert in NFDB Technology up gradation work (2007), Coordinator, All India Level Fisheries Training programme, CIFE, Mumbai. He was Member Expert for studies abroad, Ministry of Education, New Delhi and advisor, UPSC, New Delhi.

In recognition of his services to Profession Prof Rao was Conferred Distinguished Leadership Award (1990& 1992) and Man of the year Award by American Biographical Institute (AB-I) N.Carolina- U.S.A. He was Nominated for ABI's World Lifetime Achievement Award and several other awards.

Prof Rao achieved highest shrimp production in corporate sector A.P. He Produced 17 hybrids (inter generic and inter specific) in Fish. Published 230 Scientific papers, Articles, Dissertations, Brochures etc. Also Technical Advisor for 35mm & 16 mm for Films Division, Government of India

Apart from scientific activities Prof Rao is working as CONVENOR, Greater Hyderabad Election authority, Member, State Election Authority and Returning Officer of Loksatta Party, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Zone.

The Association takes pride today to honour Prof Madhusudhana Rao, Vice President of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

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General Secretary

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President



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Felicitation to Sri R.D.P. Mohana Rao



Sri R.D.P. Mohana Rao, Retired Technical Officer T 5, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 16th March 1933 in a village, in Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh

Sri Mohana Rao studied Intermediate and Certificate in Civil Engineering.

After serving in different departments Sri Mohana Rao joined as Technical Assistant Officer at Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry in 1953. While working at CTRI Sri Mohana Rao was deputed to different departments where he gained experience in Civil and Mechanical Engineering. After eventful service of 40 years Sri Mohana Rao retired as Technical Officer T 5, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Mohana Rao a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

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Felicitation to Shri Nirmalkumar Jaykumar Mudholkar



Shri Nirmalkumar Jaykumar Mudholkar, Retired Principal Scientist (Agronomy), Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur was born on 28th August, 1933 at Karanja (Lad), Washim District, Maharashtra. After obtaining B.Sc. (Agri.) degree from College of Agriculture, Nagpur in 1955 and Associateship of I.A.R.I., New Delhi in 1957, he joined as Soil Survey Assistant in All India Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, I.A.R.I., New Delhi. He had a stint as Assistant Soil Survey Officer, in Himachal Pradesh during 1963-1965. He then joined as Research Officer (Agronomy) at Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack and continued there till 1970. Later he worked as Junior Agronomist at I.A.R.I., Regional Station, Sirsa (Haryana) and as Wheat Agronomist at Regional Station of I.A.R.I., Pusa (Bihar) till 1978. Subsequently he joined Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur and continued there till retirement on 31st August, 1993.

Shri Mudholkar was bestowed with Hexamar Award for developing production technology for cotton under rain-fed conditions. This technology has proved worthy and enhanced the yield of cotton to highly significant level during 1991-93 in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. Shri Mudholkar has published more than 75 articles on cotton, wheat, rice, and soil survey.

After retirement from regular service in 1993, he was consultant in agronomy with Agricultural Finance Corporation, New Delhi; Cotton Corporation of India; G.P.B. Fibres Ltd., Mumbai and Iksan Pvt. Ltd. promoted by Nagarjuna Group, Hyderabad. He was member of Vidarbha Economic Development Council, Nagpur. He was also Principal Member of the Technology Evaluation Mission for the Project of extending cotton area and increasing production in Madagascar in 1995.

The association takes pride today to honour Shri Mudholkar a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

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Felicitation to Shri Gudla Narasimha Reddy



Shri Gudla Narasimha Reddy, Retired Officer, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 27th February, 1934 at Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. After completion of education, he joined as Care Taker on 27-12-1958. By virtue of knowledge in scientific and technical matters, he was posted in Scientific Co-ordination Branch, Director's Cell and worked for 19 years out of his total service of more than 33 years. He was associated in successful conduct of Annual Project Meetings including Seminars and workshop. He was adjudged as 'Best Administrative Worker' with rolling cup donated by Sri Jyosula Suryanarayana Garu. After having worked as Office Superintendent at NAARM on deputation for a period of two years, he rejoined CTRI and continued till retirement on 29th February, 1992. He settled down at Hyderabad in 1993.

