

Andhra Pradesh Community managed Natural Farming (APCNF)

Package of Practices

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Approved updated standardized APCNF protocols for implementation in Paddy crop (kharif) during 2020-21 – Implementation requested – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of March, 2021.

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The APCNF practices adopted by best Paddy farmers across districts was keenly studied and accordingly, during 2019-20 the Paddy crop (Kharif) protocols standardized and circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. The approved POPs were popularised among the cadres and farmers, leading to development of more compact APCNF paddy blocks in districts. The DPMs have been tracking the high yield APCNF farmers of paddy during 2019-20 in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Nellore for future learnings and updation of POPs. It is decided to update the POPs of kharif paddy developed during 2019-20 after discussion with DPMs and field cadres concern. The State unit collected highest yielding APCNF Paddy crop (kharif) farmer POPs, after that State technical team discussed with DPMs concerned and finalised POPs and updated for adoption during 2020-21. All the practices adopted during 2020-21 by these high yield achievers in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Nellore here with enclosed in the Annexure-2 for ready reference. The POPs updated are as follows.

1. Agroecological 9 universal principles of Natural farming are i) Soil to be covered ii) Minimal disturbance to soil iii) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts iv) Use of indigenous seed v) Diverse crops/trees of 15-20 crops vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through botanical extracts and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.

3. All the core practices of BJM, GJM & DJM are to be followed mandatorily and their respective quantities can be enhanced and should not be reduced. Eg- Split doses(soil, foliar) & respective quantities may be increased.
4. Before kharif, raising of Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with 18 varieties of crops, sown in May and continued up to July 2nd week (appx.75 days) to get a good crop stand and biomass. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables, can be used for self-consumption, some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as Mulch / incorporated in to the soil before kharif plantation.
5. Seed and seedling treatment with Beejamrutham (BJM) @5 ltrs/ 25- 30 kg seed respectively, it stimulates & catalyses soil biology and protects from seed/soil born pests and diseases.
6. Promote Line sowing, Drum Seeder planting, SRI (System of Rice Intensification) in irrigated paddy and Direct seeding (Line) in rainfed paddy which allows minimal disturbance to the soil.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i).Type-2 GJM at 1000-1500kg/acre, during last ploughing/Puddling and ii).Type-1 GJM at 400kg/acre in two equal splits at 20 DAT,40DAT at 20 days interval.
- 8.Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be added as it is to soil. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type II GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM): i). Soil application: 800ltrs/acre, four times, at 35DAT, 50 DAT,65 DAT, 80DAT @200lit Each ii). Foliar application: 50 ltrs DJM in 100 ltrs of water each spray, four times, at 25DAT,45DAT,55DAT,70DAT @200 ltrs each.
- 10.Application of Azolla: at 10-15 Kgs/Acre after 7 DAT which fixes nitrogen, reduces weed development , acts as living organic mulch (reduces irrigation frequency by reducing evaporation loss of water) and some biomass can be incorporated.
- 11.All the non-negotiables (Clipping of leaf tips, Alleys, Border/Bund/Peripheral plantation- Marigold/Red gram/Maize/Vegetables And Glyricidia /Sesbania, Yellow sticky traps, Pheromone traps-for Yellow Stem Borer, Bird perches and Light traps) must be practiced.
- 12.Growth promoters: Use i). Panchagavya- 4lts/acre, 1 time-at tillering Stage ii). Egg amino acid- 200ml in 100lits of water/ acre, 1 time- at Panicle initiation stage. iii). Sapthadhanyakura tonic- 250ml in 100lits of water,1 time-at Milking and grain filling stage to boost both quality and quantity of yields .
- 13.Suggested 365 DGC in paddy under different situations

i) Canal situation (Delta): a) PMDS-Kharif Paddy-RDS(Rabi Dry Sowing)-Rabi Paddy

ii) Bore wells and Uplands: a)PMDS-Kharif Paddy-RDS-Rabi Paddy;
b)PMDS-Kharif Paddy-RDS-Rabi Pulses/other crops

14. Under borewells, adjust the kharif sowings so that the harvest's may be complete by October end or by 1st FN of Nov and then take up Rabi dry sowings, raise RDS up to 25-50 days ,so that there may be good growth for incorporation.

15. All DPMs should promote high end models in paddy fields i.e IFS Model, raising of Horticulture plants (like Fruit trees, Vegetables and Flower crops) after widening of Paddy bunds and initiate, 5 Layer model (50'X50' model) (in 5-6 cents area) in one corner of paddy field after raising dedicated corner area to 5 feet height and SRT (Saguna Rice Technology) where ever possible.

16.All ICRPs fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF and conduct CCE by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers.

17.All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption in before PMDS, during Kharif and during Rabi.

18.Paddy compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots of kharif paddy, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated and the fear of low yields can be addressed* among paddy farmers and the DPMs/AOs/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.

19.All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.

20.All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.

21.All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields mentioned in the Annexure-2. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented.

22. All POPs developed are to be discussed in debriefing meetings and to suggest appropriate measures as per POPs from time to time during crop season.

23.Best APCNF paddy farmers unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.

24.DGF films may be made on the short listed farmers based on the phenological data, at the earliest, for use in CB training programmes

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF in Paddy (Kharif) crop.

Enclosures :

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Paddy crop.
2. Annexure-2: Paddy Protocols followed by highest yielding farmers in districts during 2020-21.
3. Annexure-3: Comparative statement on recommended kharif paddy crop PoPs during 2019 with highest yielding APCNF Farmers of kharif-2019 and 2020 of districts


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Officio Spl. Chief Secretary (Natural farming)
to Govt (A&C)**

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF- Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Paddy crop for Rabi-2021-22 season - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of March, 2020.

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In Rabi 2020-21, the Paddy crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Paddy crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It led to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the Rabi-2020-21 season.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Paddy crop for the Rabi-2021-22 season, based on the results of Rabi- 2020-21 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during Rabi-2021-22.

The POPs/protocols updated in Paddy crop for Rabi-2021-22 season are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective

quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (Soil, foliar).

4. After kharif, raising of Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and Leafy vegetables), sown as relay crop in November 2nd week and continued up to December 2nd week (appx.30 days) to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. Seed and seedling treatment with Beejamrutham (BJM)
6. To avoid weedicide application, promote Line sowing, Drum seeder planting, SRI (System of Rice Intensification) in irrigated paddy and Direct seeding (Line) in rainfed paddy which allows minimal disturbance to the soil.
7. Facilitating placement of paddy weeders, manual and power driven at CHC (Custom Hiring Centre)/NPM shops is very crucial.
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i).Type-2 GJM at 1000-1500kg/acre, during last ploughing/Puddling and ii).Type-1 GJM at 400kg/acre in two equal splits at 20 DAT, 40DAT at 20 days interval.
9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
- 10.Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i). Soil application:
 - 2000 litres /acre, 10 times @ 200lt each time, starting from 10 DAT (Days of Transplantation) with 10 days interval.
 - ii). Foliar application:
 - 4 times, at 25DAT (15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water)
 - 45DAT (20 litres of DJM in 150 litres of water)
 - 55DAT (30 litres of DJM in 150 litres of water)*
 - 70DAT (50 litres of DJM in 150 litres of water)
- 11.Application of Azolla: 4 Kgs/Acre after 7 DAT which fixes nitrogen, reduces weed growth, acts as living organic mulch (reduces irrigation frequency by reducing evaporation loss of water) and some biomass can be incorporated.
- 12.S2S kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Clipping of leaf tips
 - ii. Seedling treatment with BJM
 - ii. Alleys- Provide 30 cms alley for every 2 mts
 - iii. Azolla mother pit
 - iv.Border/Bund/Peripheral-plantation-Marigold/Redgram/Maize/Vegetables and Glyricidia /Sesbania.
 - v.Yellow sticky traps-20-25/Acre
 - vi.Pheromone traps-for Yellow Stem Borer and Leaf folder-8/acre at 20-30 DAT
 - vii.Bird perches-10-15/Acre

viii. Light trap: 1/acre

13. Growth promoters: i). Panchagavya- 4lts/acre, 2 time-at tillering stage and 70 DAT ii). Egg amino acid- 200ml in 100lits of water/ acre, 1 time-at Panicle initiation stage. iii). Sapthadhanyakura tonic- 700 grams of paste in 100lits of water, 1 time-at Milking and grain filling stage to boost both quality and quantity of yields.
14. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Trap/Border/Bund planting- vegetables crops, Azolla mother pit, Light traps etc.,) of Paddy (Rabi) crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc. before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.
15. Suggested 365 DGC in paddy under different situations
 - i) Canal situation (Delta): a) PMDS-Kharif Paddy-RDS (Rabi Dry Sowing)- Rabi Paddy
 - ii) Bore wells and Uplands: a) PMDS-Kharif Paddy-RDS-Rabi Paddy; b) PMDS-Kharif Paddy-RDS-Rabi Pulses/other crops.
16. Under borewells, adjust the Rabi sowings in a way so that the kharif harvest's may be completed by 1st FN of Nov and then take up Rabi dry sowings; raise RDS up to 25-30 days, so that there may be good growth for incorporation at the time of transplantation. Transplantation around 15th January will avoid cool winter temperatures and helps in good growth due to increased microbial activity also.
17. All DPMs should also consider promoting high end models in paddy fields i.e IFS Model and SRT wherever possible.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

18. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Paddy (Rabi) crop growing period
19. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly
20. L1, L3 should also try sowing leafy vegetables in direct Paddy, line sown paddy fields in between two rows at the time of sowing.
21. The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
22. Paddy (Rabi) crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
23. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,

24. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
25. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
26. Best APCNF Paddy (Rabi) crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
27. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF in Paddy (Rabi) crop during this Rabi-2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosures:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Paddy crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary (Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)


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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in paddy crop

Sl.No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ Non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Yellow Stem Borer (<i>Scirphophaga incertulas</i>)	1.Clipping of Leaf tips during Transplantation 2.Release of Trichogramma egg parasite 3.Erecting of 8 pheromone traps of yellow stem borer / acre 4.Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre	1.Erecting of 8 pheromone traps of yellow stem borer / acre 2.Erecting of Light trap 1/ acre	i.Spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemastram during Initial stage - 5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water ii.Spraying of Agnastram during Tillering and Boot leaf stage - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
2	Leaf Folder (<i>Cnaphalocrocis medinalis</i>)	Dragging of twisted rope	Erecting of Light trap 1/acre	5% NSKE/Neemastram during initial stage
3	Brown Plant Hopper (<i>Nilaparvata lugens</i>)	1.Formation of Alleys 30 cms at 2 every 2 meters apart 2.Erecting of White/ Yellow sticky traps 20-25/acre	-	Spraying of Ipomea Leaf Extract (Thootikaada Kashayam) 5- 6 litres in 100 litres of water by mixing with Soap water and spray solution should focus on Base part of plants
4	Gall Midge (<i>Orseolia oryzae</i>)	-	Erection of 1 Light trap/acre	Spraying of Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre
5	Rice Hispa (<i>Dicladispa armigera</i>)	Clipping of leaf tips while transplanting	-	i.Neemastram at early stages - Neemastram- 10 Kgs of Neem leaves grinded in 200lts/acre ii.Brahmastram during later stages - 6lts in 100lit water/acre
6	Mite (<i>Stenotarsonemus spinki</i>)	Planting of Marigold plants on Bunds	-	Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre
7	Green Leafhoppers (<i>Nephotettix sp.</i>)	Yellow/White sticky traps 20-25/acre	Erection of 1 Light trap/acre	Spraying of Vavilaku Kashayam - 5 litres in 100 litres of water/acre

8	Rice Gundhi Bug (<i>Leptocorisa acuta</i>)	-	-	i)Spraying of 5% NSKE before 9 AM - 5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water or ii)Spraying of Agnastram before 9 AM 3 lit in 100 lit water/acre
II. Major Diseases				
9	Rice Blast (<i>Pyricularia oryzae</i>)	1.Seed treatment with Beejamrutha 2.Bunds should be Weed free	-	i)Spraying of Maredu patra + Tulasi kashayam - 6 lit in 100 lit water or ii)Cow Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water or iii)Sour Buttermilk Solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
10	Sheath Blight (<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>)	Avoid Excess water in the field	-	i)Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or ii)Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
11	Bacterial Leaf Blight (<i>Xanthomonas oryzae</i>)	Avoid Planting under shade	-	i)Dry ginger+Milk extract - 6 lit in 200 lit water ii)Dung+Urine+asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
12	False smut (<i>Ustilaginoidea virens</i>)	Early transplantation	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water
13	Leaf spot (<i>Cochliobolus mlyabeanus</i>)	-	-	spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
14	Stem Rot (<i>Sclerotium oryzae</i>)	Avoid poor drainage	-	Seed and Seedling treatment
15	Tungro Virus (Transmitted by green leaf hopper)	Bunds should be weed free	Erection of 1 Light trap/acre	Spraying of 5% NSKE - 5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water

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Sub: -A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF – Updated standardized APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Groundnut crop for Kharif-2021 season – Regarding

Ref: - Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of March, 2021.

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The APCNF practices adopted by best Groundnut farmers across districts were keenly studied and accordingly, during Kharif-2020 the Groundnut crop protocols were standardized and circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. The approved POPs were popularised among the cadres and farmers, leading to better practices on ground, and better results for farmers for the Kharif-2021 season, it is decided to update the POPs of Groundnut crop developed for Kharif-2020, in consultation with concerned DPMs and field cadres. The state unit collected highest yielding APCNF Groundnut crop farmer POPs, and then the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised POPs and updated for adoption during Kharif-2021. **The Protocols updated in Groundnut crop for adoption during Kharif-2021 season are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops including trees iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables) and botanical extracts as last resort and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) are to be followed mandatorily and their

respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced and should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing Groundnut crop, raising of Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops, sown in April/May (one week before harvest of preceding Rabi crop) and continued up to July 2nd week i.e till sowing of Groundnut to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Groundnut cropping system. For inter crops, Pulses-Red gram, Field bean, Cluster bean etc., Tuber crops, Oil seed like Caster, Vegetables-Tomato/Brinjal/Chilli, Leafy vegetables, other millets and any other crop locally grown must be integral part of Groundnut cropping system.
6. Seed treatment with Beejaraksha/Beejamrutham.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-1: 400 kgs or if it is Type-2:1000-1500kg/acre at the time of last ploughing.
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM): i) Soil application: 800lits/ acre @ 200lit each starting from 20 (Days After Sowing) DAS, 35DAS, 50 DAS and 65 DAS ii) Foliar application:5 lit of DJM in 100 lit of water at 27 DAS followed by 42 DAS (10 in 100 lit), 57 DAS (15 in 125 lit) and 72 DAS (20 in 150 lit) each starting from Peg formation stage.
10. Growth promoters: Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre around 50 DAS
11. S2S kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: Groundnut : Red gram/Cow pea/Sunflower in 5:1 or 7:1 ratio (Inter crops- 2kgs) {For third year PMDS Farmers, the additional inter crops can be; Field bean (0.1kgs), Leafy Vegetables (0.25 kg) cluster bean(0.1kg) and Okra/Sesamum (0.15 kg) each}
 - ii. Border crop: Jowar/Bajra/Maize (1-2 KGs) in 4 rows
 - iii. Trap Crops: Marigold (50grams) and Castor (250 grams).
 - iv. Yellow and Blue sticky traps: 20-25/acre
 - v. Pheromone traps (Spodoptera): Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAS
 - vi. Delta Traps (Leaf minor): 5/acre at 20-30 DAS
 - vii. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre
 - viii. Light Traps: 1/ acre.

12. The Pheromone/Delta traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Leaf minor – before the pest infestation) rather than installing the traps after the infestation starts in the field.
13. S2S kit for Groundnut crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.
14. 365 DGC: Immediately after harvesting of Groundnut crop in November sow with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops, as Rabi dry Sowing (RDS) or continue the 365 DGC with other group of crops (Poly crops).

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to the farmers:

15. All ICRPs and L1 cadre fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also)-they will be evaluated accordingly. The DPMs should discuss their (field cadres) NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
16. All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during Groundnut growing period.
17. Groundnut crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around Model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated and the fear of low yields can be addressed effectively among Groundnut farmers. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,
18. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
19. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
20. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields. The POPs of such farmers should be documented.
21. Best APCNF Groundnut farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
22. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Groundnut crop POPs during this Kharif-2021 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosures:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Groundnut crop.

 03/06
**Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)**

 2/10/21

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Groundnut crop

Sl.No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Red hairy caterpillar (incidence: after germination of the crop)	i.Trap crops - Maize, Jowar ii.Light traps (soon after sowing.) iii.In endemic areas make trenches around the field and filling with Calotropis (Jilledu) leaves and branches.	Pheromone traps @ 8/per Acre	Spraying of Green Chilli and Garlic concoction (Pachi mirchi vellulli kashayam)
2	White grub (incidence: from sowing to 50DAS)	Neem cake - 200kg/acre	Remove damaged plants along with grubs and destroy.	Neem cake - 200kg per acre at last ploughing. It can be mixed with Type- II Ghana jeevamrutham and apply.
3	Thrips (incidence: from 10DAS to 45DAS)	Trap crop - Marigold	i.Blue sticky traps 25-30/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and	i.Neemastram, spray when incidence is low 200 litres/acre ii.5% NSKE (Vepaginjala kashayam) spray when incidence is moderate,

			Lace wing bugs	
4	Leaf Minor (incidence: 20DAS to 50DAS)	-	Delta trap @5/acre	In extreme case where monitoring with Deltraps could not happen, with severe infestation drag the thorny bush to open the leaf webs and then spray Brahmastram.
5	Aphids (incidence: from 20DAS to 50DAS)	i.Trap crop-Cowpea ii.Maize/Jowar as border crop	i.25-30 Yellow sticky traps ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles, dragon flies and Lace wing bugs	Spray Neemastram@200 lit/acre when incidence is low and spray Datura (ummetha kashayam) leaf extract + with detergent powder when incidence is moderate to severe
6	Jassid (incidence: throughout the crop period)	-	i.25-30 Yellow sticky traps ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs	i.5%NSKE (Vepaginjala kashayam) when incidence is low (need based) ii.Tobacco decoction(Pogaku Kashayam) when incidence is moderate to severe
7	Tobacco caterpillar (incidence: 45 DAS to till the crop harvest)	i.Erect Bird perches @15/acre ii.Spray 5 % NSKE to destroy eggs and first and 2 nd instar larvae	i.Pheromone traps @8/acre ii.Light traps 1/acre	i.Spray SPNV (200 LE) in 100 lit of water at early stages of pest ii.Spray Brahmastram at later stages

			iii. Trap crop-Castor	
II. Major Diseases				
8	Bud necrosis (Viral disease transmitted by Thrips, (incidence at early stages i.e 25 DAS to 50DAS)	i. Timely control of sucking pests with neemastam/Vitex leaf extract ii. Inter crops with Onion and Marigold and Coriander	i. Erect Blue sticky traps-15-20 per Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects for Thrips viz	i. Dry ginger milk solution spray ii. Spray Cowdung+Urine+Asfoetida solution (Pedamutram inguva dravanam) at later stages
9	Tikka leaf spot (incidence at 40 DAS to till crop harvest)	-	-	i. Spraying of Sour buttermilk at early stages ii. Spray Cowdung+Urine+Asfoetida solution (Pedamutram inguva dravanam) at moderate stage
10	Dry root rot (incidence before 45 DAS)	i. Add T. viridae 2 kgs/acre while application of Type-I Ghana jeevamrutam as pocket method of application ii. Seed treatment with Beejaraksha/Beejamrutam and iii. Trap Crop- Marigold	-	i. Neem cake application - 200kg/acre at last ploughing ii. Spraying of sour Buttermilk

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Approved updated standardized APCNF protocols for implementation in Cotton crop during 2020-21 - Implementation requested - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of March, 2021.

