

AGRI-NANO NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT March 11-12, 2015

A two-day National Conference by Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on Emerging Trends in Agrinanotechnology (AgriNANO-2015) was organized on March 11-12, 2015. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. S. Ayyappan, honourable Director General (ICAR, New Delhi). Prof. A. Padma Raju, honourable Vice-Chancellor, Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University acted as president and extended a warm welcome to all the resource persons, delegates and student participants. Dr. T.N.V.K.V. Prasad, Senior Scientist & Organizing Secretary explained the theme and objectives of the conference. To commemorate this national event, the published souvenir was released at the hands of the Chief Guest, Dr. S. Ayyappan. On this occasion, Dr. Ayyappan stressed the importance of nano research in Agriculture sector. The key speakers invited included global eminent international experts who addressed key issues and opportunities in the nanotech sector. All the key note speakers gave their splendid addresses which were warmly received by the audiences at Keynote Forum.

In five technical sessions under six different categories titled 'Synthesis and characterization of Nanoscale materials, Nanotechnology in Agricultural Sciences, Nanotechnology in Veterinary Sciences, Nanotechnology in Food Sciences and Textiles, Nanoscale materials for environment remediation and Nanotoxicity - Issues and Policies held over the two days, 150 papers were presented at the conference. Among the fruitful topics, it was a scientific festival filled with great opportunities to get access to the advancing development of nano science and technology. Young Scientists and Researchers from various Universities showcased several new concepts and ideas in the Poster Session. This excellent platform was aptly utilized by Researchers by presenting their innovative ideas at the stage of incubation to potential investors, Research Head to explore tie-ups or research alliances. The Conference proved to be highly successful in view of the spontaneous response and enthusiastic participation of the delegates from all over the country.