The association takes pride today to honour Shri Narasimha Reddy a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

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General Secretary

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Felicitation to Shri Chatrabhuj Ravji Bhai Padalia



Shri Chatrabhuj Ravji Bhai Padalia, Retired Principal Scientist (Agronomy), Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack was born on 20th January, 1934 at Dhoraji town, Rajkot District, Gujarat. After obtaining B.Sc. (Agri.) Hons. degree in 1958 and M.Sc. (Agronomy) in 1960 from B.A. College of Agriculture, Anand, he joined as Research Assistant on 9-5-1961 at CRRI, Cuttack. Later he was promoted to Senior Research Assistant, Junior Agronomist, Scientist S-2 and Scientist S-3 (Principal Scientist) by assessment. He worked as Head of the Division of Agronomy till his retirement on 31st January, 1994.

Shri Padalia worked on various aspects of fertilizer management like balanced use of organic and inorganic fertilizers, nitrogen response of rice varieties, green manuring and bio-fertilizers such as Blue Green Algae and Azolla, methods of crop establishment, weed control and rice based cropping system. He has published 37 research articles in scientific journals.

Shri Padalia was associated in various Transfer of Technology programmes of the Institute. He organized several long term training courses for Rice Research workers and state level Extension Officials. He also conducted need based short term training courses for the benefit of extension officers and farmers. He played key role for development of irrigation and drainage facilities and protection from floods at the Institute Farm. He was involved in production of quality seed, procurement of inputs and farm equipments.

Shri Padalia has attended two International Training Courses at International Rice Research Institute, Philippines during 1968 and 1979. He participated in National Training programme on Human Resource Management at NAARM, Hyderabad. He was always in fore front at the time of needs and emergencies. He is Life Member of Gujarat Association for Agriculture Science.

The association takes pride today to honour Shri Padalia a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

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Felicitation to Sri Ganti Seetharama Chandra Murthy



Sri Ganti Seetharamachandra Murthy (G.S.R. Murthy) Retired Scientist (Ag. Chemistry) Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 10th April, 1933 at Appanapalli village, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. After obtaining B.Sc. (Chemistry) degree from Andhra University in 1955 he joined CTRI. Later he did M.Sc. (Agril. Chemistry & Soil Science) from GAU, Anand in 1974. He was inducted to ARS in 1975 and superannuated as Scientist (Selection Grade) on 30th April, 1993.

Shri Murthy's contributions were on development of methodology for determination of chlorides in the tobacco leaf by rapid electrotitrimetric method, storage of indigenous tobaccos viz., Lanka and Natu, aging studies of flue-cured tobacco and curing studies of chewing tobacco of Tamil Nadu. He published a number of articles in scientific and popular periodicals. He is a life member of ISTS.

The association takes pride today to honour Shri Murthy a Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

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Felicitation to Dr Durvasula Venkata Seshu



Dr. Durvasula Venkata Seshu was born on 19th April 1933 in Jeypore, Orissa. He obtained his B.Sc. degree from Andhra University (1952), and M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from Utkal University (1954 & 1964). He received Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship for Post-doctoral Research at IRRI (1967-68). He underwent a course on Senior Research Management offered by O'Hare Associates Inc., USA (1990).

"Dr. Seshu served with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as Rice Breeder and Geneticist and was located at CRRI, Cuttack (1955-66) and at AICRIP, Hyderabad (1966-76). He served with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Philippines (1976-96), as Global Coordinator of International Network on Genetic Evaluation of Rice (INGER, formerly IRTP). He was Research Coordinator and Project Director, International Network on Genetics of Aquaculture (INGA) which he organized and helped establish at the World Fish Center (then ICLARM, Philippines). Dr. Seshu was a Visiting Professor at Cornell University, USA (1983-84) and at the University of Philippines (1978-95). He served as an Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Plant Breeding and Biometry at Cornell University (1984-87), while with IRRI.