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The APCNF practices adopted by best Cotton farmers across districts was keenly studied and accordingly, during 2019-20 the Cotton crop protocols standardized and circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. The approved POPs were popularised among the cadres and farmers, leading to development of more compact APCNF Cotton blocks in districts. The DPMs have been tracking the high yield APCNF farmers of Cotton crop during 2019-20 in the districts of Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam and Kurnool for future learnings and updation of POPs. It is decided to update the POPs of Cotton crop developed during 2019-20 after discussion with DPMs and field cadres concern. The State unit collected highest yielding APCNF Cotton crop farmer POPs, after that State technical team discussed with DPMs concerned and finalised POPs and updated for adoption during 2020-21. All the practices adopted during 2020-21 by these high yield achievers in the districts of Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam and Kurnool are here with enclosed in the Annexure-2 for ready reference. The POPs updated are as follows.

1. Agroecological 9 universal principles of Natural farming are i) Soil to be covered ii) Minimal disturbance to soil iii) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts iv) Use of indigenous seed v) Diverse crops/trees of 15-20 crops vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through botanical extracts and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principals are to be operationalized through location specific practices.

3. All the core practices of BJM, GJM & DJM are to be followed mandatorily and their respective quantities can be enhanced and should not be reduced.
Eg- Split doses(soil, foliar) & respective quantities may be increased.
4. Before growing Cotton crop, raising of Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with 18 varieties of crops, sown in May and continued up to July 2nd week (appx.75 days) to get a good crop stand and biomass. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/vegetables / leafy vegetables, can be used for self-consumption, some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as Mulch / incorporated in to the soil.
5. It is important to promote non-Bt seeds in Cotton as much as possible.
6. Seed treatment with : i) Beejamrutham (BJM) – 0.5lit/acre ii) Trichoderma viridi – 7 gm/kg, it stimulates and catalyses soil biology and protect from seed/soil born pests/diseases.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i).Type-2: 1000-1500kg/acre at the time of last ploughing and ii).Type-1:800kg/ acre @400kg/acre at the time of sowing(pocket application) and 400kg/acre after one month of sowing(pocket application).
8. The FYM should not be added as it is to the farms. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type II GJM and then only be applied
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM): i)Soil application:1000lits/ acre @200 lits/acre each @ 5 times, at 25 days intervals starting from 30DAS ii). Foliar application: 600lits/acre @ 200lits/ acre each for 3 times, At the time of flowering and boll formation stages and Whenever water stress/ drought prevailed
- 10.Growth promoters: i). Panchagavya- 4lts/acre in 100 lts of water at 2 times (Flowering stage and Boll formation stage) ii). Egg amino acid- 200-250ml in 100lits of water/ acre at 2 times (30 DAS and 45 DAS) iii). Sapthadhanyakura tonic- 700gms in 200lits of water at 2 times (Boll maturity stage)
- 11.All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: Cotton : Red gram 5:1, cotton: Black gram 1:1.After the first weeding(25 DAS) leafy vegetables and tuber crops(onion, carrot, Beetroot etc may be introduced). After 45 DAS of cotton, dibble cucurbits- Ridge guard and Bottle Guard in entire crop.
 - ii. Border crop : 4 rows of Jowar/Maize/Bajra, before 25 Days of Cotton sowing.
 - iii. Trap Crops : 6-7 Castor plants and 300-400 Marigold (Marigold and Castor with in the row along with Cotton)

- iv. Yellow, white and Blue sticky traps: 30-40/acre install immediately after 10 DAS.
 - v. Pheromone traps(Pink Bollworm/ Helicoverpa/ Spodoptera) : Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAS.
 - vi. Bird perches : 10-15/ acre at 20-30 DAS.
 - vii. Light Traps : 1/ acre.
- 12.The Pheromone traps should be insect specific and should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Pink Boll worm – in the beginning of the pest infestation) rather than installing the traps after the infestation starts in the field.
 - 13.Introduction of Multilayer crops, Inter-crops and Poly crops in Cotton crop is mandatory and document the income from main crop and other crops as well
 - 14.Leafy vegetables, Tuber crops, millets, oil seeds, creepers must be integral part of Cotton cropping system.
 - 15.365 DGC: PMDS-Cotton-RDS, 7 days before last picking of cotton for RDS.
 - 16.All ICRPs fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF and conduct CCE by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers.
 - 17.All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption in before PMDS, during Cotton growing period.
 - 18.Cotton crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots , where all POPs can be easily demonstrated and the fears of low yields can be removed among Cotton farmers. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.
 - 19.All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
 - 20.All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
 - 21.All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields mentioned in the Annexure-2. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented.
 - 22.All POPs developed are to be discussed in debriefing meetings and to suggest appropriate measures as per POPs from time to time during crop season.

23. Best APCNF Cotton farmers unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
24. DGF films may be made on the short listed farmers based on the phenological data, at the earliest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Cotton crop POPs.

Enclosures :

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cotton crop.
2. Annexure-2: Cotton crop Protocols followed by highest yielding farmers in districts during 2020-21.
3. Annexure-3: Comparative statement on recommended Cotton crop POPs during 2019 with highest yielding APCNF Farmers of 2019 and 2020 of districts


15/04/21
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Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cotton crop

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ Non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1. Major Pests				
1	Jassids (<i>Amrasca devastans</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) 5% NSKE iii) Raising of inter crops and border crops-promotes beneficial insects iv) Border crops with 4 rows of Jowar/Maize	i) White/Yellow sticky traps @30-40/acre ii) ETL-2 nymphs/adults per leaf	Vitex (vavilaku) kashayam
2	Cotton aphids (<i>Aphis gossypii</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) 5% NSKE iii) Raising of inter crops and border crops-promotes beneficial insects iv) Border crops with 4 rows of Jowar/Maize	i) White/Yellow sticky traps @30-40/acre ii) ETL-10-15 % affected plants	Datura leaf extract and 1.5 kg surf powder in 200 lits of water
3	Thrips (<i>Thrips tabaci</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) 5% NSKE iii) Raising of inter crops-promotes beneficial insects iv) Border crops with 4 rows of Jowar/Maize	i) Blue sticky traps @30-40/acre ii) ETL-10thrips (nymphs/adults) per leaf	Vitex (vavilaku) kashayam and Agnasthrum
4	Whitefly (<i>Bemisia tabaci</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) 5% NSKE iii) Raising of inter crops and border crops-promotes beneficial insects iv) Border crops with 4 rows of Jowar/Maize	i) Erection of 15 yellow sticky traps 30-40/acre ii) ETL- Adults-6/leaf iii) Nymphs-20/leaf	Vitex (vavilaku) kashayam

5	Mealy bugs (<i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) 5% NSKE	i) ETL-20 affected plants with one fully affected branch ii) Presence of ants	i) Apply Acacia Arabica (Babul) extract. (Collect 3 Kgs of babul (Thumma chakka) tree bark, soak it in 10 litres of water for 24 hours and filter the solution. Add 0.5kg of boiled starch powder and mix in 100 litres of water and spray for one acre ii) Spray Datura leaf Extract iii) spray Matti draavanam (20kgs of soil dissolved in 200 lits of water for 12 hours filter and spray)
6	Red cotton bug (<i>Dysdercus cingulatus</i>)	-	-	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) 5% NSKE
7	American Boll Worm (<i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram as prophylactic spray ii) First spray 5% Neem seed kernel extract	Install pheromone traps @8/ acre for monitoring adult moths activity. Replace the lures with fresh lures after every 2-3 weeks ETL- 5% flowers or 1 larva per plant	i) First spray 5% Neem Seed Kernel Extract followed by Second spray after 7 days Agnasthrum (3.5 litres extract in 100 litres of water) ii) Spray HNPV (200 LE) in 100 litres of water per acre
8	Tobacco Cutworm (<i>Spodoptera litura</i>)	i) Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii) Trap crops @50 plants of Castor	i) Pheromone traps 4-5/acre can be installed for monitoring cutworm activity Replace the lures with fresh lures after every 20-25 day interval. ii) Bird perches @10/acre should be erected for facilitating field visits of predatory birds iii) Release Trychogramma parasite eggs 50000 per acre	Chilli, Garlic Extract

			iv)ETL for fruit borer is 8-10 moths/day/trap.	
9	Pink bollworm (<i>Pectonofera gossypiella</i>)	i) Crop rotation ii) Effected flowers/bolls are to be destroyed ii) At a time sowing iv) 5% NSKE at flowering and boll formation stage	i)Pheromone traps 8/acre can be installed for monitoring activity Replace the lures with fresh lures after every 20-25 day interval. ii)Bird perches@10/acre should be erected for facilitating field visits of predatory birds iii)ETL - presence of 2 larvae in 20 observed bolls.	i)Release Trychogramma parasite eggs 50000 per acre ii)Agnastram

II. Major Diseases

10	Root rot(<i>Rhizoctonia bataticola/ Rhizoctonia solani</i>)	i)Raise PMDS before cotton crop ii)Apply Neem cake @200kgs/acre iii) Seed treatment with Trichoderma viridi @10gram/kg seed iv) Mixing 2kg Trichoderma viridi with 100kgs Ghanajewamrutham -Type2 and Pocket application	-	Sour Butter milk and cow dung + urine +A asafoetida solution
11	Fusarium Wilt(<i>Fugarium oxysporum F.SP.vasinfecum</i>)	i)PMDS ii)Neem cake @200kgs/acre iii) Drench with Trichoderma viridi @2kg in 200 lits of water. iv) Mixing 2kg Trichoderma viridi for 100kgs Type II ghanajewamrutham and Pocket application	-	Mix 2 kg of Trichoderma Viridi in 200 litres of water and spray or drench at the base of the plant.
12	Alternaria leafblight(<i>Verticellium dhaleai</i>)	-	-	Sour Butter milk and cow dung + urine +Asafoetida solution

13	Bacterial Blight (<i>Xanthomonas oxynopodis</i> <i>P. Malvesiarum</i>)	Seed treatment with T. viridi @10gm/kg seed or 10gm, <i>Pseudomonas</i> per kg seed	-	Dry Ginger + milk extract and Dung + Urine + Asafoetida Solution
14	Cotton Rust (<i>Facospora gossipie</i>)	-	-	Cow dung + Urine +Asafoetida solution

CIRCULAR

Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Red gram crop for Kharif-2021 season – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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In Kharif 2020, the Red gram crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Red gram crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It lead to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the 2020 season.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Red gram crop for the 2021 season, based on the results of Kharif 2020 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during Kharif-2021.

The POPs/Protocols updated in Red gram crop for adoption during Kharif-2021 season are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of and botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.

3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing Red gram crop, raising of Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.,) sown in April/May (one week before harvest of preceding Rabi crop) and continued up to July 1st week i.e till sowing of Red gram to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Red gram cropping system. For inter crops, Millets, Castor, Tuber vegetables (Carrot and Radish) and creeper vegetables (Cucumber, Bottle gourd and Ridge gourd) must be integral part of Red gram crop cropping system, which are discussed in detail subsequently; and document the income from main crop and other crops as well.
6. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-2: 1000-1500kg/acre at the time of last ploughing (or) Type-1:400kg/ acre @200kg/acre at the time of last ploughing and 200kg/acre after 20 DAS (Days After Sowing).
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM): Foliar application: 3 times during dry spell in the crop period at 15 days interval
 - 1st spray-5 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water
 - 2nd spray-10 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and
 - 3rd spray-20 litres of DJM in 150 litres of water
10. Growth promoters: i) Panchagavya: 4 lts in 100 litres of water/acre for 1 time at flowering stage (October/November). ii) Saptadhanyakura tonic: 700gms of paste in 200 litres of water at pod development stage (December/January).
11. S2S Kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: Red gram and Bajra in 1:2 ratio (in light soils), Red gram Bajra and Jowar, Maize in 1:4 ratio (in heavy soils), Red gram and Groundnut 1:5 or 1:7, Red gram and Cotton 1:5, Red gram and Millets 1:4. In all the cases grow Tubers (Carrot and Radish), Creeper vegetables in Red gram rows and leafy vegetables in inter rows as live mulch to prevent weed

growth. Bajra (approx.1kg) Maize, Jowar (2 kgs) 2:1, Add Tuber crops (approx.0.150 Kg) and creeper vegetables(approx.0.1kg) (in Red gram rows) + Leafy vegetables (approx. 0.250kgs).

ii. Border crops: Jowar /Maize/Bajra (2Kgs) in 3-4 Rows

iii. Trap crops- Castor (250 grams) and Marigold (50 grams)

iv. Yellow and Blue sticky traps: 30-40/acre

v. Pheromone traps (Helicoverpa): Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAS

vi. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre

vii. Light Traps: 1/ acre.

12.The pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Helicoverpa – in the beginning of the pest infestation). It should not be done after the infestation starts in the field.

13.S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter crops/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Red gram crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc. before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to farmers:

14.All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption in before PMDS, during Red gram growing period.

15.All ICRPs and L1 cadre own fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also)-they will be evaluated accordingly.

16.The DPMs should discuss their (field cadres) NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better.

17.Red gram crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.

18.All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.

19.All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handholding during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.

20. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should identify farmers who have exceeded the yields of the model plots. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
21. All POPs developed are to be discussed in debriefing meetings and to suggest appropriate measures as per POPs from time to time during crop season.
22. Best APCNF Red gram farmers unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
23. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Red gram crop POPs during this Kharif-2021 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Red gram crop.


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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Red gram crop

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Gram pod borer (Helicoverpa)	1) Growing of Trap crops like Marigold, Sorghum, Lablab, Pea, Chillies, Groundnut, Okra, Maize, Tomato etc 2) Parasitoids: Trichogramma spp., Tetrastichus spp., Chelonus spp., Telenomus spp, Bracon spp. etc	1) ETL-2-3 eggs/ 5 twigs and 1 larvae/ 2 plants at vegetative stage and 1 larvae/plant at flowering stage of the crop. 5-10 per cent pod damage. 2) Installation of Pheromone traps 8 per acre. 3) Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, Lace wings etc.,	Spray Bramhastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre (or) Spray Dasaparini kashayam 6 litres in 200 litres water.
2	Spotted pod borer	1) Parasitoids: Trichogramma spp., Tetrastichus spp., Chelonus spp., Telenomus spp, Bracon spp. etc. 2) Trap crops-Beans, Peas, Castor, Groundnut, Cowpea, Sesame, Green gram and Black gram.	1) ETL: 5 larvae/10 plants. 2) Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lacewing bug, Ladybird beetle, Spider, Red ant, Dragon fly, Robber fly, Reduviid bug, Praying mantid etc.,	1) Spray NSKE-10 lit in 200 lit water-Early stages 2) Spray Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre- Moderate to Severe stage
3	Red gram pod fly	1) Parasitoids: Euderus lividus, Eurytoma spp., Senegalella spp., Ormyrus orientalis etc. 2) Growing of Trap crop- Bhendi	1) ETL -5 larvae/10 plants. 2) Watch for beneficiary insects viz Spiders, Reduviid bug, Robber fly, Dragonfly etc.	1) Spray NSKE- 10 lit in 200 lit water
4	Leaf Webber	Growing of Trap crops such as Marigold, Castor etc.	ETL -5 larvae/ 10 plants.	1) Spray 5% NSKE - Early stages 2. Spray Chilli garlic extract- Moderate to Severe stages

5	Plume moth	1) Conserve larval parasitoids, Apanteles Paludicola, Diadegma sp. 2) Growing of Trap crops- Lablab, Niger and Horse gram	1) Installation of Bird perches @ 20/acre. 2) 1 Light trap/5 acre	1) Neemastram at early stages 2) Brahmastram during later stages (6 lts in 100 lit water/acre) at Moderate to Severe stages
6	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	1) Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 30-40 per acre 2) Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.

II. Major Diseases

7	Fusarium wilt	1) Use of Resistant varieties 2) Crop rotation	-	1) Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi 2 kg in 200 litres of water. 2) Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
8	Dry root rot	1) Choose resistant cultivars. 2) Seed can be treated effectively with hot water	-	1) Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi 2 kg in 200 litres of water 2) Spray Cow dung + urine+ Asafoetida solution 5 litres in 200 litres of water.
9	Powdery mildew	1) Use of Resistant varieties 2) Crop rotation		Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Turmeric kashayam 5 litres in 100 litres water.
10	Sterility mosaic Virus- (Transmitted by Eriophyid mite)	1) Use of Resistant varieties 2) Crop rotation	Effective monitoring of Eriophyid mite with yellow sticky traps	Spray cow dung + urine+ Asafoetida solution 5 litres in 200 litres of water before flowering, followed by 5% NSKE.

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in other crop-Black gram/Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly and Minor Millets- Korra, Sama etc., for the year 2021-22- Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram & Maize were revised and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for other minor field crops, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in other minor crops for the year 2021-22. **The Model Protocols for other minor field crops like Black gram/Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly and Minor Millets- Korra, Sama etc., for adoption during the year 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex-Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing of other crops like Black gram/Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly and Minor Millets- Korra, Sama etc., depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in Oct/Nov till sowing of other field crops to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.

5. The other POPs, crops wise are detailed below

Sn o	Name of the item	Black Gram/ Green Gram	Jowar	Gingelly	Minor Millets- Korra/Sama
1	Seed treatment	Beejamrutam	Beejamrutam	Beejamrutam	Beejamrutam
2	Ghanajeevamr utham	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutha m (or) ii. Apply @ 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamr utham-I at the time of sowing	i. During last plough-1.5 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham (or) ii. Apply @ 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamr utham-I at the time of sowing	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutha m (or) ii. Apply @ 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamr utham-I at the time of sowing	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutha m (or) ii. Apply 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamr utham-I at the time of sowing
3	Dravajeevamr utham-Foliar	Spraying of Dhravajeevam rutham @ 200 litters per acre at every 15 days interval, 3times at 15DAT,30DAT and 45 DAS	Spraying of Dhravajeevamr utham @ 200 litters per acre at every 15 days interval,4 times at 15DAT,30DAT 45 DAS and 60DAS	Spraying of Dhravajeevam rutham @ 200 litters per acre at every 15 days interval, 4 times at 15DAT,30DAT 45 DAS and 60DAS	Spraying of Dhravajeevam rutham @ 200 litters per acre at every 15 days interval, 3 times at 15DAT,30DAT and 45 DAS
4	Growth promoters	Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of	Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of water per acre	Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of	-

		water per acre at 40DAS	at Milky grain stage	water per acre at 40DAS	
5	S2S kit-Non negotiables				
	i. Inter crops	Black gram /Green gram with Red gram at 4:1 Ratio or 2:1 with Cotton and add Leafy vegetables like Gongura and Totakura at the time of sowing (or) around 25 days after 1 st weeding	Sorghum with Red gram at 4:1 ratio or Sorghum with cow pea at 2:1 ratio or Sorghum with Groundnut at 2:4 ratio or Sorghum with Soyabean at 4:2 ratio or Sorghum with Black gram at 2:1 ratio or Sorghum with Field bean at 2:1 ratio or Sorghum with Red gram at 4: 1 and sow Black gram , Cow pea or Green gram inter rows between Sorghum. Add leafy vegetables and creeper vegetable like cucumber at the time of sowing (or) around 25 days after 1 st weeding	Gingelly with Red gram 5:1 and add leafy vegetables and creeper vegetable like cucumber at the time of sowing (or) around 25 days after 1 st weeding	Koraa/Sama with Red gram 5:1 and add Leafy vegetables like Gongura and Totakura at the time of sowing (or) around 25 days after 1 st weeding
	ii. Border crop	3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/B ajra.	3-4 rows of Maize.	3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/B ajra.	3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/B ajra.
	iii. Trap Crops	Castor, Marigold	Castor, Marigold	Castor, Marigold	Castor, Marigold
	iv. Yellow sticky traps	10-15 per Acre	If incidence is low to	10-15 per Acre	-

			moderate install sticky traps		
	v. Pheromone traps	Gram pod borer	If attack is above ETL install pheromone traps for Jowar stem borer	-	-
	vi. Bird perches	10-15 Acre	-	10-15 Acre	-
	vii. Light Traps	1/Acre	-	1/Acre	-
6	365 DGC	PMDS- B.G/G.G- Bengal gram/Magi Jowar/Vegeta bles-Dry sowing	PMDS-Jowar- Bengal gram/Vegetabl es-Dry sowing	Rabi Paddy- Gingelly- PMDS-Kharif crop	PMDS-Minor Millets- Vegetables- Dry sowing

7. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.

