

120th Birth Celebrations of Acharya N.G. Ranga Organized

Date 7th November, 2020

120th Birth Celebrations of Shri Acharya N.G. Ranga, Padma Vibhushan Awardee, Freedom Fighter and worked for farmer's welfare; was organized by N.G. Ranga Trust and ICAR-NAARM Hyderabad jointly on November 7, 2020 in virtual mode. Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu gave Presidential Address on the occasion. Shri Govinda Rajulu Chintala, Chairman, NABARD and Dr. Ancha Srinivasan, Climate Change Advisor, South East Asia, Asian Development Bank, Sri K. Venkata Rosaih, MLA, Ponnuru, AP, Dr G. Muniratnam, Founder General Secretary, Rashtriya Seva Samithi; AP; Dr Yalamanchili Sivaji, Ex-MP; Dr Vishnuvardhan Reddy, VC of ANGRAU; Sri Y. Raghunadh Babu, Chairman, Tobacco Board, farmers and several other dignitaries participated.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President briefed the outstanding contributions of respected freedom fighter cum longest served parliamentarian (1952-1991) Shri Acharya N.G Ranga towards agricultural development in the country during and after independence. He highlighted the importance of agriculture in the Indian economy, current challenges and opportunities in farming sector viz., climate change, water issues, soil health deterioration, market linkages, retaining youth in agriculture, integrated farming systems, value addition, agri-startups, emerging technologies like AI and drones and diversified agriculture and food systems. He also emphasized the crucial role of stakeholders and government to drive the agricultural production sustainable and profitable through new technological towards income security of the farming community.

Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM welcomed the guests and Shri R. Kishore Babu, Chairman, Ranga Trust proposed vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and participants.