Dr. Seshu provided significant inputs to rice breeding and genetics. The first generation semidwarf varieties developed by the breeding team at AICRIP, of which he was a member, contributed to the Green Revolution in Rice. One of those varieties was named as 'Seshu'. His genetic studies covered various physiological traits, and resistance to major biotic and abiotic stresses of rice. He monitored the biotype and pathogenic variations of major rice pests and diseases through data obtained from international screening trials. Dr. Seshu conducted extensive studies on Seed Science Research. Three of the papers from those studies received Best Paper awards (two from Crop Science Society of Philippines, and one given by the Indian Society of Seed Science and Technology). He along with his fellow-researchers identified biochemical markers for high seed-protein, cold tolerance and salt tolerance in rice. Dr. Seshu developed various organizational and evaluation methodologies for successful international networking. INGER network directed by him for over two decades has recently received a CGIAR award.

Dr. Seshu was appointed as member of Scientific Panel of the Secretary-General of United Nations to study climatic effects of nuclear war (1986-87). He was a Special invitee to International Dialogue on "Global Climate Change" sponsored by National Governors' Association, USA (Feb. 1989); and to the "Global Forum on Environment and Development for Survival" held at Moscow, USSR (Jan. 1990). Dr. Seshu served as a Team Leader for several international teams that reviewed the rice improvement programs in more than 60 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He chaired the organizing committees of three of the International Rice Research Conferences held at IRRI. He was on the Research Advisory committee of Directorate of Rice Research (DRR), Hyderabad, and National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi.

Dr. Seshu served as research guide for several MS and PhD students from different countries. He published more than 150 research papers in reputed journals; authored eight monographs; and edited three books published by IRRI. He is a member / fellow of several professional societies.

The association takes pride today to honour Dr Seshu a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

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Felicitation to Prof. Pappu Venkata Subbarao



Prof. Dr. Pappu Venkata Subbarao, Retired Senior Scientist (Fisheries Economics), Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai was born on 12th June, 1933 at Peddapuram, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. After obtaining Diploma in Fishery Technology and Navigation from Andhra Polytechnic in 1954 and M.A. (Economics) from Andhra University, Waltair, he served the State Fisheries Department of Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in various capacities. With this background he was selected by the Union Public Service Commission for the post of Assistant Professor at Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai under the Govt. of India and joined in 1975. The Institute was transferred to the administrative control of ICAR in 1979. He worked as Senior Scientist till his retirement on 30th June, 1993.

Prof. Subbarao organized training courses for Officers from Nigeria and Bangladesh under FAO Deputation Programme in Fisheries Marketing and Cooperation. He guided 50 students for dissertation of DFSC and M.Sc. degree. He has published 28 research articles on economics, marketing and cooperation in fisheries in scientific journals. Prof Subbarao was the Principal Investigator of an ICAR-Cess Fund Research Project on "Role and status of Fishermen of Coastal Districts of Maharashtra". He also worked as a member of the CIFE Management Committee.

After his retirement he worked as Visiting Faculty member in Aquaculture Economics. Prof. Subbarao has been awarded Ph.D. degree in Economics by Barkatullah University, Bhopal for his thesis on "Differential productivity and income generation from shrimp culture and its socio-economic impact in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh".

The association takes pride today to honour Prof. Subbarao a Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

Dr Y.V.R. Reddy
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Felicitation to Sri Musti Subrahmanyam



Sri Musti Subrahmanyam, Retired Technical Officer, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 11th September 1933 at 'Teki' village, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh

Sri Subrahmanyam after obtaining B.Sc. degree Nizam College, Hyderabad (Osmania University) in 1954 joined Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry on 16th August 1955. He served in Statistics Division for over

38 years and retired on 30th September 1993.