8. The Pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Helicoverpa /Spodoptera/Jowar stem borer – before the pest infestation) rather than installing the traps after the infestation starts in the field.

9. S2S kits for above all crops should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to the farmers:

1. All ICRPs and L1 cadre own fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
2. The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
3. All MTs, L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during above other crops growing period.
4. Above other crops compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated. The

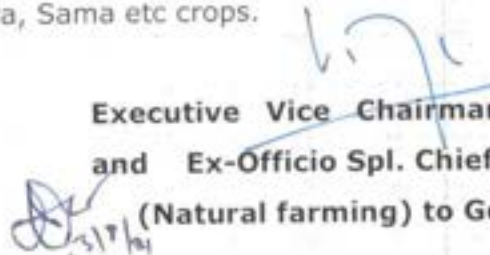
DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,

5. All the best POP farmers of above crops should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
6. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
7. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
8. Best APCNF Black gram/Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly and Minor Millets- Korra, Sama etc farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF above other crops POPs during this year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Black gram/Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly and Minor Millets- Korra, Sama etc crops.


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Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Black gram/Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly and Minor Millets- Korra				
Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1.Black gram/Green gram				
I. Major Pests				
1	Flea Beetles	i)Raising of inter crops and border crops-promotes beneficial insects ii) Border crops with 3-4 rows of Jowar/Maize	White/Yellow sticky traps @10-15/acre	i)Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre or ii)5% NSKE
2	Thrips	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre)	i. Blue sticky traps @10-15/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
3	White fly	i) Raising of inter crops and border crops-promotes beneficial insects ii) Border crops with 4 rows of Jowar/Maize	Erection of Yellow sticky traps 10-15/acre	i)Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre ii)5% NSKE iii)Vitex (vavilaku) kashayam
4	Tobacco caterpillar	i.Adopt crop rotation ii.Trap crop : Castor iii.Border crop: Maize, Sorghum vi.1 light trap /acre v.Bird perches @8-10/acre.	i.Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii.Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. Ii.Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.

5	Spotted pod borer	1)Parasitoids: Trichogramma spp., Tetrastichus spp., Chelonus spp., Telenomus spp, Bracon spp. etc. 2) Trap crops-Beans, Peas, Castor, Groundnut, Cowpea, Sesame.	Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lacewing bug, Ladybird beetle, Spider, Red ant, Dragon fly, Robber fly, Reduviid bug, Praying mantid etc.,	i) Spray NSKE-10 lit in 200 lit water-Early stages ii)Spray Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre- Moderate to Severe stage
6	Stem/shoot fly		Watch for beneficiary insects viz Spiders, Reduviid bug, Robber fly, Dragonfly etc.	i)Spray NSKE- 10 lit in 200 lit water ii)Spray Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre- Moderate to Severe stage
7	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i)Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 10-15 per acre ii)Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.

II. Major Diseases

1	Powdery mildew	i) Use of Resistant varieties ii) Crop rotation	-	Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Turmeric kashayam 5 litres in 100 litres water.
2	Cercospora/k orenospora /Anthracnose leaf spot	-	-	Sour Butter milk and cow dung + urine +Asafoetida solution
3	Bacterial blight	Seed treatment with Beejamrutam/T. viridi @10gm/kg seed or 10gm, Pseudomonas per kg seed	-	Dry Ginger + milk extract and Dung + Urine + Asafoetida Solution
4	Cuscuta parasitic plant - Dodder	-	-	Collection and destruction of Cuscuta infected plants
5	Rust	-	-	Cow dung + Urine +Asafoetida solution

6	Wilt	i) Use of Resistant varieties ii) Crop rotation	-	i) Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi 2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii) Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
7	Yellow Vein Mosaic Virus (Gemini virus) Transmitted by White flies	i) Removal and destruction of effected plants ii) Avoid mixing of Pillipesara in Navadhanya as it hosts virus iii. Growing resistant varieties	i) Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 10-15 per acre ii) Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages to control White fly.
8	Leaf curl Virus (Transmitted by Thrips)	i) Removal and destruction of effected plants ii) Avoid moisture stress during crop growth	i) Installation of Blue sticky traps @ 10-15 per acre ii) Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages to control Thrips.
9	Sithaphal leaf or Bobbara tegulu (Virus)- (Transmitted by Aphids)	i) Seed treatment with Beejamrutam ii) Avoid collecting seed from effected plants	i) Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 10-15 per acre ii) Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	Spray cow dung + urine+ Asafoetida solution 5 litres in 200 litres of water before flowering, followed by 5% NSKE to control Aphids.

2. Jowar

I. Major Pests

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1	Shoot fly	i) Seed treatment with Beejamrutam ii) High Seed rate iii) Early Sowing		Spray Neemashtam or NSKE-5% Spray Agneyastram

		iv) Select resistant varieties		
2	Stem Borer	i.Egg parasitoid : Trichogramma chilonis ii.Larval parasitoid : Cotesia flavipes	Chrysoperla carnea, Coccinellid, Spider, Ear wig, Dragon fly, Preying mantid, Pentatomid bug, Reduviid bug, Robber fly, Rove beetles, Wasp, King crow @ 2:1 ratio	Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
3	Fall army worm (F.A.W)	i.Erect bird perches @10/acre ii.Trichogramma pretiosum @ 16,000/acre	i.Plant Napier grass along the border as trap crop to trap FAW ii. Install 8 pheromone traps/acre	i.Application of sand or Mud slurry into whorl of Maize plants ii.5%NSKE/Neemastram during initial stage @ twice a week. iii.Spray Agniastam if pest is severe

II. Major Diseases

4	Charcoal rot	i.Crop rotation ii. Application of Trichoderma viridi along with Type-II GJM iii.Avoid the water stress condition at the time of flowering by applying dry mulch and Inter crops	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water
5	Grain molds	i.Seed treatment with Beejamrutam ii.Crop rotation	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water Spray sour buttermilk 6 lt in 100 lit water

3.Gingelly

I. Major Pests

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
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1.	Sucking Pests (Thrips/Mites/Hoppers)	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre)	i. Yellow/Blue sticky traps @10-15/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
2.	Leaf webber and capsule borer	i)Collect and destroy the larvae from the leaf webs during the initial stages of plant growth. ii) Erect bird perches @ 10-15/ Acre to facilitate predation of larvae	Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	i)Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii) Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
3.	Gall fly and Bud fly	Clipping of the galls, picking and burning the shed buds.	-	i)Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii) Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
4.	Bihar Hairy Catter piller	i)Collect and destroy infested plant parts, egg masses and young larvae during gregarious phase. ii)Erect bird perches @ 10-15/acre to facilitate predation of larvae.	Install one light trap per Acre to catch the adults	i) Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii)Use Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki @ 1 g/l iii) Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
II. Major Diseases				
5	Damping off	i.Quality seed to be used. ii.Avoid shady places for nursery establishment. Iii.Use recommended seed rate and raised beds. vi.Avoid flooding type of irrigation and maintain	-	i.Drenching of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution ii.Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham 1 kg+10g Trichoderma horizianum per

		optimum moisture level in nursery		application in 1 SQMT of nursery area.
6	Dry Root rot	Crop rotations of up to 5-7 years to reduce levels of fungi in the soil	-	Drenching with Trichoderma viridi- 2kgs in 200 lit of water
7	Leaf spot	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease		Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
8	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves		Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
9	Phyllody transmitted by light brown coloured hopper	Remove and destroy infected plants	Yellow/Blue sticky traps @10-15/Acre	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages to control light brown coloured hopper.

4.Korra

I. Major Pests

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1	Pink stem borer/Stem borer	Release of Trichogramma egg parasite- Tricho cards to be pinned under side of leaf. This practise till natural ecosystem is restored)	i)8 pheromone traps per acre if attack is above ETL ii) Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM - 9PM.	As a last resort- spraying of 5% NSKE/ Neemastram followed by Brahmastram on 10th day Agnastram if damage is high

2	Grass hoppers	-	-	i) Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
3	Army warms	i) Collect and destroy infested plant parts, egg masses and young larvae during gregarious phase. ii) Erect bird perches @ 10-15/acre to facilitate predation of larvae. iii) Install one light trap per Acre to catch the adults	Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM -9PM	i) Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii) Use Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki @ 1 g/l iii) Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water

II. Major Diseases

4	Rust	-	Observe blasts spots on weeds that are acting as source plants (hosts) on field bunds.	Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution
5	Blast	i. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham ii. Growing resistant varieties.	Observe blasts spots on weeds that are acting as source plants (hosts) on field bunds.	Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution
6	Green Ear Disease or Downy Mildew or Crazy Top	i. Provide good drainage in the low-lying lands ii. Proper crop rotation methods (365 DGC) iii) Rouging of infected plants	-	i. Sour butter milk followed by peda muthram and inguva kashayam ii. Dry ginger milk extract

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Sub: -A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Finger millet (Ragi) crop (in Guli Ragi method) for Kharif-2021 season – Regarding

Ref: - Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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In Kharif 2020, the Finger millet (Ragi) crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Finger millet (Ragi) crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It lead to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the 2020 season.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Finger millet (Ragi) crop for the 2021 season, based on the results of Kharif 2020 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during Kharif-2021.

The Protocols updated in Finger millet (Ragi) crop in guli ragi method during Kharif-2021 season are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.

3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing Finger millet (Ragi) crop, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, other millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables), sown in April/May (one week before harvest of preceding Rabi crop) and continued up to July 2nd week i.e till transplanting of Finger millet to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Finger millet cropping system. For inter crops, Pulses like Black gram/Cowpea/Rajma and Leafy vegetables (like Indian sorrel- Gongura and Amaranthus) and any other crop locally grown must be integral part of Finger millet cropping system.
6. Seed and Seedling treatment with Beejamrutham (BJM)
7. Raising of nursery and Age of seedlings: Nursery should be raised on beds (preferably, each bed -10ftx4ftx0.5ft height) and 14-21 days.
8. Method of transplanting: Line planting with a spacing of, row to row 30 cms and plant to plant 25cms.
9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i). Type-2: 1000-1500kg/acre at the time of last ploughing (or) ii). Type-1 @ 400kg/ acre, 200kg at the time of planting and 200kg after first weeding @15 DAT (Days after Transplantation)
10. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
11. Planking (Dragging with wooden log) :3 times, after transplantation starting from 15DAT with 15 days interval. It stimulates a greater number of tillers.
12. Weed management (where no mulching or intercropping is practised): 2-3 times, i) Manual weeding ii) Cycle weeder or iii) Harrowing with bullocks. First weeding at 15DAT followed by 22 DAT and 30 DAT respectively.
13. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil application: 3 times, starting from at 15DAT, at 15 days interval @200lit each
 - ii) Foliar application: 3 times, starting from 15 DAT and at 7 days interval
 - 1st spray-5 litres of DJM in 100 ltrs of water
 - 2nd spray-10 litres of DJM in 100 ltrs of water and
 - 3rd spray-20 litres of DJM in 150 ltrs of water.

14. Growth promoters: i). Panchagavya- 4lts/acre in 100 lts of water, 1 time at 45DAT ii). Sapthadhanyakura tonic- 700gms of paste in 200lits of water, 1 time at the time of grain filling.
15. S2S kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: 6:2 (Ragi:Pulses) , Pulses like Green gram/Cowpea/Rajma(2kgs)/Leafy vegetables like Indian sorrel and Amaranthus (0.5Kg)
 - ii. Border crop: 3-4 rows of Jowar/Maize/Bajra (2Kgs)
 - iii. Trap Crops: Castor (100 grams) and Marigold (50 Grams)
 - iv. Yellow sticky traps: 20-25/acre, install immediately after 10 DAT.
 - v. Pheromone traps (Ragi Stem Borer): Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAT.
 - vi. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre at 20 DAT.
 - vii. Light Traps: 1/ acre
16. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light trap etc.,) of Finger millet crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc. before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.
17. 365 DGC: 1. Chinna chodi: PMDS-sown one week before harvest of preceding crop (April-May/June)-Chinna chodi (May/June - Aug/Sep)-Pulses (Rajma)/ Oil seeds(Niger) (Sep-Dec)- Based on residual moisture drought resistant vegetable creepers like cucumber etc., can be grown (Dec-March).
2) Pedda chodi: PMDS (April-May/June)-Pedda chodi (June-Nov/Dec)-Pulses/vegetables (Jan-April).

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to farmers:

18. All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during Finger millet growing period
19. All ICRPs and L1 cadre fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
20. The DPMs should discuss their (field cadres) on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better.
21. Finger millet crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around Model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
22. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,

23. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
24. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
25. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should identify farmers who have exceeded the yields of the model plots. The POPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
26. All POPs developed are to be discussed in debriefing meetings and to suggest appropriate measures as per POPs from time to time during crop season.
27. Best APCNF Finger millet (Ragi) crop farmers (including) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
28. DGF films may be made on the short-listed farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Finger millet (Ragi) crop POPs during this Kharif-2021 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Finger millet (Ragi) crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Finger millet (Ragi) crop

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Ragi Pink Stem Borer	i.Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM -9PM. ii.Release of Trichogramma egg parasite-Tricho cards to be pinned under side of leaf. This practise till natural ecosystem is restored)	5 pheromone traps per acre	As a last resort- spraying of 5% NSKE/ Neemastram followed by Brahmastram on 10th day Agnastram if damage is high
2	Aphids	Common predators of aphids include lady bird beetles (LBB), syrphid flies and lace wings. Parasitic wasps also attack aphid. Sow border crops, that attract natural enemies.	i.Install yellow sticky traps @8-10/acre ii.Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, Lace wings etc.,	Spray Neemastram + Detergent powder
II. Major Diseases				
3	Blast	i.Seed treatment with Beejamrutham ii.Growing resistant varieties like Ratnagiri, Srichaitanya, and Bharathi varieties. iii.Non-use of Nitrogenous or any chemical fertilizer will, however avoid occurrence of Blast.	Observe blasts spots on weeds that are acting as hosts on field bunds.	Spray Maredupathra kashayam and peda muthram and inguva dravanam
4	Green Ear Disease or Downy Mildew or Crazy Top	i.Provide good drainage in the low lands ii.Proper crop rotation methods (365 DGC) iii)Rouging of infected plants	-	i.Sour butter milk follwed by peda muthram and inguva kashayam ii.Dry ginger milk extract

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF -Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Sugarcane crop** for 2021-22 season - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra and Sama were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Sugarcane crop, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in Sugarcane crop for the year 2021-22.

The Model Protocols for Sugarcane for adoption during the year 2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing Sugarcane crop, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.,) sown in April/May and continued up to July 1st week i.e till planting of Sugarcane to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in wider row spaced Sugarcane cropping system in initial 2-6 months. After planting, Intercropping with Pulses (Green gram, Black gram, Cow pea, etc.,) Vegetables (French bean, Cluster bean, Chillies, Cabbage and Cauliflower) Creeper vegetables and leafy vegetables must be integral part. Intercropping of Navadhanya after planting and incorporation of the same on the 45th day during partial earthing up helps to increase the soil fertility. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented
6. Set (Seed) treatment: Dip the sets with Pseudomonas solution @ 7grams/ litre of water followed by Beejamrutam (BJM) for 15 minutes
7. Spacing for Planting: i) Row to row 3-4 feet, Plant to Plant 2 feet ii) Row to row 5 feet, Plant to Plant 1 feet. iii) Row to row 8 feet, Plant to Plant 1 feet. Both ii and-iii are best suited for intercrops and poly crops and which gives more net returns.
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM):
 - i) Type-2: Apply 1500-2000kg/acre at the time of last ploughing (along with Type-2 GJM add @ 2 kg of PSB(Phosphorus Solubilizing Bacteria) + 2 Kg of Azospirillum mixed for every 200 kg of Type-2 GJM) and 200 kgs Neem cake and
 - ii) Type-1: 750 kg/acre; 250kg - At the time of sowing and 250 kg -At 45 DAP (Days After Planting) at partial earthing up and 3rd dose at 2nd earthing up @ 90 DAP.
9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
10. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 15 times @ 200lit each, at 15 DAP, 30 DAP, 60 DAP, 75 DAP; and 105 DAP, 120 DAP, 135 DAP, 150 DAP, 180 DAP, 195 DAP, 210 DAP, 225 DAP, 240 DAP, 255DAP and 270 DAP.
 - ii) Foliar application: 6 times at 25 days interval,
 - 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @ 40 DAP

- 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @65 DAP
- 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @90 DAP
- 4th spray 30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @115 DAP
- 5th spray 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @140 DAP and
- 6th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @165 DAP.

11. Growth promoters: Egg Amino Acid: 3 times, 250ml in 100lits of water/ acre at 75 DAP, 100 DAP and 125 DAP.

12. Cultural practices:

- Hoeing and weeding at 20th DAP and 40th to 50th DAP
- Trash Mulching
- Earthing up- Partial earthing up at 50th DAP, Final earthing up at 90th DAP
- DE trashing at 120 DAP and 180 DAP
- Trash twist propping at 180 DAP.

13. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

i. Inter crops: Pulses- Green gram, Black gram, Cow pea, etc., Vegetables-French bean, Cluster bean, Chillies, Cabbage and Cauliflower, Creeper vegetables and leafy vegetables.

ii. Border crops: Sesbania

iv. Yellow sticky traps: 20-25/acre

v. Pheromone traps:

- a) Keep pheromone traps for Early Shoot borer @ 8/acre up to 4 months from the date of planting.
- b) Keep pheromone traps for Internodal borer @ 8/acre in 4th and 5th months and
- c) Keep pheromone traps for Top Shoot borer @ 8/acre from 6th month onwards.

vi. Bird perches: 10 -15/acre up to 3 months

vii. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

14. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Sugarcane crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

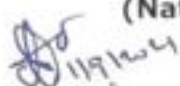
Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

15. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Sugarcane crop growing period.
16. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
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18. Sugarcane crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
19. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,.
20. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
21. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
22. Best APCNF Sugarcane crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
23. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Sugarcane crop POPs during 2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Sugarcane crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)


To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Sugarcane crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Early Shoot Borer	i) Grow resistant varieties like CO 312, CO 421, CO 661, CO 917 and CO 853 ii) Early planting during December – January escapes the early shoot borer incidence. iii) Intercropping with Navadhanya promotes beneficial insects vi) Trash mulching, 3 days after planting. v) Partial earthing up on 45 days after planting reduces the incidence vi) Remove and destroy dead hearts	i)ETL: 15% dead heart ii) Install pheromone traps @ 8 / acre and change the lure once in 30 days iii) Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM - 9PM.	i)Spraying of 5% NSKE with detergent ii) Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water 2 times at 7 days interval
2	Internodal Borer	i) Grow resistant varieties like CO 975, CO 46 and CO 7304. ii) Select pest free setts for planting. iii) Collect and destroy the eggs periodically. vi) Detrash the crop on 150th and 210th day of planting.	i) Install pheromone traps @ 8 / acre and change the lure once in 30 days ii) Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM - 9PM.	i)Spraying of 5% NSKE with detergent ii)Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water 2 times at 7 days interval

		v) Intercropping with Navadhanya promotes beneficial insects vi) Release Egg parasitoid- <i>Trichogramma chilonis</i>		
3	Top shoot Borer	i) Grow resistant variety CO 419, CO 745 and CO 6516 and tolerant varieties Co 859, Co 1158 and Co 7224. ii) Earthing up followed by trash mulching iii) Avoid Maize and Sorghum as intercrops vi) Prefer paired row system for planting v) Remove the dead heart plants and destroy them vi) Collect and destroy the egg masses.	i) Install pheromone traps @ 8 / acre and change the lure once in 30 days ii) Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM - 9PM.	Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water 2 times at 7 days interval
4	White flies	i) Avoid water stagnation and provide proper drainage facilities ii) Detrashing of cane at the 5th and 7 th month iii) Ensure adequate irrigation which facilitates the soil moisture and reduces the multiplication.	Keep 20-25 Yellow sticky traps per acre.	i) 5% NSKE/Neemastram with detergent powder during initial stage and Vitex leaf decoction at severe infection ii) Spray Ipomea leaf extract. (Grind 10 kg leaves and boil in 15 litres of water. Cool the content and filter the content. Mix it in 200 litres of water add 100 gr of soap powder, 10 litres of cow urine and spray) iii) Spray Metarhizium

				anisopliae (biopesticide @ 1 kg /acre, mixed in 200 litres of water) to control the pest effectively.
5	Woolly Aphid	i) Paired row system of planting. ii) wrapping of canes all along the rows. iii) Infested canes should not be used as seed material for planting	i) Encourage natural predators by planting inter crops ii) Spray Pathogens like <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> , <i>Verticillium lecanii</i> and <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> iii) Keep 20-25 Yellow sticky traps per acre.	i) 5% NSKE / Neemastram with detergent powder during initial stage and ii) Vitex leaf decoction at severe infection iii) Spraying of Datura Leaf Extract
6	Mealybug	i) Use resistant varieties like CO 439, CO 443, CO 720, CO 730 and CO 7704 ii) Drain excess water from the field. iii) Detrash the crop on 150 and 210 DAP		i) 5% NSKE/Neemastram with detergent powder during initial stage and ii) Vitex leaf decoction at severe infection iii) Spraying of Mattidraavanam @20kg of subsoil at 2 feet depth in 200 litres of water.
7	Sugarcane Hopper (Pyrilla)	Removal and destruction of the white coloured puffy pyrilla egg masses or egg- bearing sugarcane leaves themselves at regular intervals.	Alternatively, the egg masses may be kept in old cloth bags and suspended at different places in the field to facilitate selective emergence of adult egg parasitoids while trapping neonate nymphs.	i) Spray Ipomea leaf extract (Grind 10 kg leaves and boil in 15 litres of water. Cool the content and filter the content. Mix it in 200 litres of water add 100 gr of soap powder, 10 litres of cow urine and spray) ii) Spray <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> (biopesticide @ 1 kg /acre, mixed in 200 litres of water) to control the pest effectively.

