**9th Foundation Day Celebrations at Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University, Mulugu**

Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University has celebrated 9th Foundation day on 23rd December 2023 at Mulugu campus. The Programme begun with the presidential address of Dr. B. Neeraja Prabhakar, Vice Chancellor who has briefed about the activities and achievements of University. Dr. H. P. Singh, Former DDG (Hort.) ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi and Founder and Chairman of Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India (CHAI) has graced the programme as Chief Guest and has delivered the Foundation Day Lecture focusing on Climate smart Horticulture, Automation, Mechanization and digitalization for Sustainable Horticulture. Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, Indian Institute of Oil Seeds Research, Rajendranagar and Former Director who graced the programme as the Guest of Honour, delivered a keynote lecture on Oil palm cultivation, its opportunities, strengths, future challenges to benefit the Oil palm growers.

As a part of celebrations, University has released e book of ‘Udyana Panchangam’ renamed as “Udyana Darshini“ in Telugu which is a handbook of package of practices of horticultural crops of Telangana and launched e- SHORT (e- solutions for horticulture), a mobile app and this project was sanctioned under (RKVY) in the year 2012-13, which facilitates bidirectional information transfer between the user and the generator in major crops (Mango,Banana, Chill and Tomato). Also released University video, a short video covering different themes like Academics, Research and Extension activities.

On the occasion of Foundation day and National Farmers Day, University has felicitated progressive farmer (Sri. Seethalam Ramu garu from Kothagudem) for his excellence contributions in the field of Horticulture to the farming society.

University officers, Faculty, Zonal heads, Station Heads, Associate Deans, staff and students have attended the programme and made it as a grand success.