Using the concept of 'Slope' in Coordinated Geometry. He has developed an alternate method to the principle of least squares in the theory of regression and got published in "SANKHYA", Indian journal of Statistics in 1969 and 1972. He introduced the concept of Genetic distance as measured by D Square – statistics Mahalanobis for classification of tobacco varieties based on morphological traits which lead to the publication of several articles in other branches of allied sciences. He published about 25 research papers in National and International journals.

The association takes pride today to honour Sri Subrahmanyam a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

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Felicitation to Dr Devarakonda Suryanarayana Murty



Dr Devarakonda Suryanarayana Murty Retired Technial Officer (Fish Science), Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore was born on 20th August 1933 at Paidiparru Village, Tanuku Mandalam, West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh

Dr Murty obtained his B.S (Hons) and Ph.D Degrees (Zoology) from Andhra University, Waltair.

He joined as Research assistant and ater serving for two decades at CIFR, Barackpore Dr Murty took voluntary retirement as Techchnical Officer, He woked in the field of Fish Culture Research in the Pond Culture Division of the CInstitute and Grass Car Expert with the overnment of Fiji. After Voluntary Retirement from ICAR worked with Mekong Committee of ESCAP/UN as Fishery Expert in the LAO Peoples Democratic Republic.

Most of Dr Murty's research studies were centred on evolving techniques in pond culture for optimizing fish production at different stages of activity.

He published about 30 research Papers in National and International Journals.

Dated March 08, 2009

Dr Y.V.R. Reddy
General Secretary

Dr M.V.S. Sastry
President



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Felicitation to Dr Rampalli Venkata Vidyabhushanam



Dr Rampalli Venkata Vidyabhushanam took voluntary retirement from ICAR service after a distinguished career spanning over 30 years.

He was born on 25th April 1934 at Mogalthur, West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.

After obtaining BSc (Hons) M.Sc., Degrees from Andhra University he joined I.I.T. Kharagpur. for Ph.D and received the degree in 1959.

Dr Vidyabhushanam was initially appointed as Millet Breeder under the PIRRCOM unit of ICAR. He devoted his entire service for Sorghum Improvement in various capacities which include the positions of Geneticist, Principal scientist, Project Coordinator, Sorghum and Director, National Research centre for Sorghum (NRCS)

Dr Vidyabhushanam made significant contribution for the success of hybrid Sorghum cultivation in India both in turns of hybrid development and also in overcoming the constraints in seed production. He pioneered the cause of diversification of parental lines resulting in development of several elite male sterile seed restorer lines. Four hybrids based on these lines, CSH 3, CSH 5, CSH 6, CSH 16 were released at National Level for Kharif season. A Rabi variety CSV 14 R, with higher yield potential but similar grain type as Maldandi variety was also released... Two of the restorer lines, CS 3541 and C 43 are highly valued as breeding source material owing to rare combination of high yield potential, combining ability and excellent grain quality.

The establishment of National Research Center for Sorghum in 1989 and creation of necessary infrastructure and other facilities for the organization are his major achievements.

After retirement from ICAR service he served as Consultant in Private Seed Companies when he was able to generate valuable breeding lines and several promising Sorghum hybrids being used for commercial cultivation. Two of the hybrids, MLSH 296 and MLSH 151 were recommended for release by CVRC.

The association takes pride today to honour Dr Vidyabhushanam a Life Member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age and wish him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 08, 2009

Dr Y.V.R. Reddy
General Secretary

Dr M.V.S. Sastry
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Felicitation to Sri Thota Appa Rao



Sri Thota Appa Rao, Retired Principal Scientist Central Marine Fisheries Institute, Kochi was born on 10th April 1932 at Visakhapatnam.

