



## I. INTRODUCTION

Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) named in honour and memory of Professor Jayashankar, an eminent educationist and an ardent Telangana ideologue, is the only Farm University of the Telangana State. It was established on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 with its headquarters at Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. In accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Re-organization Act., 2014, all the institutions functioning within the territory of Telangana State have become the constituents of PJTSAU. PJTSAU caters to the needs of an enterprising farming community of Telangana which is endowed with abundant natural resources, diverse soil and agro-climatic conditions suitable for varied cropping systems.

The University is entrusted with the responsibility of generating and grooming the personnel for the agricultural services (Education), formulating and pursuing research activities in agriculture science (Research) and transferring the fruits of research and development to farmers and other stake holders.

The University is governed by the Board of Management comprising of 21 members with Vice-Chancellor as its Chairperson. The Vice-Chancellor is supported by University Officers viz., Faculty Deans, Dean of PG Studies, Dean of Student Affairs, Director of Experimental Stations, Director of Extension, Registrar, Controller of Examination, Comptroller, University Librarian and Estate Officer in handling academic, research, extension, administration and financial matters. The academic matters are looked after by the Academic Council of Faculty boards under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor. The Research and Extension Programmes are formulated by the Research and Extension Advisory Council (REAC)

under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor.

PJTSAU has three faculties of Agriculture, Agriculture Engineering and Technology and Home Science with UG, PG and Doctorate Programmes. The University carries out its teaching mandate through 05 constituent colleges. The University also offers two year Diploma in Agriculture and Seed Technology programmes in the local vernacular Telugu language, three year diploma in Agricultural Engineering and one year Post Graduate Diploma in Nutritional Therapy and Food Analysis & Quality Control in English to train mid level, para-technical workers.

The University carries out its research programmes in cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds and commercial crops besides taking up discipline oriented research through 16 Research Stations and three Regional Agricultural Research Stations spread over the entire State of Telangana. The nine District Agricultural Advisory and Transfer of Technology Centres (DAATTCs) located one each in the rural districts of the State and six *Krishi Vignan Kendras* (KVKs) are the centres of educating farmers, extension functionaries and other stake holders. In addition, Agricultural Information and Communication Centre (AI & CC), Extension Education Institute (EEI), Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) and Electronic Wing also work at the main campus of the University. The Farmers Call Centre located in Hyderabad facilitates farmers, a direct access to crop experts to get their farm problems solved over phone.

The First Annual Report of PJTSAU showcases activities and significant achievements of the University in the fields of education, research and extension during the period from June 2014 to May 2015.