II. Major Diseases

8	Red rot	i) Select sets for planting from healthy plants in a disease-free area. ii) Set treatment with Beejamrutam and pseudomonas iii) The red rot affected field must be rotated with rice for one season and other crops for two seasons. iv) Growing of recommended resistant and moderately resistant varieties viz., Co 86032, Co 86249, CoSi 95071, CoG 93076, CoC 22, CoSi 6 and CoG 5 v) If the disease is noticed in the field, the leaves and canes should be collected and destroyed by burning.		Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water Spray sour buttermilk 6 lt in 100 lit water
9	Smut	i) Set treatment with Beejamrutam and pseudomonas ii) Growing of resistant and moderately resistant varieties viz., Co 86249, CoG 93076, CoC 22, CoSi 6 and CoG 5 iii) Discourage ratooning of the diseased crops having more than 10	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water

		per cent infection iv) Red gram can be grown as a companion crop between rows of sugarcane, and the secondary spread of the disease is substantially reduced. v) Rouging of smut whips with gunny bags/polythene bag and Sets should be dipped in boiling water (around 52 degree C) for 20 mints before planting and diseased clumps must be uprooted and burnt.		
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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Maize crop for Rabi-2021-22 season – Regarding
Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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In Rabi 2020-21, the Maize crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Maize crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It led to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the Rabi-2020-21 season.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Maize crop for the Rabi-2021-22 season, based on the results of Rabi- 2020-21 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during Rabi-2021-22.

The POPs/protocols updated in Maize crop for Rabi-2021-22 season are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Maize cropping system. Intercropping with Pulses (Green gram, Black gram, Cow pea etc.,) Tuber vegetables (Radish), Vegetable and Creeper vegetables must be integral part. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented.
5. Seed treatment with Beejamrutam (BJM)
6. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i) Type-2: 1500-2000 kg/acre at the time of last ploughing and ii) Type-1: 400kg/acre; 200kg - At the time of sowing and 200 kg -At 20 DAS (Days After Sowing).
7. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
8. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 9 times @ 200lit each, at 10 DAS, 14 DAS, 35 DAS, 49 DAS, 56 DAS, 70 DAS, 77DAS and 84 DAS.
 - ii) Foliar application: 2 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 28 DAS and 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 42 DAS i.e at Tasselling & Silking stage
9. Growth promoters: i) Egg Amino Acid: 250ml in 100lits of water/ acre once at 42 DAS. ii) Panchagavya: 4lts/acre in 100 litres water at Silking stage i.e 70 DAS
10. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i Inter crops: Pulses- Green gram, Black gram, Cowpea (2 Kgs)
 - Vegetables (Radish-150 grams)
 - ii. Border crops: Jowar/Bajra-3 rows (2 Kgs)
 - iv. Yellow sticky traps: 30-40/acre
 - v. Pheromone traps (Stem borer&F.A.W): Each @8/acre at 15-20 DAS
 - vi. Bird perches: 10 -15/acre (up to before cob development)
 - vii. Light Trap: 1/ acre.
11. The pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example; Stem borer/ Fall Army Worm-F.A.W). It should not be done after the infestation starts in the field.
12. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Maize crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.
13. 365 Days Green Cover in Maize: PMDS-Kharif-RDS-Rabi Maize

- i) 7 days before the harvest of kharif paddy around October/November take up sowing of a minimum 9 types of seeds (Dry sowing) as relay crop, allow them to grow for 45-60 days.
- ii) If the farmer wants to feed the harvested fodder to the cattle, the farmer can graze or use as cattle feed. Leafy vegetables and creeper vegetables can be harvested for house hold consumption.
- iii) And then take up Maize Rabi crop in zero tillage method, as it is a common practice in some Maize growing areas of East, West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur Districts.
- iv) Apply 1.5-2 tonnes of Type-2 GJM as basal application at the time of sowing.
- v) Apply 200 kgs Type-1 GJM twice, one at the time of sowing and 2nd at 21 DAS
- vi) Then take up sowing of Green gram/Black gram as inter crop in 1:1 (Maize: BG/GG) ratio along with Maize crop. Care should be taken, that the residual PMDS crops growth should not hinder the germination, early growth and development of Maize crop.
- vii) Apply DJM 9 times @ 200lit each, at 10 DAS, 14 DAS, 35 DAS, 49 DAS, 56 DAS, 70 DAS, 77 DAS and 84 DAS with irrigation water.
- viii) Spraying of Panchagavya or Sapthadanyankura kashayam at silking stage and milky grain stage of Maize will increase both quality and yield.
- ix) After practicing all non-negotiables, use of botanical extracts may be used as last resort for pest and disease control.
- x) The Maize (Rabi) crop will be harvested in the month of March, before 15 days of harvest of Maize crop take up sowing of a minimum 9 types of seeds (Gingelly and Cucumber should to be included) as dry sowing to continue 365DGC practice.
- xi) It will be continued up to April or May, at that time, all leafy and creeper vegetables can be harvested, even Millets and Gingelly will give some yield, finally take up PMDS in April/May/June before kharif season.

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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Maize crop POPs during Rabi-2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Maize crop.

 22/06/21
**Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)**

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Maize crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Pink stem borer	1.Egg parasitoid : Trichogramma chilonis 2.Larval parasitoid : Cotesia flavipes	Chrysoperla carnea, Coccinellid, Spider, Ear wig, Dragon fly, Preying mantid, Pentatomid bug, Reduviid bug, Robber fly, Rove beetles, Wasp, King crow @ 2:1 ratio	Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
2	Fall army worm (F.A.W)	1.Erect bird perches @10/acre 2.Trichogramma pretiosum @ 16,000/acre	1.Erect 1 light trap/acre. 3.Plant Napier grass along the border as trap crop to trap FAW 2. Install 8 pheromone traps/acre	1.Application of sand or Mud slurry into whorl of Maize plants 2.5%NSKE/Neemastram during initial stage @ twice a week 3.Spray Agniastram if pest is severe
3	Aphids	1.Removal of infested shoots. 2. Conservation of natural enemies such Lady Bird Beetles, chrysoperla and syrphids that are found to feed on the aphids	Predatory Coccinellids, Anthocorid bugs, mired bugs, syrphid/hover flies, green lace wigs, spiders, wasps, rove beetles.	5% NSKE/Neemastram with detergent powder during initial stage and Vitex leaf decoction at severe infection
II. Major Diseases				
4	Charcoal rot	1.Crop rotation 2. Application of Trichoderma viridi along with Type 2 GJM 3,Avoid the water stress condition at the time of flowering by applying dry mulch and Inter crops	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water

5	Leaf and Sheath blight	1.Crop rotation 2.Application of Trichoderma viridi along with Type 2 GJ 3.Avoid the water stress condition at the time of flowering by applying dry mulch and Inter crops	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water Spray sour buttermilk 6 lt in 100 lit water
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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Bengal gram crop for Rabi-2021-22 season – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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In Rabi 2020-21, the Bengal gram crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Bengal gram crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It lead to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the Rabi-2020-21 season.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Bengal gram crop for the Rabi-2021-22 season, based on the results of Rabi- 2020-21 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during Rabi-2021-22.

The POPs/Protocols updated in Bengal gram crop for adoption starting with PMDS sowings during months of April-June followed by Bengal gram in Oct/Nov in Rabi-2021-22 season are as follows.

1. **365 Days Green Cover in Bengal gram:** i) Prior to Bengal gram (June-Oct) sowing of PMDS seeds (with a minimum 9 varieties of crops), Red gram: Millets: Pulses: Red gram in 1:4:8:14 ratio (Red gram 1st row, Maize 4 rows-2nd row, 5th row, 8th row and 11th row – Kora / Bajra/ Jowar) and Pulses-8 rows (Green gram/Black gram) 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th rows and 14th row Red gram) is a sustainable suggestive practice in all Bengal gram growing areas across the state.
ii) All crops can be harvested except Red gram. After harvest of Green gram and Black gram, sow Cluster bean, Indian red sorrel (Gongura) and other leafy vegetables in rows so that leafy vegetables can be harvested before sowing of Bengal gram.

iii) The harvested crop residues can be used for Mulch material. Prepare the land in between Red gram rows with rotovator and sow Bengal gram (Oct/Nov) seed mixed with 250-500gms each of Mustard and Sesame in between Red gram rows.

vi) In Feb-4th week to March-1st week, sow Rabi Dry Sowing as relay cropping with a minimum of 9 varieties.

2. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
3. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
4. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Bengal gram cropping system, inter crops, Coriander, Maize/Jowar/Sun flower and Mustard. Tuber vegetables and creeper vegetables on borders may be integral part of Bengal gram and document the income from main crop and other crops as well.
6. Seed treatment with Beejamrutam
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-2: 1000-1500kg/acre at the time of last ploughing (or) Type-1: 250kg/acre 125kg - At the time of sowing and 125 kg -At 30 DAS (Days after Sowing)
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM): Foliar application: 2 times , 1st spray-5 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and 2nd spray-10 litres of DJM in 150 litres of water at 30 DAS and 45 DAS respectively.

10. Growth promoters: i) Panchagavya: 4 litres in 100 litres water, 1 time at the time of flowering ii) Saptadhanyakura tonic : 700gms of paste in 200 lts of water, 1 time at pod filling stage.
11. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practised
12. i Inter crops a) Bengal gram in paired row planting with one or two rows of Coriander (2Kgs), b) Bengal gram can also be intercropped with Maize/Jowar/Sun flower (1Kg) in black cotton soils and c) Bengal gram with Mustard (1.5 Kg) (4:1) is also a good combination.
 ii. Border crops: Jowar /Maize/Bajra (2kgs) in 3-4 Rows
 iii. Trap crops- Marigold-300 no's and Castor 4 to 5 no's /acre
 iv. Yellow and Blue sticky traps: 30-40/acre
 v. Pheromone traps (Helicoverpa): Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAS
 vi. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre
 vii. Light Traps: 1/ acre.
13. The pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Helicoverpa – in the beginning of the pest infestation). It should not be done after the infestation starts in the field.
14. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter crop/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Bengal gram crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc. before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

15. All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Bengal gram growing period
16. All ICRPs and L1 cadre own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
17. The DPMs should discuss their (field cadres) NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better.
18. Bengal gram crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
19. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.
20. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.

21. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
22. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should identify the farmers who have exceeded the yields of the model plots. The POPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
23. Best APCNF Bengal gram farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
24. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Bengal crop POPs during this Rabi-2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Bengal gram crop.

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Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

18/06/2021

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Bengal gram crop

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Gram pod borer (Helicoverpa)	1)Inter cropping with Coriander, Mustard, Sunflower or Maize and Border crop Maize. 2) Release of Egg parasitoids Trichogramma pretiosum @ 50000 adults	1)ETL: 2 early instar larvae/plant or 5-8 eggs/plant. 2)Erecting of bird perches 15 per acre. 3) Install pheromone traps @ 8 per acre.	1)Spray 5% NSKE and after 7 days spray Bramhastram 2)Spray Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre 3)Apply Ha NPV @ 250 LE/ha at 10-15 days interval.
2	Semi looper	1)Early sowing, short duration varieties. 2)Grow tall sorghum as companion crop to serve as biological bird perches. 3)Releasing of Trichogramma chilonis (i.e Tricho cards) at weekly intervals for 4 times.	-	1)5%NSKE/Neemastram during initial stage (or) Spray Dasaparini kashayam 6 litres in 200 litres of water at later stages. 2)Spray, Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre
3	Cut worm	1)Adapt crop rotation 2)Early sowing 3)Intercropping with Mustard reduces infestation. 3)Grow Marigold as trap crop on bunds	Installation of Pheromone traps @ 8 per acre	1)Spray Neemastram at early stages 2)Spray chilli garlic extract at later stages
II. Major Diseases				
4	Wilt	Grow resistant varieties	-	1)Dung+Urine+ Asafoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water 2)Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water 3)Mix 2kg of <i>Trichoderma viridi</i> in 200 litres of water and pour at the plant base
5	Rust	-	-	1)Dung+Urine+ Asafoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or 2) Dry ginger (200gms) milk (5 litres) concoction

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Updated model Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Chilli crop for Kharif-2021 season - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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In Kharif 2020, the Chilli crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Chilli crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It lead to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the 2020 season.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Chilli crop for the 2021 season, based on the results of Kharif 2020 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during Kharif-2021.

The Protocols updated in Chilli crop for adoption during Kharif-2021 season are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants are essential and they serve the purpose of catalysing the soil biology v) Use of indigenous seeds vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM), as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific best practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) are essential. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing Chilli crop, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May (one week before final picking of Chilli crop) and continued up to July/August i.e till sowing of Chilli crop, to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Chilli crop cropping system. For inter crops, Onion, Red gram, Tuber vegetables, Leafy vegetables and creeper vegetables must be integral part of Chilli. These intercrops have multiple benefits. The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
6. Seed and seedling treatment with Beejamrutham.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-2+Neem cake+ Trichoderma Viridae:
 @ 1000-1500 Kgs + 200kgs + 4kgs respectively at the time of last ploughing and GJM-Type-1: 500kg/acre, 2 times @ 250kgs at the time of transplantation and @ 250 Kgs at 45 DAT(Days after transplantation) by placement method.
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil application:
 - 7 times @ 200lit each starting from
 - 40DAT,60DAT,90DAT, 120DAT,140DAT, 150DAT, and 160DAT.
 - ii) Foliar application:
 - 7 times at 15DAT (5 lit of DJM in 100 lit of water)
 - 30 DAT (5 lit of DJM in 100 lit of water)
 - 50DAT (10 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 75DAT (10 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 105DAT (15 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
 - 115DAT (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
 - and 130 DAT (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water).

10. Growth promoters: i. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre each time, 4 times, starting from flowering stage i.e 25DAT, 50DAT, 75DAT and 115 DAT ii. Egg Amino Acid- 200-250 ml in 100lits of water/ acre, 2 times at 130 DAT and 150 DAT.

11. S2S kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

i. Inter crops: Tubers and other vegetables (Onion, Radish, and Leafy vegetables including Coriander etc.), 50-100g of each in between 2 chilli plants along with Marigold seedlings.

ii. Border crop: Jowar/Bajra/Maize (1-2 KGs) in 4 rows

iii. Trap Crops: Marigold (50grams) for Helicoverpa and Castor (250 grams) for Spodoptera.

iv. Yellow and Blue sticky traps: 20-25/acre at 10 DAT

v. Pheromone traps (Helicoverpa/Spodoptera): Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAT

vi. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre

vii. Light Traps: 1/ acre.

12. The Pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Helicoverpa/Spodoptera- before the pest infestation). It should not be done after the infestation starts in the field.

13. S2S kit for Chilli crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.

14. 365 DGC: Immediately after harvesting of Chilli crop in March and sow a minimum of 9 types of seeds as PMDS or continue the 365 DGC with other group of crops (Poly crops).

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to the farmers:

15. All L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during chilli crop growing period.

16. All ICRPs and L1 cadre own fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.

17. The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better.

18. Chilli crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated and the fear of low yields can be addressed effectively among Chilli farmers.

19. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,
20. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
21. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
22. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should identify farmers who have exceeded the yields of the model plots. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
23. Best APCNF Chilli farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
24. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Chilli crop POPs during this Kharif-2021 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Chilli crop.


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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Chilli crop

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/c urative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Chilli thrips (incidence: throughout the crop period)	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish and coriander as inter crops.	i. Blue sticky traps @25-30/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
2	Yellow mite (incidence: throughout the crop period)	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish and coriander as inter crops	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
3	Aphid (incidence: throughout the crop period)	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) and Inter crop with Marigold	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles, Damsel fly and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram + Detergent powder

4	Gram caterpillar (Helicoverpa) (incidence: Flowering and Fruiting stage)	i. Trap crop: Marigold ii. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) iii. 1 light trap /acre iv. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early instar stages Neemastram 200lts/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 5 lts in 200lit water/acre at advance instar stages
5	Tobacco caterpillar (incidence: Main field to harvest)	i. Adopt crop rotation ii. Early sowing iii. Trap crop : Castor iv. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum v. 1 light trap /acre vi. Bird perches @8-10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.

II. Major Diseases

6	Damping off (incidence: Nursery stage)	i. Quality seed to be used. ii. Avoid shady places for nursery establishment. iii. Use recommended seed rate and raised beds. vi. Avoid flooding type of irrigation and maintain optimum moisture level in nursery		i. Drenching of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution ii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham 1 kg+10g Trichoderma horizianum per application in 1 SQMT of nursery area.
7	Fruit rot and Die Back (incidence: Flowering and Fruiting)	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	Early removal of affected plants will control the spread of the diseases.	i. Dry ginger+Milk extract - 6 lit in 200 lit water at the time of fruit ripening stage followed by ii. Dung+Urine+ asafoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

8	Powdery mildew (incidence: during winter period)	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves		Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
9	Cercospora leaf spot (incidence: throughout the crop period)	i.Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii.If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease		Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
10	Fusarium wilt (incidence: initial stages of Flowering)	i.Using of desi varieties of seeds ii.Crop rotations of up to 5-7 years to reduce levels of fungi in the soil	—	Drenching with Trichoderma viridi-2kgs in 200 lit of water
11	Leaf curl virus (Transmitted by White flies and Thrips) (incidence: throughout the crop period)	i.The infected plants should be uprooted and buried to avoid further spread of infection; ii.Encourage Poly cropping in chilli crop. iii.Selection of healthy and disease - free seed. vi.Raise 2-3 rows of Maize or Sorghum as border crop to restrict the spread of vectors. v.Nursery beds should be covered with nylon net or mulch with straw to protect the seedlings from viral infection.	i.Yellow sticky traps @30-40 per Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of 5% NSKE - (5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water) before infestation, vitex leaf extract after thrips infestation

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Tomato crop** for **Kharif/Rabi/Summer** season – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, other field crops and Cashew crop were revised and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for vegetable crops like Tomato, Brinjal etc., the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the model POPs for adoption in Tomato crop for the year 2021-22.