He obtained his B. Sc degree from Andhra University and M.Sc from Benares Hindu University.

Dr Appa Rao joined as Survey Assistant, Central Marine Fisheries Institute in 1958. During his Research Career spanning over 34 years Sri Appa Rao worked at Central Marine Fisheries Institute in various capacities. Sri Rao retired as Principal Scientist, CMFRI on 30th April 1992..

Sri Rao published more than 20 Research articles in reputed scientific journals.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Appa Rao member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated, March 30, 2008

Dr P.S.P.V.Vidyasagar
General Secretary

Dr K.Krishnaiah
President



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Felicitation to Sri Rayudu Brahmanandam



Sri Rayudu Brahmanandam, Retired Technical Officer , Central Tobacco Research Institute(CTRI), Rajahmundry , was born on 9th December 1932 at Indrapalem village near Kakinada ,E.GDt.A.P..

Sri Brahmanandam joined ICAR then Govt of India) service on 5th December 1953 at Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry . He served in different divisions for over 40 years and Retired as Technical Officer on 31-12-1992

For his dedicated service in Home Guards for 30 years, Rashtrapathi Award was presented to him. The East Godavari Home Guards Organisation and "RICAREA", members at Rajahmundry felicitated him on his glorious achievement.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Brahmanandam , Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated, March 30, 2008

Dr P.S.P.V.Vidyasagar
General Secretary

Dr K.Krishnaiah
President



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Felicitation to Sri Rama Rao Ananta Rao Hodlur



Sri Rama Rao Ananta Rao Hodlur, Retired Technical Officer Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture (CRIDA) was born on 11th June 1931 at BAGALKOT, Karnataka state. He completed his graduation and Diploma in Agriculture from Bagalkot

Sri Hodlur joined ICAR (then Govt of India) service on 17-6-1957 and worked as Junior Scientific Assistant at Vasad – Soil Conservation Centre, VASAD,

Gujarat, later at Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture (CRIDA worked), Hyderabad as Senior Scientific Assistant. After working in different Sections – Agronomy, Forestry, KVK, Meteorology Observatory at CRIDA, he retired on 30th June 1991 as Farm Superintendent.

Sri Hodlur is running an English Medium School and engaged in Social service as Correspondent, Association for recognized Schools in Ranga Reddy district.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Rama Rao Ananta Rao Hodlur Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 30, 2008

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Felicitation to Sri Guttikonda Venugopala Krishna Murthy



Sri Guttikonda Venugopala Krishna Murthy, Retired Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 26th June 1932 at Peda Avutapalli, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh

He obtained his BSc (Ag) degree from Agricultural College, Bapatla in 1954 and M.S.C (Ag) Plant Pathology from Benares Hindu University in 1956.

He Joined as Research Assistant in CTRI and Retired as Senior Scientist in the same Institute.

Most of his researches were centered on tobacco nematodes and broomrape, a plant parasite on tobacco. He published about 50 Research papers in National and International Journals.

He visited Hungary under the Indo- Hungarian Cultural Exchange program, Germany and Netherlands to participate in the workshops on parasitic plants. He received appreciation letters from eminent scientists like Parker and Mussalman. He is also life member of scientific journals — Indian Phytopathology, Indian Journal of Nematology, Indian Journal of Weed Science and Tobacco Research.

He is presently serving in Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization as Correspondent in Sri Sathya Sai Gurukulam English Medium School, Rajahmundry, A.P. under the administration of Sri Sathya Sai Central trust, Prasanthi Nilayam, Anantapur District, A.P.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Krishna Murthy , a life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

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Felicitation to Sri Muppana Nageswara Rao



Sri Muppana Nageswara Rao, Retired Technical Officer, Central Tobacco Research Institute(CTRI), Rajahmundry , was born on 9th August 1932 at Kakinada ,E.GDt A.P..

Sri Nageswara Rao joined ICAR (then Govt of India) service on 16th December 1955 at Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry . He's Martin Brown <martin.brown@exosect.com>erved in different divisions for over 37 years and Retired as Technical Officer on 31-8-1992.

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Nageswara Rao, Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated, March 30, 2008

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Felicitation to Dr Chengalva China Panduranga Rao



Dr Chengalva China Panduranga Rao, Retired Principal Scientist / Director, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi was born on 11th February 1933 at Bhimavaram, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh

He obtained his B.V.Sc degree from Madras Veterinary College, Madras in 1954 and M.V.Sc and PhD Degrees from Agra University while working at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar. He specialized in Bacteriology.

During his Research Career spanning over 39 years Dr Panduranga Rao worked as Indian Veterinary Institute, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) in different capacities. After serving as Director, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) for 5 years, Dr Rao retired as Principal Scientist, CIFT in 1993.

Dr Rao was engaged in Research and Teaching (Post Graduate, Undergraduate) including guiding post graduate Students for their thesis work. Subjects associated include Bacteriology, Aspects relevant to Animal health, Public health with specific reference to food borne Human health hazards, and fish processing technology.

Dr Rao was deputed to U.S.A. in 1970 for specialized training in Veterinary Public health under W.H.O. Traveling fellowship programme.

Dr Rao published more than 60 Research articles

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Panduranga Rao a member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 30, 2008

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Felicitation to Dr Kanthi Venkata Satyanarayana



Dr Kanthi Venkata Satyanarayana Retired Head, Division of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry was born on 21st January, 1933 at Burugupudi Village, Rajahmundry Taluk, East Godavari District.

After obtaining the B.Sc Degree in Botany from Andhra University in 1954 (P.R. College, Kakinada), M.Sc Degree from the Agra University in 1956 he joined as Research Assistant in the then Botany division, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He worked on Cotton Crop till the end of 1961. He then shifted to Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry as an Assistant Cytogeneticist till June 1964. Later he proceeded to work as a Research Fellow in the Department of Genetics, University of Wisconsin, in U.S.A. Where he obtained M.S. and PhD degrees in Genetics. Returning to India he joined as Geneticist in CTRI in 1972.

He worked in various capacities at CTRI and regional Stations Kandukur, Jeejugumilli till his retirement in January 1993 as Head, Division of Genetics and Plant Breeding.

During his work on Tobacco crop, Dr Satyanarayana along with his colleagues developed new and improved varieties which increased productivity from 1.2 tons to 2.5 tons/ha of cured leaf.

He published more than 30 research papers on Cotton, maize, tobacco crops.

He attended and participated in the 13th International Congress of Genetics held from 20th to 29th August 1973, at Berkely of the University of California.

Dr Satyanarayana was felicitated with a Gold medal by the East Godavari tobacco farmers in 1992 and by the I.L.T.D(ITC) with Gold Tobacco leaf Medal in February 2000, in recognition of his efforts in increasing the productivity levels of virginia tobacco.

The Association takes pride today to honour Dr Satyanarayana, a member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated March 30, 2008


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Felicitation to Sri Musunuri Seshagiri Rao



Sri Musunuri Seshagiri Rao, Retired Technician, Central Tobacco Research Institute(CTRI), Rajahmundry, was born on 13th June 1 1932 at Vemagiri a village near Rajahmundry, East Godavari district, A.P.

Sri Seshagiri Rao joined ICAR (then Govt of India) service in 1959 in the I.A.R.I. Soil testing unit and 1962 his services were amalgamated with CTRI, Rajahmundry.

He served in various capacities at CTRI. He retired on 30-06-1992

The Association takes pride today to honour Sri Seshagiri Rao, Life member of the Association, on the occasion of completion of 75 years of age, and wishes him many more productive years to serve the nation.