The Model Protocols for Tomato crop for adoption during Kharif/Rabi/Summer seasons for the year 2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalised through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing of Tomato crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in Oct/Nov till sowing of Tomato crop to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. It is crucial to enhance more inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Tomato crop cropping system to escape from the market glut, include as many intercrops like, Onion, Tuber vegetables- Carrot, Radish, Flower crops - Marigold, Leafy vegetables and Creeper vegetables - Ridge Gourd, Bottle Gourd. Tomato + Black gram/Cowpea (4:1) may also followed. The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
6. Seed and seedling treatment with Beejamrutham.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-2+Neem cake+ Trichoderma Viride: @ 1000-1500 Kgs + 200kgs + 4kgs respectively at the time of last ploughing and GJM-Type-1: 400kg/acre, 2 times @ 200kgs at the time of transplantation and @ 200 Kgs at 45 . DAT (Days after transplantation) by placement method.
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil application:
 - 4 times @ 200lit each starting from
 - 30DAT,60DAT,90DAT and 120DAT.
 - ii) Foliar application:
 - 5 times at 15DAT (5 lit of DJM in 100 lit of water)
 - 50DAT (10 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 75DAT (10 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 105DAT (15 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water) and
 - 115DAT (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
10. Growth promoters: i. Panchagavya (It controls Sucking pests also besides Growth promoter)- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre each time, 2 times, starting from flowering stage i.e 50DAT and 75DAT and ii. Egg

Amino Acid- 250 ml in 100lits of water/ acre, 2 times at 90 DAT and 120 DAT.

11.S2S kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

- i. Tomato + Leafy Vegetables (Coriander/ Amaranthus /Palak/ Methi)+ Onion (in between two tomato plants one Onion plant / Tomato + Black gram/Cowpea (4:1)
- ii. Border crop: Jowar/Bajra/Maize (1-2 KGs) in 4 rows
- iii. Trap Crops: Marigold (50grams) for Helicoverpa and Castor (250 grams) for Spodoptera.
- iv. Yellow and Blue sticky traps: 20-25/acre at 10 DAT
- v. Pheromone traps (Helicoverpa/Spodoptera): @8/acre at 20-30 DAT
- vi. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre
- vii. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

12.The Pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example Helicoverpa/Spodoptera) rather than installing the traps after the infestation starts in the field.

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- 16.The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
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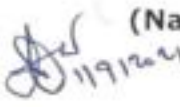
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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Tomato crop POPs during 2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Tomato crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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To

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Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Fruit borer (Gram pod borer)	i. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) iii. 1 light trap /acre iv. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre. ii. Trap crop: a. Grow simultaneously 40 days old American tall marigold and 25 days old tomato seedling at 1:4 rows b. Hand picking and destruction larvae from the marigold flowers iii. Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre iv. Bird perches 10-15 /acre	i. Erecting of pheromone traps @ 8/acre ii. Erecting of Light trap 1/acre iii. Releasing Trichogramma brasiliense @1,00,000 Parasitoid eggs per/acre as Trichocords iv) Application HaNPV @250LE.	i. Spraying of 5% NSKE during Initial stage ii. After 7 days spray Brahmastram (3.5 liters extract in 100 liters of water iii. If incidence is more spray Agnastham
2	Tobacco caterpillar	i. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) iii. 1 light trap /acre iv. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre. ii. Trap crop: Castor can be grown as a trap crop along the field border to attract the egg laying female adult moths (collect and destroy the laid egg masses and gregarious neonates) iii. Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre	i. Erecting of Light trap 1/acre ii. Install pheromone traps @ 8/acre for monitoring adult moth activity. Replace the lures with fresh lures after every 2-3 weeks	i. Dip gunny bags into jaggery solution and torn into small pieces and keep them in field in the evening all caterpillars will be attracted there and kill them in the morning. ii. Spraying of 5% NSKE during Initial stage iii. After 7 days spray Brahmastram (3.5 liters extract in 100 liters of water iv. Spray garlic chilly extract in the evening.

3	Leaf miner	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves followed by application of neemasthram.	i. Lady bird beetle can feed sucking pests ii. White/yellow sticky traps 10-15 /acre iii. Erect @ 8 delta traps per/acre	Initial stage (eggs and 1 st instar larvae): spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemasthram 10kg and chilly garlic extract in advanced stages
4	Whitefly	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines)	i. yellow sticky traps (20-25) ii. Setting up light traps for collecting adults @1/acre	Spraying of Vitex negundo (vavilaku kashyam) leaf extract 100lit/1acre

II. Major Diseases

5	Damping off	i. Quality seed to be used. ii. Avoid shady places for nursery establishment. iii. Use recommended seed rate and raised beds. vi. Avoid flooding type of irrigation and maintain optimum moisture level in nursery	-	i. Drenching of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution ii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham 1 kg+10g Trichoderma horizianum per application in 1 SQMT of nursery area.
6	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
7	Bacterial Fruit and Leaf spot:	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham iii. If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	-	i. Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre ii. Spray sour butter milk 6 lit/100 lit of water

8	Leaf curl virus (Transmitted by White flies and Thrips)	i. The infected plants should be uprooted and buried to avoid further spread of infection. ii. Encourage Poly cropping in Tomato crop. iii. Selection of healthy and disease - free seed. vi. Raise 3-4 rows of Maize or Sorghum as border crop to restrict the spread of vectors. v. Nursery beds should be covered with mulch (with straw) to protect the seedlings from viral infection.	i. Yellow /Blue sticky traps @20-25 per Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of 5% NSKE - (5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water) before infestation, vitex leaf extract
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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Brinjal crop for Kharif/Rabi/Summer season of 2021-22** - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalised through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing of Brinjal crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in

Oct/Nov till sowing of Brinjal crop to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.

5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Brinjal crop cropping system, Include as many intercrops like Coriander or Fennel (2:1), Brinjal + Leafy vegetables (live mulch) + Creepers (as live mulch), Brinjal + Cowpea (2: 1) and Brinjal + Onion/ Garlic (within the row, between two brinjal plants). The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
6. Seed and seedling treatment with Beejamrutham and Trichoderma viride @ 4 g/kg or Pseudomonas fluorescens @7g/kg of seed.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-2+Neem cake+ Trichoderma Viridae: @ 1000-1500 Kgs + 200kgs + 4kgs respectively at the time of last ploughing and GJM-Type-1: 400kg/acre, 2 times @ 200kgs at the time of transplantation- and @ 200 Kgs at 45 DAT (Days after transplantation) by placement method.
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil application:
 - 4 times @ 200lit each starting from
 - 30DAT,60DAT, 90DAT, 120DAT.
 - ii) Foliar application:
 - 5 times at 15DAT (5 lit of DJM in 100 lit of water)
 - 50DAT (10 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 75DAT (20 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 105DAT (25 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
 - 115DAT (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
10. Growth promoters: i. Panchagavya (It controls Sucking pests also besides Growth promoter)- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre each time, 2 times, starting from flowering stage i.e 50DAT and 75DAT respectively.
 - ii. Spray Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 ltr of water each time, 2 times, i.e 90DAT and 120 DAT.
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 - iii. Trap Crops: Marigold (50grams) for Helicoverpa and Castor (250 grams) for Spodoptera.
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 - v. Pheromone traps (Brinjal Fruit & shoot borer): Each @8/acre at 20-30 DAT
 - vi. Bird perches: 10-15/ acre
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16. The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
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Enclosure:

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I. Major Pests				
1	Fruit and Shoot Borer	i) Raise 3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/Bajra as border crops ii) Transplant 200 to 300 plants of Marigold per acre as trap crop iii) Transplant 5 to 6 castor plants as trap crop iv) Intercropping of brinjal (2rows) with coriander (1row) or fennel (1row). v) Weekly clipping and destruction of infested shoots and fruits through out the crop period	i) Install pheromone traps @8/acre for monitoring and 10/acre for mass trapping at 10 m distance from 20DAT. The pheromone lure should be changed at regular interval. ii) Release <i>Trichogramma chilonis</i> at 20,000/acre/ week commencing from 21days after transplanting	i) Spray NSKE 5% at the time of flowering and continue at 10 days interval ii) Spray Agnastram if infestation is more
2	Jassids	i) Raise Maize or Jowar as Border crop ii) 200 Marigold plant per acre as Trap crop	i) Arrange 20 to 25 white and yellow sticky traps per acre	i) Spray NSKE 5% or Neemastram followed by Vavilaku Botanical Extract ii). Spray Dasaparni Kashayam

3	Epilachna Beetles	i) Pick up the insects by hand and destroy ii) Spray NSKE 5% or Neemastram for every 5 days for 3 times	-	i) Spraying of mixture of Neem oil @5% + Meta rhizium, Anisopliae @5g/litre (1:1 ratio) ii) Spray Brahmastram if Infestation is high iii) Spray Nalleru kashayam (3kgs of naleeru + 3kgs of tamarind leaves+ 500 gms of soap nut+ 300gms of inguva grind and ferment in 10 lts of urine for 10 days. Then take 3 litres of decoction and mix in 100 lits of water and spray)
4	White Fly	i) Plant 200 to 300 Marigold plants per acre as trap ii) Grow Maize or Jowar as border crop	20 to 25 yellow sticky traps per acre	Spray Neemastram or 5% NSKE followed by vavilaku botanical extract
5	Spider Mite	i) Plant 200 Marigold plants per acre ii) Removal and destruction of infested leaves during dry period iii) Removal and destruction of ratoon crops, weeds (Parthenium etc.,) from the main field	20 to 25 yellow sticky traps per acre	i) Apply NSKE 5% or Neemastram ii) Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water

II. Major Diseases

6	Little leaf of Brinjal (it is caused by phyto / Myco plasma and transmitted by insect vector leaf hoppers)	i) Uproot the affected plants and burn them ii) Raise 3 to 4 rows of Maize or Jowar or Bajra as Border crop	Arrange 25 to 30 yellow sticky traps per acre	i) Spray Neemastram or 5% NSKE followed by vavilaku botanical extract ii) Spray Nalleru kashayam
7	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	i) Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and ii) Spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Bhendi (Okra) (Ladies Finger) crop** for Kharif/Rabi/Summer for 2021-22 - Regarding

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4. Before growing of Bhendi crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in July/Aug and Jan/Feb till sowing of Bhendi crop to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in Bhendi (Okra) crop cropping system, Include as many intercrops like Coriander or Fennel (2:1), Bhendi + Leafy vegetables (live mulch) + Creepers (as live mulch), Bhendi + Cowpea (2: 1) and Bhendi + Onion/ Garlic (within the row, between two Bhendi plants). The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
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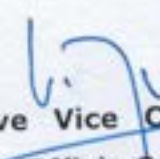
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I. Major Pests				
1	Fruit and Shoot Borer (<i>Earias Sps.</i>)	i. Raise 3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/Bajra as border crops. ii. Weekly clipping and destruction of infested shoots and fruits throughout the crop period	i. Install pheromone traps @8/acre for monitoring and 10/acre for mass trapping at 10 m distance from 20DAT. The pheromone lure should be changed at regular interval. ii. Release <i>Trichogramma chilonis</i> at 20,000/acre/week commencing from 21days after sowing.	i. Spray NSKE 5% at the time of flowering and continue at 10 days interval ii. Spray Agnastram / Dasaparni Kashayam if infestation is more
2	Fruit borer (<i>Helicoverpa</i>)	i. Trap crop: Marigold ii. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) iii. 1 light trap /acre iv. Bird perches @ 8- 10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8 /acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid <i>Trichogramma</i> @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Trycho card)/acre/week	i. At early instar stages Neemastram 200lts/acre ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 5 lts in 200lit water/acre at advance instar stages followed by Dasaparni Kashayam
3	White Fly(Transmit s Yellow vein Mosaic Virus)	i. Plant 200 to 300 Marigold plants per acre as trap ii) Grow Maize or Jowar as border crop	20 to 25 yellow sticky traps per acre	Spray Neemastram or 5% NSKE followed by vavilaku botanical extract
4	Leaf hoppers	i. Raise Maize or Jowar as Border crop ii) 200 Marigold plant per acre as Trap crop	Arrange 20 to 25 white and yellow sticky traps per acre	i. Spray NSKE 5% or Neemastram followed by Vavilaku Botanical Extract ii. Spray Dasaparni Kashayam

5	Aphids	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) and Inter crop with Marigold	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles, Damsel fly and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemasthram + Detergent powder
6	Spider Mite	i. Plant 200 Marigold plants per acre ii. Removal and destruction of infested leaves during dry period iii. Removal and destruction of ratoon crops, weeds (parthenium etc.,) from the main field		i. Apply NSKE 5% or Neemastram ii. Spray Dung + Urine + Inguva extract
II. Major Diseases				
7	Yellow vein Mosaic Virus (transmitted by insect vector white fly)	i. Uproot the affected plants and bury them ii. Raise 3 to 4 rows of Maize or Jowar or Bajra as Border crop	Arrange 20 to 25 yellow sticky traps per acre	Spray Neemastram or 5% NSKE followed by vavilaku botanical extract
8	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	i. Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and ii. Spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Cole crops-Cabbage and Cauliflower** for the Rabi-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane, other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Cole crops-Cabbage/Cauliflower, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised. **The Model Protocols for Cabbage and Cauliflower for adoption during rabi 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated

in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. 1x Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing of cole crops-Cabbage and Cauliflower depending on the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in Oct/Nov till sowing of cole crops to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. The other POPs are detailed below

Sno	Name of the item	Cabbage/Cauliflower
1	Seed/Seedling treatment	i. Seed treatment: Beejamrutam (after treatment 30 minutes shade drying) followed by Trichoderma viride @ 10 g / kg seed ii. Seedlings are to be dipped in Beejamrutam for 30 min followed by Trichoderma viride @ 10 g / lit water .
2	Nursery raising	i. Application of GJM type-2, along with Trichoderma viridae and Neem cake, 50Kg,1.25 kg and 10 Kg respectively in nursery area is sufficient for 1 acre. ii. Raised nursery beds (15 cm ht,1.2 m width and convenient length. iii. Mulching: With Paddy straw/Sugarcane trash iv. Erection of Yellow sticky plates-3 nos in nursery area to control sucking pests in nursery itself v. Pheromone trap-1 for Diamond Back Moth (DBM)
3	Ghanajeevamrutham	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+100 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I +200 Kg/acre-Neem cake at the time of planting.
4	Dravajeevamrutham	i. Soil application:6 times, starting from 15 DAT,30DAT,45 DAT,60 DAT, 75 DAT and

		90 DAT, 15 days interval @ 200lit per acre, each up to head maturity stage.
		ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhravajeevamrutham @ 200 litres per acre, 3times at 20DAT,40DAT and 70 DAT
5	Growth promoters	i. Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of water per acre at before Head formation stage ii. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at Head development stage
6	S2S kit-Non negotiables	
	i. Inter crops	Cabbage/Cauliflower can be intercropped with Tubers/bulb: Radish, Beetroot and Onion; Leafy Vegetables: Palak, Methi; Legumes: Peas and Beans; Oil seed: Mustard (4:1); Cereals: Maize etc.,
	ii. Border crop	3-4 rows of Maize
	iii. Trap Crops	i. Growing of Mustard as trap crop for Diamond Back Moth. ii. Marigold and Castor- for Helicoverpa and Spodoptera respectively
	iv. Yellow sticky traps	20-25 per Acre
	v. Pheromone traps	Diamond Back Moth/Gram pod borer/Spodoptera @ 8/Acre each
	vi. Bird perches	10-15 Acre
	vii. Light Trap	1/Acre
7	365 DGC	PMDS-Kharif field crops/ vegetables (poly crops) like Tomato, Brinjal-RDS-Rabi/Cabbage and Cauliflower-Summer Vegetables/Gingelly (poly crops) etc.,

6. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.

7. The Pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example: Diamond Back Moth / Helicoverpa /Spodoptera) rather than installing the traps after the infestation starts in the field.

8. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field

ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Sompu, Methi, Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi, Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

9.S2S kits for above crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMU should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to the farmers:

1. All ICRPs and L1 cadre own fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
2. The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
3. All MTs, L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during above crops growing period.

4. The Cabbage/Cauliflower compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,
5. All the best POP farmers of above crops should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
6. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
7. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
8. Best APCNF Cabbage/Cauliflower farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Cabbage/Cauliflower crop POPs during this year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure: Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cabbage/Cauliflower crops.

**Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)**

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cabbage and Cauliflower				
Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Diamond Back Moth (DBM)	installation of light trap @ 1/ acre for DBM. Adults are attracted to light trap and fall in water bucket. Within 3-4 days most of the adults get killed.	i. Erection of Pheromone traps@ 8 per acre ii. Growing of Mustard as trap crop (4:1)	i. Spray NSKE 5% at primordia formation (18-25 DAP-head initiation stage - most critical stage) for DBM control. Repeat, if DBM is >1 / plant at 10-15 days interval. Maximum of 3-4 NSKE sprays in one crop season are required. When NSKE are sprayed, thorough coverage of the entire plant surface is must. Use sticker with spray. This will control aphids as well as tobacco caterpillar. ii. Spray Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki 5 WP (Bt) @ 3 g / litre if DBM is present @ 1 larva / leaf iii. Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages Spray Garlic chilli extract.
2	Tobacco caterpillar	i. Adopt crop rotation ii. Trap crop: Castor iii. Border crop: Maize iv. 1 light trap /acre v. Bird perches @8-10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8 /acre. ii. Release of Egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages Spray Garlic chilli extract.

3	Cabbage butter fly	i. Adopt crop rotation	i. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lacewing bug, Ladybird beetle, Spider, Red ant, Dragon fly, Robber fly, Reduviid bug, Praying mantid etc., ii. 1 light trap /acre iii. Growing of Mustard as trap crop (4:1)	i. Spray NSKE-10 lit in 200 lit water-Early stages ii. Spray Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre- Moderate to Severe stage
4	Cabbage aphid	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.

II. Major Diseases

5	Damping off	i. Quality seed to be used. ii. Avoid shady places for nursery establishment. iii. Use recommended seed rate and raised beds. vi. Avoid flooding type of irrigation and maintain optimum moisture level in nursery	-	i. Drenching of Trichoderma viride-10 grams/litre ii. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying (or) Dung urine + Asafoetida solution
6	Downey mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying (or) Dung urine + Asafoetida solution
7	Bacterial black rot	Seed treatment with Beejamrutam /T. viridi @10gm/kg seed	-	Dry Ginger + milk extract and Dung + Urine + Asafoetida Solution
8	Alternaria leaf spot	-	-	Sour Butter milk and cow dung + urine +Asafoetida solution

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Cucurbitaceous Vegetables -Ridge gourd, Bottle gourd, Bitter gourd, Snake gourd and Cucumber** for the Kharif/Summer 2021-22- Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Cole crops-Cabbage/Cauliflower, Turmeric, Cucurbitaceous Vegetables, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised. **The Model Protocols for Cucurbitaceous Vegetables-Ridge gourd, Bottle gourd, Bitter gourd, Snake gourd and Cucumber, for adoption during kharif/summer 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.

3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex-Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing of cucurbit crops-Ridge gourd, Bottle gourd, Bitter gourd, Snake gourd and Cucumber, depending of the season, raising of PMDS/Dry Sowing (DS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in Nov/Dec till sowing of cucurbit crops to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/DS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.

5. The other POPs, crops wise are detailed below

Sn o	Name of the item	Ridge gourd	Bottle gourd	Bitter gourd	Snake gourd	Cucumber
1	Seed treatment	Beejamrutam followed by <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg seed	i.Beejamrutam followed by <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg seed.	i.Beejamrutam followed by <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg seed. ii.Soak seeds in water for 24 hours before sowing to break the dormancy and to quicken the germination. iii. Soak seeds in Luke warm	Beejamrutam followed by <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg seed	Beejamrutam followed by <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg seed

				water for 30 minutes before sowing. This helps in the softening of the hard seed coat.		
2	Ghanajeev amrutham	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+200 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 100 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 kg at 25 DAS as pocket application	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+200 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 100 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 kg at 25 DAS as pocket application	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+200 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 100 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 kg at 25 DAS as pocket application	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+200 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 100 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 kg at 25 DAS as pocket application	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+200 Kg Neem cake (or) ii. Apply @ 100 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 kg at 25 DAS as pocket application
3	Dravajeev amrutham	i. Soil application: 5 times @ 15 days interval @ 200lit each per acre, starting from 20DAS, 35DAS, 50DAS, 65 DAS and 80DAS ii. Foliar application:	i. Soil application: 5 times @ 15 days interval @ 200lit each per acre, starting from 20DAS, 35DAS, 50DAS, 65 DAS and 80DAS ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhavajeevam	i. Soil application: 5 times @ 15 days interval @ 200lit each per acre, starting from 20DAS, 35DAS, 50DAS, 65 DAS and 80DAS ii. Foliar application:	i. Soil application: 5 times @ 15 days interval @ 200lit each per acre, starting from 20DAS, 35DAS, 50DAS, 65 DAS and 80DAS ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhavajeeva	i. Soil application: 5 times @ 15 days interval @ 200lit each per acre, starting from 20DAS, 35DAS, 50DAS, 65 DAS and 80DAS ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhavajeeva

		Spraying of Dhravajeevam rutham @ 200 liters per acre at every 20 days interval, 4times at 30DAS,55DAS ,75 DAS and 95 DAS	rutham @ 200 liters per acre at every 20 days interval, 4times at 30DAS,55DAS ,75 DAS and 95 DAS	Spraying of Dhravajeev amrutham @ 200 liters per acre at every 20 days interval, 4times at 30DAS,55D AS,75 DAS and 95 DAS	mrutham @ 200 liters per acre at every 20 days interval, 4times at 30DAS,55DA S,75 DAS and 95 DAS	mrutham @ 200 liters per acre at every 20 days interval, 4times at 30DAS,55DA S,75 DAS and 95 DAS
4	Growth promoters	Panchagavya- 2 times, @4lts in 100 lit of water/acre before flowering and Fruit development stages	Panchagavya- 2 times, @4lts in 100 lit of water/acre before flowering and Fruit development stages	Panchagavy a- 2 times, @4lts in 100 lit of water/acre before flowering and Fruit developme nt stages	Panchagavya - 2 times, @4lts in 100 lit of water/acre before flowering and Fruit development stages	Panchagavya - 2 times, @4lts in 100 lit of water/acre before flowering and Fruit development stages
5	Growing on Pandals is preferred to get quality Gourds	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
6	S2S kit- Non negotiable s					
	i. Inter crops	It also grown on pandals apart from ground, it can inter cropped with leafy vegetables, tuber vegetables	It also grown on pandals apart from ground, it can inter cropped with leafy vegetables, tuber vegetables	It also grown on pandals apart from ground, it can inter cropped with leafy vegetables, tuber vegetables	It also grown on pandals apart from ground, it can inter cropped with leafy vegetables, tuber vegetables	i. Can be grown as inter crop in Cotton, Red gram, Maize as vegetable and live mulch
	ii. Border crop	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/M aize	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/Ma ize	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/ Maize	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/ Maize	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra

	iii. Yellow sticky traps	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre
	iv. Melon fruit fly trap	@8 per Acre	@8 per Acre	@8 per Acre	@8 per Acre	@8 per Acre
	v. Light Traps	1/Acre	1/Acre	1/Acre	1/Acre	1/Acre
7	365 DGC	PMDS-Kharif field crops/vegetables like Tomato, Brinjal Poly cropping system) -RDS-Cabbage/Cauliflower-Cucurbits(poly cropping system)	PMDS-Kharif field crops/vegetables like Tomato, Brinjal Poly cropping system) -RDS-Cabbage/Cauliflower-Cucurbits(poly cropping system)	PMDS-Kharif field crops/vegetables like Tomato, Brinjal Poly cropping system) -RDS-Cabbage/Cauliflower-Cucurbits(poly cropping system)	PMDS-Kharif field crops/vegetables like Tomato, Brinjal Poly cropping system) -RDS-Cabbage/Cauliflower-Cucurbits(poly cropping system)	PMDS-Kharif field crops/vegetables like Tomato, Brinjal Poly cropping system) -RDS-Cabbage/Cauliflower-Cucurbits(poly cropping system)

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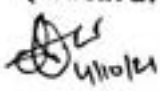
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Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cucurbitaceous Vegetables.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To


All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cucurbitaceous Vegetables-Ridge gourd, Bottle gourd, Bitter gourd, Snake gourd and Cucumber

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Aphids	Border crop: Maize/ Sorghum (3-4 lines)	Yellow sticky traps (20-25)	Spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemasthrum with Detergent powder
2	Fruit fly	i. Growing of Resistant varieties ii. Raking of soil for exposing fruit fly pupae to sunlight and predatory fauna. iii. Collection and bury of fruit fly infected fruits periodically	i. Monitor the activity of flies with Fruit fly trap @8 per acre ii. Install yellow sticky traps 20-25 per Acre	i.Spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemasthrum ii.Spraying Dasaparni Kashayam
3	Cucumber moth	i. Adopt crop rotation ii. Border crop: Jowar/Bajra/Maize iii. Bird perches @8-10/acre.	1 light trap /acre	i. Two sprays of <i>Bacillus thuriangiensis</i> @ 2g / litre for protection against cucumber moth on bitter gourd. ii. At early stage Neemastrum-200lt/acre. Ii.Spraying of Agnastrum- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.
4	Red pumpkin beetle	-	-	i.Spray NSKE 5% ii.Garlic chilli extract

5	White fly	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines)	i. Yellow sticky traps (20-25) ii. Setting up light traps for collecting adults @1/acre	Spraying of Vitex negundo (vavilaku kashyam) leaf extract 100lit/1acre
6	Leaf miner	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves followed by application of neemasthram.	i.Lady bird beetle can feed sucking pests ii.White/yellow sticky traps 20-25 /acre iii. Erect @ 8 delta traps per/acre	Initial stage (eggs and 1 st instar larvae): spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemasthram 10kg and chilly garlic extract in advanced stages
II. Major Diseases				
7	Damping off	i. Quality seed to be used. ii. Avoid shady places for nursery establishment. iii. Use recommended seed rate and raised beds. vi.Avoid flooding type of irrigation and maintain optimum moisture level	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water ii.Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution iii.Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham +Trichoderma horizianum
8	Downey mildew	i. Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves ii. Preferably grow cucumber on bamboo support or trellis or in green houses can reduce downy mildew with reduced leaf wetness and free air flow.	-	Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Dung urine+ Asafoetida solution
9	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Dung urine+Asafoetida solution

10	Fusarium wilt	Use pathogen free seeds Remove and destroy the infected plants and plant debris Adopt crop rotation Avoid water stagnation and maintain proper drainage Use resistant varieties Mix 2 kg of <i>Trichoderma viridi</i> in 200 litres of water and spray or pour at the base of the plant.	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/ ii. Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution iii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham +<i>Trichoderma horizianum</i>
11	Anthraco	Seed treatment with effective strain of <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg of seed	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water ii. Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution
12	Cucumber Mosaic Virus	i. Raise 4 rows of barrier crops such as Maize or sorghum ii. Avoid planting Tomatoes next to Cucurbits, Spinach, or other vegetables and flowers susceptible to these diseases iii. Control of aphids will help reduce the incidence of cucumber mosaic.	Yellow sticky traps 20-25 /acre	Spraying of 5% NSKE – (5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water); before infestation spray vitex leaf extract.

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Leguminacious Vegetables -Broad bean (Dolichos), French bean and Cluster bean** for the Kharif/Rabi/Summer 2021-22- Regarding

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5. The other POPs, crop wise are detailed below

Sn o	Name of the item	Broad bean (Dolichos) - Bush type	French bean	Cluster bean
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4	Growth promoters	Panchagavya-2 times, 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at Flowering and pod development	Panchagavya-2 times, 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at Flowering and pod development	Panchagavya-2 times, 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at Flowering and pod development
5	S2S kit-Non negotiables			
	i. Inter crops	Tubers, Leafy vegetables, Mari Gold and Castor	Tubers, Leafy vegetables, Mari Gold and Castor	Tubers, Leafy vegetables, Mari Gold and Castor
	ii. Border crop	3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/Bajra	3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/Bajra	3-4 rows of Maize/Jowar/Bajra
	iii. Yellow/Blue sticky traps	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre
	iv. Pheromone traps for Maruca pod borer and Helicoverpa	@8 per Acre each	@8 per Acre each	-
	v. Bird perches	10-15 Acre	10-15 Acre	10-15 Acre
	vi. Light Traps	1/Acre	1/Acre	1/Acre
7	365 DGC	PMDS-Dolichos with poly cropping-RDS-Vegetables with poly crops	PMDS- French bean with poly cropping-RDS-Vegetables with poly crops	PMDS-Cluster bean with poly cropping-RDS-Vegetables with poly crops

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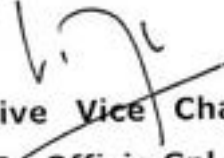
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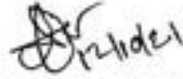
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Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Leguminacious vegetables.


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To



All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Leguminacious Vegetables -Broad bean (Dolichos), French bean and Cluster bean				
Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.
2	Thrips	Avoid growing / choosing of inter crops like Chilli and Onion	Use of Blue sticky traps @ 20-25 traps /Acre.	i. Initial stages NSKE 5% or Neemastram ii. Spraying of Dashaparni kashayam
3	Fruit borer- Maruca and Helicoverpa	i. Parasitoids: Trichogramma spp., Tetrastichus spp., Chelonus spp., Telenomus spp, Bracon spp. etc. ii. Trap crops-Castor, Cowpea, Sesame, Green gram and Black gram.	i. Pheromone @ 8 per Acre for Helicoverpa ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lacewing bug, Ladybird beetle, Spider, Red ant, Dragon fly, Robber fly, Reduviid bug, Praying mantid etc.,	i. Spray NSKE-10 lit in 200 lit water-Early stages ii. Spray Agnastram- 5lts in 200lit water/acre- Moderate to Severe stage
4	Flea beetles	-	-	i. Spray 5%NSKE -Early stages ii. Spray Chilli garlic extract-Moderate to Severe stage
II. Major Diseases				
5	Powdery mildew	Removal and burry of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution with 100 grams Asafoetida - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Cow dung + urine +Asafoetida solution.

6	Root rot	i. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham followed by Trichoderma viride @ 8grms/Kg seed ii. Collect seeds from disease free plants iii. Remove and destroy the infected plants and plant debris iv. Adopt crop rotation v. Avoid water stagnation and provide proper drainage vi. Use resistant varieties	-	Mix 2 kg of Trichoderma viridi in 200 litres of water and drench at the base of the plant.
7	Leaf spot	-	-	Sour Butter milk and cow dung + urine + Asafoetida solution
8	Virus complex- Yellow Vein Mosaic Virus	i. Raise 4 rows of barrier/border crops such as Maize/Sorghum/Bajra ii. Avoid planting Tomatoes next to Cucurbits, Spinach and other Vegetables and Flowers susceptible to these virus diseases	Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre	Initial stages NSKE 5% or Neemastram and Datura leaf extract

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Leafy vegetables-Coriander, Fenugreek, Palak, Amarathus, Indian sorrel (Gongura) and Sorrel (Chukka kura)** for the year 2021-22- Regarding

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4. Before growing of Leafy vegetables, depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in Oct/Nov till sowing of Leafy vegetables to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. The crop wise POPs are detailed below

S n o	Name of the item	Coriander (Kothi meera)	Fenugreek (Menthikura)	Palak (Pala kura)	Amaranthus (Thota kura)	Indian sorrel (Gongura) and Sorrel (Chukkakura) leaf
1	Seed treatment	Beejamrutham followed by Trichoderma viride @ 7 g/kg of seed	Beejamrutham followed by Trichoderma viride @ 7 g/kg of seed	To improve germination, soak seed in water overnight before sowing followed by Beejamrutham and Trichoderma viride @ 7 g/kg of seed	Beejamrutham followed by Trichoderma viride @ 7 g/kg of seed	Beejamrutham followed by Trichoderma viride @ 7 g/kg of seed

2	Ghanajeev amrutham	i. During last plough-500 Kg of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham (or) ii. Apply @ 200 KG/Acre of Ghanajeeva mrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 Kg/acre at 30DAS	. During last plough-500 Kg of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham (or) ii. Apply @ 200 KG/Acre of Ghanajeeva mrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 Kg/acre at 30DAS	. During last plough-500 Kg of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham (or) ii. Apply @ 200 KG/Acre of Ghanajeeva mrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 Kg/acre at 30DAS	. During last plough-500 Kg of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham (or) ii. Apply @ 200 KG/Acre of Ghanajeeva mrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 Kg/acre at 30DAS	. During last plough-500 Kg of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham (or) ii. Apply @ 200 KG/Acre of Ghanajeeva mrutham-I at the time of sowing and 100 Kg/acre at 30DAS
3	Dravajeev amrutham -Foliar	3 times @ i.10DAS-10 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water, ii.25DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and iii.40DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water	3 times @ i.10DAS-10 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water, ii.25DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and iii.40DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water	3 times @ i.10DAS-10 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water, ii.25DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and iii.40DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water	3 times @ i.10DAS-10 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water, ii.25DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and iii.40DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water	3 times @ i.10DAS-10 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water, ii.25DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water and iii.40DAS-15 litres of DJM in 100 litres of water
4	S2S kit-Non negotiables					
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	ii. Border	3-4 rows of	3-4 rows of	3-4 rows	3-4 rows	3-4 rows of

	crop	Maize/Jowar/ Bajra.	Maize/Jowar/B ajra.	of Maize/Jow ar/Bajra.	of Maize/Jow ar/Bajra.	Maize/Jowar/B ajra.
	iii. Trap Crops	Marigold and Castor	Marigold and Castor	Marigold and Castor	Marigold and Castor	Marigold and Castor
	iv. Yellow sticky traps	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre
	v. Pheromon e traps	Spodoptera @8/acre	Spodoptera @8/acre	Spodopter a @8/acre	Spodopter a @8/acre	Spodoptera @8/acre
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6	365 DGC	PMDS followed by Coriander and other leafy vegetables RDS followed by vegetables with poly crops	PMDS followed by Fenugreek and other leafy vegetables RDS followed by vegetables with poly crops	PMDS followed by Palak and other leafy vegetables RDS followed by vegetables with poly crops	PMDS followed by Amaranth us and other leafy vegetables RDS followed by vegetables with poly crops	PMDS followed by Indian sorrel/sorrel and other leafy vegetables RDS followed by vegetables with poly crops

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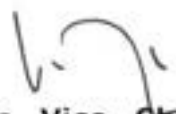
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Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1.Coriander				
I. Major Pests				
1	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.
2	Mites	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish as inter crop	i. yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
3	Thrips	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish as inter crops	i. Blue sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
4	Spodoptera	i. Adopt crop rotation ii. Early sowing iii. Trap crop: Castor iii. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum vi. 1 light trap /acre v. Bird perches @10-15/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8/acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram- 200lt/acre. ii. Spraying of Brahmastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.
II. Major Diseases				
5	Powdery mildew	i. Use of Resistant varieties ii. Crop rotation	-	Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

6	Wilt	i. Use of Resistant varieties ii. Crop rotation	-	i. Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi 2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
7	Grain mould	i. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham ii. Crop rotation	-	Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

2. Palak/Fenugreek/Indian Sorrel/Sorrel

I. Major Pests

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1.	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 10-15 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.
2.	Leaf eating caterpillars	i. Erect bird perches @ 10-15/acre to facilitate predation of larvae. ii. Install one light trap per Acre to catch the adults	i. Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM -9PM ii. Install pheromone traps @8/ acre for spodoptera	i. Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii. Spraying of Garlic chilli extract - 4 litres in 100 litres of water

II. Major Diseases

3	Leaf spot	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. If soil is too wet,	-	Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
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		improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease		
4	Damping off	i. Quality seed to be used. ii. Use recommended seed rate and raised beds. iii. Avoid flooding type of irrigation and maintain optimum moisture level.	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying of Dung + urine+Asafoetida solution ii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham 1 kg+10g Trichoderma horizianum per application in 1 SQMT

3.Amaranthus

I. Major Pests

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1	Leaf eating caterpillars	i. Erect bird perches @ 10-15/acre to facilitate predation of larvae. ii. Install one light trap per Acre to catch the adults	i. Light trap with the onset of monsoon at 6PM -9PM ii. Install pheromone traps @8/ acre for spodoptera	i. Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii. Spraying of Garlic chilli extract - 4 litres in 100 litres of water
2	Amaranthus weevil	-	-	i. Spray Garlic chilli extract

II. Major Diseases

3	Leaf blight	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. Sow resistant green amaranth variety, CO-1 during rainy season iii. Avoid splash irrigation iv. If soil is too	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water (or) spraying of Dung +urine+Asafoetida solution ii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham along with
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		wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease		Trichoderma horizianum
4	White Rust	-	Observe blasts spots on weeds that are acting as source plants (hosts) on field bunds.	Spraying of Dung + urine + Asafoetida solution

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Turmeric crop** for Kharif season-2021 – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Cole crops-Cabbage/Cauliflower, Turmeric crop, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised. **The Model Protocols for Turmeric crop for adoption during Kharif season for the year 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalised through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

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4. Before growing of Turmeric crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April till sowing of Turmeric to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. Turmeric crop can with stand shade, hence it is grown as inter crop in Fruit orchards, Coconut/Oil palm plantations. Maize and Turmeric (1:2- Turmeric: Maize) is a preferred inter crop combination and vegetables like Chillies, Onion, Brinjal may be planted as mixed crop with in the row of Turmeric. Elephant foot yam, Colocasia and Red gram can be raised as border crop in Turmeric. In case where nematode is a problem, raise Turmeric crop along with Mari gold. The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
6. Rhizome treatment with Beejamrutham followed by Trichoderma viride @7grams / Litre of water for 20 mints and shade dry.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-2+Neem cake+ Trichoderma Viride+ Pseudomonas: @ 2000-2500 Kgs + 300kgs + 4kgs +2 kgs respectively at the time of last ploughing and GJM-Type-1: 800kg/acre, 2 times @ 400kgs at the time of planting and @ 400 Kgs at 60 DAS (Days After Sowing) by placement method.
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil application: @ 20 days interval
 - 11 times @ 200lit/ acre each time, starting from
 - 75DAS,95DAS,115DAS,135DAS,155DAS,175DAS,195DAS,215DAS,235DAS,255DAS and 275DAS
 - ii) Foliar application:
 - 13 times at 20 Days interval
 - 45DAS (5 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 65DAS (10 lit of DJM in 125 lit of water)
 - 85DAS (15 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
 - 105DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
 - 125DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
 - 145DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)

- 165DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
- 185DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
- 205DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
- 225DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
- 245DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)
- 265DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water) and
- 285DAS (30 lit of DJM in 150 lit of water)

10. Growth promoters: Panchagavya (It controls sucking pests also besides Growth promoter)- 3 times, 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre each time, starting from 120 DAS, 150DAS and 180DAS

11. Important operations in Turmeric cultivation:

- Planting: Raised beds/Ridge and Furrow-Clay soils; Broad bed and Furrow-Loamy soils
- Provide good drainage to avoid Rhizome rot
- Use of large quantity of Type-2 GJM, increases both quality and quantity of rhizome
- More frequent irrigations are needed at Rhizome maturity stage
- Crop rotation with Gingelly, Sunflower and Bajra (poly cropping systems) for every 2 years

12. S2S kit- All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced.

- As inter crop in Fruit Orchards-Coconut /oil palm plantations etc.
- Border crop: Castor and Red gram
- Trap Crops: Chilli, Onion, Marigold-Nematodes.
- Blue sticky traps: 20-25/acre.
- Bird perches: 10-15/ acre.
- Light Traps: 1/ acre.

13. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
 - By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
 - Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
 - Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field
- ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:
By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Sompu, Menthulu, Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi,Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.
- 14.S2S kit for Turmeric crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPM should monitor regularly during crop period.
- 15.365 DGC: PMDS-Immediately after harvesting of Turmeric crop (depending upon duration of crop) in March and sow a minimum of 9 types of seed in line sowing including Gingelly/Sunflower/Bajra with poly cropping system and then PMDS.

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to the farmers:

- 16.All ICRPs, L2, L1 and MT cadre own fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
- 17.The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
- 18.All LFs, L1, L2, L3 and MT cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during Turmeric crop growing period.
- 19.Turmeric crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated. The DPM/ AO/ RCs/ NFAs. have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,

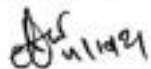
20. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
21. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
22. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
23. Best APCNF Turmeric farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
24. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Turmeric crop POPs during 2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Turmeric crop.


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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)**



To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

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Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Shoot borer	i. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham ii. Removing stubbles of the previous crops completely	The presence of a bore-hole on the pseudo stem through which frass is extruded and the withered central shoot is a characteristic symptom of pest infestation.	Spraying of the Agnasthram
2	Turmeric Thrips	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish and coriander as inter crops	i. Blue sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
II. Major Diseases				
3	Rhizome Rot	i. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham and Trichoderma viride ii. Crop rotations with Maize, and Soyabean iii. Grow on raised beds iii. Good drainage facility Should be provided iv. Use of Neem cake along with T viridae-2 kg		Neem Powder mixed with the water and drench on the beds

4	Leaf Blotch	i. Seed treatment with Beejamrutham ii. Infected and dried leaves should be collected and bury. iii. Proper spacing should be maintained iv. Selection of the healthy rhizome for sowing purpose.	-	i. Cow dung + Cow Urine + Asafoetida Solution used for this ii. Dry Zinger and milk solution
5	Leaf Spot	i. Infected and dried leaves should be collected and buried. ii. Proper spacing should be maintained. iii. Selection of the healthy rhizome for sowing purpose		i. Spray Cow dung + Cow Urine + Asafoetida Solution ii. Sour butter milk solution
6	Leaf Blight	i. Infected and dried leaves should be collected and buried. ii. Proper spacing should be maintained. Poly cropping will reduce the infestation		i. Spray Cow dung + Cow Urine + Asafoetida Solution ii. Dry Zinger and milk solution

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Curry leaf** for the year 2021-22– Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated

in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex-Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing of Curry leaf, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May continue up to planting Curry leaf to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. The crop POPs to be followed are detailed below

Sno	Name of the item	Curry leaf
1	Seed treatment	Beejamrutam followed by Trichoderma viride @ 7 g/kg of seed
2	Ghanajeevamrutham	i) Type-2: Apply 5 Kgs and 1/2 kg Neem cake /pit at the time of planting ii) Type-1: 1 kg/pit; 1Kg - At the time of planting and 1kg -At 45-50 DAP (Days After Planting).
3	Dravajeevamrutham-Foliar	i) Soil Application: 9 times @ 200lit each, at 30 DAP 60 DAP, 90 DAP, 120 DAP, 150 DAP, 180DAP, 210 DAP and 240 DAP and 270 DAP. After taking 1 st crop, prune the trees and follows the same schedule for 2 nd and 3 rd year. ii) Foliar application: 7 times at 15 days interval, for quality leaf production
4	Growth promoters	Spray Egg Amino Acid (250ml in 100 litres of water per acre), 3times at 65 DAP, 155DAP and 245 DAP.
5	S2S kit- Non negotiables	
	i. Inter crops	It can be inter cropped in orchards like Mango, Coconut etc.,
	ii. Border crop	Sesbania and Moringa
	iii. Trap Crops	Marigold and Castor

	iv. Yellow sticky traps	20-25 per Acre
	v. Pheromone traps	For Spodoptera @8 per Acre
	vi. Light Traps	1/Acre
6	365 DGC	PMDS-Curry leaf

6. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.

7. Other important agronomic practices:

- Avoid growing in black cotton soils, where there is a problem of water logging. Follow ridge and furrow method or Drip for irrigation.
- Raise nursery on raised beds, select 3-6 months aged plants for planting in main field from nursery.
- Mulching: Mulching in nursery and main field, to conserve the soil moisture and to control the weeds. Crop residues like straw, cotton stalks, leaves, saw dust and coir dust etc., can be applied in tree basins and in interspaces between trees. Mulching adds humus to the soil, keeps soil cool in day and warm at night hours.
- Apply Bio fertilizers like Azospirillum-0.8kg/Acre, Phospho bacteria 0.8 kg/Acre
- Double the doses of GJM after Pruning (for ratoon crop)
- After attaining 1 m height, the terminal bud is cut off to encourage basal branching. In total 5-6 branches are maintained per bush.
- Ten to twelve months after planting, the first harvest starts and from 2nd year onwards, leaf can be harvested for every 3-4 months.

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2. The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
3. All MTs, L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during above other crops growing period.
4. Curry leaf crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,
5. All the best POP farmers of above crops should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.

6. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Curry leaf POPs during this year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Curry leaf crop.


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Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Curry leaf crop

I. Major Pests

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
1	Leaf eating caterpillar (Citrus butter fly)	i. Collect and destroy infested plant parts, egg masses and young larvae during gregarious phase. ii. Parasitoids: <i>Trichogramma</i> spp. (egg), <i>Telenomus</i> sp (egg), <i>Distatrix papilionis</i> (larval), <i>Brachymeria</i> spp. (larval), <i>Pteromalus</i> spp. (pupal) etc. iii. Predators: <i>Chrysoperla carnea</i>, coccinellids, King crow, common mynah, wasp, dragonfly, spider, robber fly, reduviid bug, praying mantis, fire ants, big eyed bugs (<i>Geocoris</i> sp), pentatomid bug (<i>Eocanthecona furcellata</i>), earwigs, ground beetles, rove beetles etc.	i. Erecting of Light trap 1/acre ii. Pheromone traps 8/acre	i. Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages. ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
2	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.

3	Psyllid- Jumping plant lice	i.Parasitoids: <i>Tamarixia radiata</i> (nymphal), <i>Diaphorencyrtus</i> <i>aligarhensis</i> (nymphal) etc. ii.Predators: Predatory wasps, lady beetles, lacewings, syrphid fly larvae etc.	Erection of Yellow sticky traps @20- 25 per acre	i.Spraying of 5% NSKE/Neemastram/Neem oil-15000 PPM ii. Due to Psyllid attack Sooty mould will develop to control spray Cow dung, urine, asafoetida solution.
4	Scale	Predators: Predatory wasps, lacewings, ladybugs, ants and mites etc.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 10-15 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE and detergent solution.
5	Mealy bug	Predators: Predatory wasps, syrphid/hover flies, ladybugs or mealybug destroyers (Coccinellid, <i>Cryptolaemus</i> <i>montrouzieri</i>) etc.	Presence of ants	i)Apply Acacia Arabica (Babul) extract. (Collect 3 Kgs of babul (Thumma chakka) tree bark, soak it in 10 litres of water for 24 hours and filter the solution. Add 0.5kg of boiled starch powder and mix in 100 litres of water and spray for one acre ii) Spray Datura leaf Extract iii)Spray Matti draavanam (20kgs of soil dissolved in 200 lits of water for 12 hours filter and spray)

II. Major Disease

6	Leaf spot	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	-	i.Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water ii. Spray Cow dung, urine, asafoetida solution
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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF -Model APCNF
Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in
Drumstick crop for the year 2021-22- Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom
Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2021.

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1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.

3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing Drumstick crop, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.,) sown in April/May and continued up to July/September i.e till planting of Drumstick to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in initial 2-3 months in Drumstick cropping system. Moringa is a fast-growing tree, drought tolerant, easily adapted to varied Agro ecosystems and poly crop farming systems.
 - i. Intercropping of Navadhanya after planting of Drumstick and incorporation of the same on the 30-45th day helps to increase the soil fertility.
 - ii. After planting, intercropping with Cotton (it is being practiced in Guntur district), Pulses -Green gram, Black gram, Cereals-Bajra, Jowar, Oil seeds-Sesamum, Sunflower, Ground nut, Flower Crop-Marigold, Leafy vegetables, Vegetables-Cluster bean, Onion, Chillies, Tomato, Tuber vegetables like Turmeric, Ginger and Creeper vegetables must be integral part in Drumstick cropping system.
 - iii. Moringa trees are planted in gardens that can also provide support for climbing vegetables such as Bitter gourd, Snake gourd, Ridge gourd, and pole Beans.
 - iv. Alley cropping is the practice of growing food crops in alleys between hedge rows of trees or shrubs which are regularly coppiced or severely pruned. This agroforestry technique is used with annual moringa (PKM-1). The pruning's are placed on soil as a mulch around food crops, providing valuable nutrients on decomposition.
 - v. It can be inter cropped with orchard crops up to 3-4 years
6. Seed/Seedling treatment: The seed/seedlings are to be treated with Pseudomonas solution @ 7grams/ litre of water (or) with Azospirillum @ 200 g/kg of seeds followed by Beejamrutam (BJM) for 30 minutes before sowing/planting.

- i) Type-2: Apply 3 Kgs and 1/2 kg Neem cake /pit at the time of planting
 - ii) Type-1: a) 1 kg/pit; 1Kg - At the time of planting and 1kg -At 45-50 DAP (Days After Planting).
b) 2kg/plant every time at 90 DAP,120 DAP, 150 DAP,180 DAP and 210 DAP
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
- i) Soil Application: 9 times @ 200lit each, at 15 DAP, 30 DAP, 60 DAP, 95 DAP, 125 DAP, 155 DAP, 185DAP, 215 DAP, 245 DAP. After taking 1st crop, prune the trees and follows the same schedule for 2nd and 3rd year.
 - ii) Foliar application: 7 times at 30 days interval,
 - 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @ 45 DAP
 - 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @75 DAP
 - 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @105 DAP
 - 4th spray 30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @135 DAP
 - 5th spray 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @165 DAP
 - 6th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @195 DAP
 - 7th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @225 DAP
10. Growth promoters: i) Egg Amino Acid: Spray 250 ml in 100 litres of water 4-5 months of DAP (before flowering stage)
ii) Panchagavya: (4lts/acre in 100 litres water), 2 times, 1st spray at 6-7 months of planting (at flowering) and 2nd spray at fruits development stage.
11. Other important agronomic practices:
- Broad bed and furrow system or Drip irrigation system
 - Mulching: Mulching is a field practice to conserve the soil moisture and to control the weeds. Crop residues like straw, cotton stalks, leaves, saw dust and coir dust etc., can be applied in tree basins and in interspaces between trees. Mulching adds humus to the soil, keeps soil cool in day and warm at night hours.
 - For better yields, apply Bio fertilizers like Azospirillum- 0.8kg/Acre, Phospho bacteria 0.8 kg/Acre and VAM Fungi 1.6 kg/ acre at planting along with GJM

- Leafy vegetables and Sweet potato can be grown as cover crop to smother weed growth.
- The field should be irrigated once in a week up to three months and once in ten days thereafter. Water stagnation should be avoided. There will be flower drop when the soil is too dry or too wet. Hence optimum moisture should be maintained.
- Double the doses of GJM after Pruning (for ratoon crop)
- Ratoon crops can be taken for 3 years without reduction in quality.

12.S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

i Inter crops: Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Vegetables-Cluster bean etc., tuber vegetables like Onion, Garlic, Turmeric, Ginger, Creeper vegetables like Bottle gourd and Sweet potato may be planted.

ii. Border crops: Casuarina, Sesbania

iii. Yellow sticky traps: 20-25/acre

iv. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

13.Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field

ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Sompu, Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi,Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in

orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

14.S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Drumstick crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

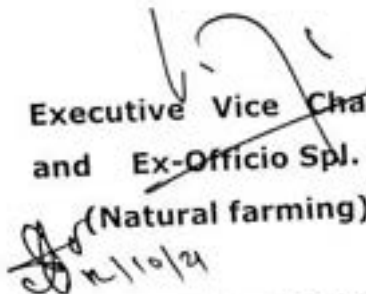
- 15.All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Drumstick crop growing period.
- 16.All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
- 17.The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
- 18.Drumstick crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
- 19.The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
- 20.All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
- 21.All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
- 22.Best APCNF Drumstick crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.

23.DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Drumstick crop POPs during 2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Drumstick crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To

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Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Leaf eating caterpillars/Hairy Caterpillars	i. Collect and destroy silken webs and caterpillars in the initial stages of infestation. ii. Initial planting , Provision for stake arrangement/Bird perches for birds above the height of the moringa crop in field enabling the birds to visit and prey them iii. Spiders are found inhabiting in large numbers on new flush which exert natural control on the increasing population iv. Collect and destroy egg masses and caterpillars	i. Set up light trap @ 1/acre	i.Spraying of NSKE 5% / Neemasthram with detergent solution ii.Spraying of Agniastham
2	Bud worm	i. Rake around trees to expose, kill and bury pupae ii. Collect and destroy damaged buds along with caterpillar and bury	Set up light trap @ 1/acre	i.Spraying of NSKE 5% / Neemasthram with detergent solution ii.Spraying of Agniastham
3	Bud midge	i. Rake around trees to expose and kill pupae ii. Collect and destroy damaged buds along with caterpillar	Set up light trap @ 1/acre	i.Spraying of NSKE 5% / Neemasthram with detergent solution ii.Spraying of Agniastham
4	Fruit fly/Pod fly	i. Effected fruits should be collected and destroyed. ii. Rake and earthing up the soil below the tree and drench with neemasthram 10lt per tree	Monitor the activity of flies with Fruit fly trap @8 per acre	Spraying Dasaparni Kashayam
II. Major Diseases				
5	Leaf spot	-	-	i. Spray Sour butter milk 6lit-100lit water/acre ii. Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida

				solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre
6	Root rot and wilt	i. Seeds should be planted in disease and nematode free soil ii. Beejamrutham seedling/seed treatment iii. Avoid direct stem contact of irrigation water iv. The infected plants should be removed and buried. v. Adopt crop rotation	-	i. Application of Neem cake along with Ghanajevamrutham ii. Drenching of Trichoderma viridi

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Onion crop (for Kharif/Rabi/Summer)** in 2021-22 year- Regarding
Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The

- respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing of Onion crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in March/April till sowing of Onion crop to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop
 5. Onion crop is grown as inter crop in alleys of young fruit orchards, Coconut/Oil palm plantations and as one of the main bulb crops in different poly cropping systems of leafy vegetable-Coriander, vegetables-Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chillies, Brinjal etc., Fruit crop - Banana, Cotton. Also grown on borders of bunds in many cropping systems. General cropping systems are Maize-Potato-Onion, Tomato-Onion. The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
 6. Nursery management:
 - i. Raised nursery beds (15 cm ht, 1.2 m width and convenient length.
 - ii. Application of GJM type-2 along with *Trichoderma viridae*, 20 kgs and 1.25 kg /SQMT in nursery area respectively and drenching later with *Trichoderma viridae*-8 grams/litre of water.
 - iii. Mulching: With Paddy straw/Sugarcane trash
 - iv. Providing shade for nursery
 - v. Erection of 3-4 no's yellow/blue sticky traps in nursery area to control sucking pests in nursery itself
 7. Seed/seed ling treatment with Beejamrutam (BJM), along with *Azospirillum*-400 grams/kg seed using rice gruel as adhesive.
 8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i) Type-2: 1000-1500 kg/acre+ Neem cake-200 kgs/Acre at the time of last ploughing and ii) Type-1: 400kg/acre; 200kg - At the time of transplanting and 200 kg -At 20 DAT (Days After Transplanting).
 9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.

10. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):

i) Soil Application: 5 times at 15 days interval @ 200lit each up to bulb maturity Starting from 15 DAT, 30DAT, 45DAT, 60DAT and 75DAT

ii) Foliar application: 4 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 25 DAT, 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 40 DAT and 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 55 DAT and 4th spray at 75DAT-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water.

11. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 4lts/acre in 100 litres water at 65 DAT @ Bulb development stage

12. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced.

i. Inter crops: Coriander, Cotton, Chillies, Tomato etc.,

ii. Border crops: Maize/Jowar/Bajra-3 rows

iii. Yellow/Blue sticky traps: 20-25/acre

iv. Trap crop: Marigold, Castor

v. Pheromone traps (Spodoptera): Each @8/acre at 15-20 DAS

vi. Bird perches: 10 -15/acre

vii. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

13. The pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example; Spodoptera). It should not be done after the infestation starts in the field.

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15. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Onion crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.
16. 365 Days Green Cover in Onion: PMDS-Kharif with poly crops -RDS- Rabi Onion with poly crops -Summer Tomato/Brinjal with poly crops.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Onion crop POPs during Kharif/Rabi/Summer-2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Onion crop.


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Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Onion Thrips	i. Avoid successive ii. Planting of Onion and other host crops. iii. Avoid Water stress condition	Blue sticky traps @20-25 Acre ETL of 30 thrips / plant	5% NSKE or Neemastram 200 lit/acre, Vitex leaf extract
2	Onion Maggot	i. Crop rotation ii. Avoid close plantation	-	Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
3	Bulb mite	i. Crop rotation with Non host plants like Maize and Millets ii. Trap crops with Marigold and Coriander	Yellow sticky traps @20-25 Acre	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water
4	Red spider Mite	i. Wash the plants for every 30 days with Water spray ii. Trap crops with Marigold and Coriander	Yellow sticky traps @20-25 Acre	Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water
5	Tobacco caterpillar	i. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) ii. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre. ii. Trap crop: Castor can be grown as a trap crop along the field border to attract the egg laying female adult moths (collect and destroy the laid egg masses and gregarious neonates) iii. Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre	i. Erecting of Light trap 1/acre ii. Install pheromone traps @ 8/acre for monitoring adult moth activity. Replace the lures with fresh lures after every 2-3 weeks	i. Dip gunny bags into jaggery solution and torn into small pieces and keep them in field in the evening all caterpillars will be attracted there and kill them in the morning. ii. Spraying of 5% NSKE during Initial stage iii. After 7 days spray Brahmastram (3.5 liters extract in 100 liters of water iv. Spray garlic chilly extract in the evening.