Dated, March 30, 2008

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Dr. Musunuri Venkata Subrahmanya Sastry – A Tribute



(December 27, 1930 – October 03, 2016)

Dr. Musunuri Venkata Subrahmanya Sastry, Life time Honorary President of the Retired ICAR Employees' Association (RICAREA) & Retired Principal Scientist and Head Plant Breeding, ICAR-Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad, was born on 27th December 1930 at Machilipatnam, to Musunuri Venkata Ramayya and Venkata Subbamma. He grew up in Vijayawada and went to Andhra University for higher studies. He completed his doctoral research in Botany from Utkal University. In 1956 he married Smt. Indira and they were blessed with two sons and a daughter.

He joined the ICAR-Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack, where his contributions in the field of Rice Genetics and Breeding are very impressive with far reaching implications. Two decades after his publication of genetic distance for resistance genes and linkage of Gm1 with brown furrows in rice gall midge, the Directorate of Rice Research (now Indian Institute of Rice Research), Hyderabad with biotechnological tools and STS markers could only confirm what he had predicted through the painstaking field-oriented linkage techniques of traditional studies on inheritance of resistance.

When he was at CRRI, Dr. Sastry was called upon to train qualified persons in seed production technologies at Vijayawada and later at the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) in New Delhi. At a time when India was deficient in food production, Dr. Sastry was deputed to work as the Regional Manager at the National Seeds Corporation of India. As the Regional Manager, NSC, he was actively associated with the country's first ever large-scale seed production in *Tainchung Native 1*. He successfully launched the Certified Seed production of TN1 in 10000 acres in *rabt* 1965 that fetched a record income of Rs. 40 lakhs to the corporation within a span of three months. Later in 1967, he initiated seed production programmes for improved varieties and hybrids in sorghum, pearl millet, maize, *Assyria Mwitande* of groundnut, vegetables, pulses and jute. He was responsible for the jute seed production in Andhra Pradesh and set the first time record seed production in jute. Dr. Sastry laid firm foundation to seed production in all agriculturally important crops in India. The Andhra Pradesh farmers derived greater benefit from his continued presence and advice to become front-runners in seed production leading to their economic prosperity. In the decisive years when India began the march from deficit to self-sufficiency, Dr. Sastry standardized the production of Breeder's, Foundation and Certified Seeds. Single-handedly he looked after the AICRIP's rice farm at Ramachandrapuram, besides producing valuable breeder's seeds of many crop varieties. He had visited Thailand, and Bangladesh as a member of international monitoring team. He guided students to complete research for the award of Ph.D. degree and published 65 articles. He was awarded the coveted Krishi Award by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India in 2008.

Together with Dr. E.A. Siddiq, Dr. Sastry initiated formation of RICAREA in 1997 and got it registered as a Society. During the initial years of RICAREA, Dr. Sastry worked alone tirelessly with little help; but succeeded in putting RICAREA on a very sound footing. His tireless and persistent efforts paved the way for securing medical benefits for all retired ICAR staff. Later he worked hard to print and circulate the highly valued RICAREA Newsletter from his residence. For several years he offered his own residence for conducting meetings of the Executive Committee of RICAREA. Since the mid 2015, Dr. Sastry was unwell and could not personally participate in the National Seminar and subsequent events of RICAREA. Nevertheless, his valuable advice and guidance were always available to the Members of RICAREA. He reached the heavenly abode on 3rd October 2016, in Hyderabad.

Till the end he continued his effort in sustaining and guiding RICAREA. His was a PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE. RICAREA, Indian Rice Research and Seed Production sectors were the major beneficiaries of his tireless and selfless activities. Truly, Dr. M.V.S. Sastry was a KARMAYOGI.

The Retired ICAR Employees' Association (RICAREA) hereby dedicates the Proceedings of the National Seminar on INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENHANCEMENT OF RURAL LIVELIHOODS to Late Dr. Musunuri Venkata Subrahmanya Sastry.

Dated : April 14, 2017