II. Major Diseases

6	Damping off	i. Avoid excessive moisture in the field ii. Destroy the infected plants iii. Application of Trichoderma viridi along with Type 2 GJM	-	i. Application of Trichoderma viridi 5gm/lit Water and drench ii. Spray sour buttermilk 6 lt in 100 lit of water
7	Purple blotch	i. Healthy bulbs should be used (Seed purpose) ii. Crop rotation should be followed	-	Sour buttermilk and Spray Wild tulasi leaf extract + Datura leaf extract
8	Stemphylium Blight	i. Healthy bulbs should be used ii. Crop rotation should be followed iii. After flowering use of Psudomonas, T. virida e 5gm/1 Lit water per spraying is preferred.	-	Sour buttermilk and Spray Wild Tulasi leaf extract + Datura leaf extract
9	Onion Yellow dwarf (transmitted by Mites and Thrips)	i. Healthy bulbs should be used. ii. Timely control of the vector (Mites and Thrips) population.	Use Yellow/ Blue Sticky traps 20-25/acre	i. Spray Wild Tulasi leaf extract + Datura leaf extract Spray ii. Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water
10	Iris Yellow spot virus	i. Crop rotation ii. Crop stress should be avoided iii. Timely management of Vectors	Use Yellow/ Blue Sticky traps 20-25/acre	i. Spray Wild Tulasi leaf extract + Datura leaf extract Spray ii. Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water

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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Watermelon and Musk melon** for the Summer season during 2021-22- Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate, Elephant Foot Yam and Colocasia etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Cabbage/Cauliflower, Leguminaceous vegetables, Cucurbitaceous Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Curry leaf, Water melon and Musk melon, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised. **The Model Protocols for Watermelon and Musk melon for adoption during the year 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing of Water melon and Musk melon depending on the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS), Kharif crop and Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or relay in Nov/Dec till sowing of Water melon and Musk melon crops to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. The other POPs are detailed below

Sno	Name of the item	Water melon and Musk melon
1	Seed treatment	Beejamrutam (after treatment 30 minutes shade drying) followed by Trichoderma viride @ 7g / kg seed
2	Ghanajeevamrutham	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+100 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham at the time of sowing.
3	Dravajeevamrutham	i. Soil application:5 times, starting from 15 DAS,30DAS,45 DAS,60 DAS and 75 DAS 15 days interval @ 200lit per acre, each up to Fruit development stage. ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhjavajeevamrutham @ 200 litres per acre, 4times at 20DAS, 40 DAS and 70 DAS
4	Growth promoters	i. Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of water per acre at 25 DAS ii. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at Flowering 50 DAS stage iii. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at 80 DAS, fruit development stage
5	S2S kit-Non negotiables	
	i. Inter crops	Can be intercropped in orchards like Mango, Coconut, Acid lime etc., Leafy Vegetables:

		Palak, Methi etc.,
	ii. Border crop	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/Maize
	iii. Trap Crops	Marigold and Castor- for Helicoverpa and Spodoptera respectively
	iv. Yellow sticky traps	20-25 per Acre
	v. Pheromone traps	Gram pod borer/Spodoptera @ 8/Acre each and melon fly @4/Acre
	vi. Bird perches	10-15 Acre
	vii. Light Trap	1/Acre
6	365 DGC	PMDS-Kharif field crops/ vegetables (poly crops) like Tomato, Brinjal-RDS-Rabi/Cabbage and Cauliflower-Summer Water melon and Musk melon (poly crops) etc.,

6. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.

7. The Pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example: Helicoverpa /Spodoptera and Melon fly) rather than installing the traps after the infestation starts in the field.

8. Other important agronomic practices

- Raise beds of 1.2 m width and 30cm height for sowing
- Apply Azospirillum and Phosphobacteria @ 1kg/Acre and Pseudomonas @ 1 kg/Acre along with Type-I, GJM-400 kg.
- Mulching is a field practice to conserve the soil moisture and to control the weeds. Crop residues like straw, Ground nut husk, Cotton stalks, leaves, and coir dust etc., Mulching adds humus to the soil, keeps soil cool in day and warm at night hours.
- Maintain optimum soil moisture, irrigation after a long dry spell results in cracking of fruits.
- Pruning: i) Remove any dead, diseased, yellowing or infested leaves or shoots at the joint where they are connected to the main stem ii). Remove deformed and blossom-end rot fruits iii). Maintain 2-3

vines and remove extra vines iv). If market demands larger melons leave 3- 4 well shaped melons per plant.

9. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field

ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard; Cosmos, Sompu, Methi, Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi, Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

10.S2S kits for above crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMU should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking the POPs to the farmers:

1. All ICRPs and L1 cadre own fields should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
2. The DPMs should discuss with their field cadres on NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month.
3. All MTs, L1 and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS and during above crops growing period.
4. The Watermelon/Muskmelon compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document on biometric observations, CCEs etc.,
5. All the best POP farmers of above crops should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
6. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility for adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold during their field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the field observations, the POPs would be updated for the next season for necessary implementation.
7. All DPMs/AOs/RCs and Community cadres should always keep a watch on new farmers who exceed the yields. The PoPs of such farmers should be documented, for guidance in the next season.
8. Best APCNF Watermelon/Muskmelon farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented for publishing as booklet at district and state level for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Watermelon/Muskmelon crop POPs during this year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Watermelon/Muskmelon crops.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Watermelon/Muskmelon

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Red pumpkin Beetle	i.Parasitoids: Braconid wasp, tachinid fly Predators: ii.Pennsylvania leather wing beetle, ground beetle, spider, earwig etc.	-	i. Spray NSKE 5% with detergent solution ii. Garlic chilli extract
2	Fruit fly	i.Raking of soil during fruiting time and after the harvest to expose pupae to the predators and sunlight. ii. Collection and bury of fruit fly infected fruits periodically iii.Parasitoid: <i>Opius fletcheri</i> iv.Predators: Ants, dragon fly, spider, robber fly	i. Monitor the activity of flies with Fruit fly trap @4 per acre ii. Install yellow sticky traps 20-25 per Acre	i.Spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemasthrum ii.Spraying Dasaparni Kashayam
3	Spodoptera	i.Adopt crop rotation ii.Early sowing iii.Trap crop : Castor iii.Border crop: Maize, Sorghum vi.1 light trap /acre v.Bird perches @8/acre.	i.Pheromone traps @ 8 /acre. ii.Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week.	i. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. ii.Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.
4	Helicoverpa	i.Adopt crop rotation ii.Early sowing iii.Trap crop : Marigold iii.Border crop: Maize, Sorghum vi.1 light trap /acre v.Bird perches @8/acre.	i.Pheromone traps @ 8 /acre. ii.Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. ii.Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.

5	Thrips	Parasitoid: <i>Ceranitus menes</i> Predators: Predatory mite, predatory thrips, <i>Oligota</i> spp., <i>Orius</i> spp. (pirate bug), mirid bug	-	5% NSKE with detergent solution.
6	Aphids	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE with detergent solution.
7	Serpentine Leaf Minor	i. Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves followed by application of neemasthram. ii. Parasitoids: <i>Gronotoma micromorpha</i> (larva and pupa), <i>Diglyphus</i> sp. (larva), <i>Halticoptera circulus</i> and <i>Opius</i> sp (pupal) <i>Chrysocharis</i> sp, <i>Neochrysocharis formosa</i> . iii. Predators: Lacewings, ladybird beetle, spiders, red ants, dragonfly, robber fly, praying mantis etc.	i. Lady bird beetle can feed sucking pests ii. White/yellow sticky traps 20-25 /acre iii. Erect @ 8 delta traps per/acre	Initial stage (eggs and 1 st instar larvae): spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemasthram 10kg and chilly garlic extract in advanced stages
8	Red spider mite	i. Predators: Anthocorid bugs, mirid bugs, syrphid/hover flies, green lacewings, predatory mites, predatory coccinellids, staphylinid beetle, predatory cecidomyiid fly, predatory gall midge, predatory thrips etc.	i. Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)

9	White fly	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines)	i. Yellow sticky traps (20-25) ii. Setting up light traps for collecting adults @1/acre	Spraying of Vitex negundo (vavilaku kashyam) leaf extract 100lit/1acre
II. Major Diseases				
10	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spraying of Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water (or) Dung urine+Asafoetida solution
11	Downey mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/spraying (or) Dung urine + Asafoetida solution
12	Anthraco	Seed treatment with effective strain of <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 7 g / kg of seed	-	i.Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water ii.Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution
13	Fusarium wilt	i.Use pathogen free seeds ii.Adopt crop rotation iii.Avoid water stagnation and maintain proper drainage vi.Use resistant varieties v.Mix 2 kg of <i>Trichoderma viridi</i> in 200 litres of water and spray or pour at the base of the plant.	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/ ii.Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution iii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham + <i>Trichoderma horizianum</i> .
14	Bud necrosis virus disease	i.Maintaining a clean buffer zone free of weeds of at least 25 m between a virus source and a susceptible crop can considerably reduce virus levels. ii.Control the thrips as given above in thrips management.	Blue sticky traps 20-25 /acre	Spraying of 5% NSKE with detergent- (5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water); before infestation spray vitex leaf extract.
15	Cucumber Mosaic Virus	i.Raise 4 rows of barrier crop such as maize/sorghum/bajra. ii.Avoid planting	Yellow sticky traps 20-25 /acre	Spraying of 5% NSKE with detergent - (5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water); before

	tomatoes next to cucurbits, spinach, or other vegetables and flowers susceptible to these diseases. iii. Control of aphid vectors as given in aphid management.	infestation spray vitex leaf extract.
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Sub:- A.P.RySS- Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Elephant foot yam and Colocasia** for the Summer season during 2021-22- Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Cabbage/Cauliflower, Leguminaceous vegetables, Cucurbitaceous Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Curry leaf, Water melon and Musk melon, Elephant foot yam and Colocasia, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised. **The Model Protocols for Elephant foot yam and Colocasia for adoption during the year 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance of soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) /Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods without chemicals (as non-negotiables), and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM). The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).
4. Before growing of Elephant foot yam and Colocasia depending on the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS)/Rabi Dry Sowing (RDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in April/May or Oct/Nov till sowing of Elephant foot yam and Colocasia crops to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS/RDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop.
5. The other POPs are detailed below

Sn o	Name of the item	Elephant foot yam	Colocasia
1	Seed Tubers treatment	Beejamrutam (after treatment 30 minutes shade drying) followed by Trichoderma viride @ 10 g / kg seed	Beejamrutam (after treatment 30 minutes shade drying) followed by Trichoderma viride @ 10 g / kg seed
2	Ghanajeevamrutham	i. During last plough-1.5 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+100 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 400 KG/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I +100 Kg/acre- Neem cake at the time of sowing.	i. During last plough-1.0 MT of Type-II Ghana Jeevamrutham+100 Kg Neem cake ii. Apply @ 200 Kg/Acre of Ghanajeevamrutham-I at the time of sowing.
3	Dravajeevamrutham	i. Soil application:10 times, starting from 30DAS,45 DAS,60 DAS, 75 DAS, 90 DAS,105 DAS,120DAS,135DAS and 150DAS at 15 days interval @ 200lit per acre, each up to Tuber development stage. ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhravajeevamrutham @ 200 litres per acre, 4times at 40DAS, 70 DAS,100 DAS and	i. Soil application:6 times, starting from 15 DAS,30DAS,45 DAS,60 DAS, 75 DAS and 90 DAS, at 15 days interval @ 200lit per acre, each up to Tuber development stage. ii. Foliar application: Spraying of Dhravajeevamrutham @ 200 litres per acre, at

		130 DAS	15 days interval starting from 40 DAS
4	Growth promoters	i. Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of water per acre at 25 DAS ii. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at 65 DAS stage iii. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at 125 DAS	i. Egg Amino Acid-250ml in 100 litres of water per acre at 35 DAS ii. Panchagavya- 4lts in 100 lit of water/acre at 85 DAS at Tubers development stage
5	S2S kit-Non negotiables		
	i. Inter crops	can be intercropped with Leafy Vegetables: Palak, Methi; Legumes:Black gram/Green gram; Oil seeds-Gingelly and in Banana orchards	can be intercropped with Leafy Vegetables: Palak, Methi; Legumes:Black gram/Green gram; Oil seeds-Gingelly and in Banana orchards
	ii. Border crop	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/Maize	3-4 rows of Jowar/Bajra/Maize
	iii. Yellow sticky traps	20-25 per Acre	20-25 per Acre
	iv. Bird perches	10-15 Acre	10-15 Acre
	v.Pheromone traps for Spodoptera	@ 8 per Acre	@ 8 per Acre
	vi. Light Trap	1/Acre	1/Acre
6	365 DGC	PMDS-Kharif, Elephant foot yam + vegetables (poly crops) like Tomato, Brinjal-RDS-Rabi/Cabbage and Cauliflower-Summer Vegetables/Gingelly (poly crops) etc.,	PMDS-Kharif, Colocasia + vegetables (poly crops) like Tomato, Brinjal-RDS-Rabi/Cabbage and Cauliflower-Summer Vegetables/Gingelly (poly crops) etc.,

6. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type 2 GJM and then only applied.

7. Other important agronomic practices

- Mulching is a field practice to conserve the soil moisture and to control the weeds. Crop residues like straw, cotton stalks, leaves, saw dust and coir dust etc., can be applied in tree basins and in interspaces between trees. Mulching adds humus to the soil, keeps soil cool in day and warm at night hours.
 - Maintain optimum soil moisture, avoid water logging at Tuber maturity for better quality
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- i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:
- There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.
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 - By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
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9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Elephant Foot Yam and Colocasia crop POPs during this year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Elephant Foot Yam and Colocasia crops.


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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Elephant Foot Yam and Colocasia

Sl. No	Name of the item	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Mite	i.Predators: Anthocorid bugs, mirid bugs, syrphid/hover flies, green lacewings, predatory mites , predatory coccinellids , staphylinid beetle, predatory cecidomyiid fly, predatory gall midge , predatory thrips etc.	i.Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
2	Spodoptera	i.Adopt crop rotation ii.Early sowing iii.Trap crop : Castor iii.Border crop: Maize, Sorghum vi.1 light trap /acre v.Bird perches @8-10/acre.	i.Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii.Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. Ii.Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.
4	Aphid	Parasitic wasps also attack aphids.	i. Installation of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz LBB, Syrphid flies, lace wing bugs etc	5% NSKE with detergent solution.
5	Leaf eating cater pillars	i. Adopt crop rotation ii. Border crop: Jowar/Bajra/Maize iii. Bird perches @8-10/acre.	1 light trap /acre	i. Two sprays of <i>Bacillus thuriangiensis</i> @ 2g / litre for protection against cucumber moth. ii. At early stage Neemastram-200lt/acre. iii.Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iv. Spray Garlic chilli

				extract.
II. Major Diseases				
6	Leaf sopt	Seed treatment with effective strain of <i>Trichoderma</i> @ 10 g / kg of seed	-	i.Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water ii.Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution
7	Stem Rot	Use pathogen free seeds Adopt crop rotation Avoid water stagnation and maintain proper drainage Use resistant varieties Mix 2 kg of <i>Trichoderma viridi</i> in 200 litres of water and spray or pour at the base of the plant.	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk 6lit/100 lit water/ ii.Spraying of Dung urine+Asafoetida solution iii. Use of Type-2 Ghanajevamrutham + <i>Trichoderma horizianum</i>
8	Mosaic Virus	Raise 4 rows of barrier crop such as maize/sorghum/bajra. • Avoid planting tomatoes next to cucurbits, spinach, or other vegetables and flowers susceptible to these diseases. • Control of aphid vectors as given in aphid management.	Yellow sticky traps 20-25 /acre	Spraying of 5% NSKE – (5kg neem seeds in 100 lit water); before infestation spray vitex leaf extract.

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Mango crop** for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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In 2020-21, the Mango crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the champion Mango crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It led to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the year-2020-21.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Mango crop for the year-2021-22, based on the results of the year 2020-21 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during the year-2021-22.

The POPs/protocols updated in Mango crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Grafts/Sapling treatment: Beejamrutham and Trichoderma viridi-7g/lit of water
5. APCNF farmers of Mango, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding grafts of Mango varieties for better establishment and growth of Mango.
6. Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) should be continued up to 5 years old Mango orchards with succeeding inter crops. In case of 5 years and above old plantations, the inter row space can be utilised for PMDS followed by inter crops so as to cover 365 DGC.
7. Inter crops (up to 5 years old Mango orchards) like Millets, Pulses, Vegetables, Leafy vegetables and Creeper vegetables like Pumpkin and Bottle Gourd can be grown between two rows of Mango trees and plant filler fruit trees like Papaya, Drumstick, Fig etc., In case of 5 years and above old plantations- In shady areas Tuber crops like Turmeric, Ginger, Carrot, Beet root, Onion, Radish etc., and Leafy vegetables, can be raised. Raising of Poly crops/Inter crops in between rows in areas with sunlight, must be integral part in Mango cropping system. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented.
8. Canopy management: -
 - I) Canopy management in young trees: - Training the plant during juvenile phase is important to get a strong frame.
 - a) Allow the grafts to grow to a height of one metre from ground (Single stem)
 - b) Head back the graft at 60-70cm from the ground during Oct-Nov to induce primary branches (make a smooth cut with sharp secateur)
 - c) Heading back results in the formation of new primary branches (3-7) during March-April. Prune the excess branches and allow 3 to 4 in all the directions.
 - d) Prune primary branches at 60-70cm height to induce new secondary shoots (7-10 month after the first cut preferably during Oct-Nov)
 - e) Thin the excessive secondary shoots retaining 2-3 shoots per primary branch.
 - f) Tertiary branches (2 to 3) can be obtained by pruning the secondary branches at 60-70cm height.
 - II) Canopy management in bearing trees: - Mango trees are terminal bearers, i.e., they flower from the ends of the branches and will only flower on mature wood (six weeks or older). There are two periods when pruning can be taken up.
 - A. First pruning after harvest: First pruning should be done immediately after harvest and should be completed by the end of June/July. It includes
 - i) Skirting: Removal of low hanging branches. It facilitates better nutrient/cultural management and controlling of weeds.

- ii) Opening up: Removal of branches inside the tree i.e cross over or clutter up the centre of the tree. One or two uprightly growing branches from centre of the tree are to be removed to reduce tree height so as to allow the light inside the canopy for better photosynthesis. In the bearing mango tree, not more than 25 per cent biomass should be removed at a time, otherwise it results in excessive vegetative growth with reduced flowering shoots.
- iii) Hygiene: Removal of any diseased or dead branches in the tree, which could be a source of infection.

B. Second pruning-pre flowering: May be taken up in the middle of December and, if the time is right, it is not to be followed by a floral flush rather than a vegetative flush. This should be completed in a short period not exceeding one to two weeks.

- i) Skirting: Lower hanging branches which could cause fruit to drag on the ground are to be removed.
 - ii) Opening up: Twigs and disorderly branches inside the tree are to be removed to have an open canopy, which can facilitate more light into the tree and improving fruit colour.
 - iii) Tip pruning: It is a useful practice where the trees have had a vegetative flush just prior to flowering. The young flushes are cut back to mature wood; the resulting flush may result into a floral one. Tip pruning will also reduce tree size.
 - iv) Hygiene: Any diseased or dead branches should be removed before flowering.
9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-1 or Type-2:10-20 kg/tree during June/July and October/ November moths in tree ring basins depending upon age of the orchard.
 10. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
 11. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 3-5 litres of DJM must be applied in ring basin at 1-5 years aged plantation at 15 days interval, where as in plantations of 5 and above year old, 5-10 litres at 30 days interval.
 - ii) Foliar application: 2 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at before flowering (Dec/Jan) and 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water after fruit set stage to marble stage (Feb/March)
 12. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 2 times (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) 1st spray at 2nd fortnight of December (before flowering) and 2nd spray at fruit development stage (March/April).
 13. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: Millets, Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Tuber vegetables, Vegetable and Creeper vegetables like Pumpkin and Bottle Gourd, filler fruit trees like Papaya, Drumstick, Fig etc.,
 - ii. Wind breaks: Susbenia / Glyricidea-3 rows

- iv. Yellow/blue sticky traps: 20-25 traps/acre
 - v. Pheromone traps (For Fruit fly): Each @8/acre
 - vi. Light Trap: 1/ acre.
- 14.S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Mango crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

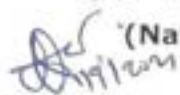
- 15.All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Mango crop growing period.
- 16.All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (In addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
- 17.The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
- 18.Mango crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
- 19.The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
- 20.All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
- 21.All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
- 22.Best APCNF Mango crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.

23.DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Mango crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Mango crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)


To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Mango crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Mango leaf hopper	Avoid close planting, as the incidence very severe in overcrowded orchards.	i. Observe presence of hoppers on main stem and branches ii. Severely affected parts of inflorescence and leaves are covered with honeydew and sooty mould. iii. Erection of the Yellow sticky traps 20-25 per Acre	i. Panicle initiation stage- spraying of 5% NSKE extract ii. Spraying of cow dung urine and Hing solution iii. Flowering and fruit setting stage - Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water
2	Mealybug	i. Practice 365 DGC ii. Mulching in tree basins iii. Spraying of 5% NSKE around the tree trunk	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	i. Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water . iii. Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
3	Leaf Webber	Pruning of overcrowded branches and proper orchard management.	Encourage the activity of predators, carabid beetle Parena laticincta, Reduvid, Oecama sp	i. Remove and destroy the webbed leaves along with larvae and pupae. ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. Spraying of Dashaparni kashayam
4	Thrips	-	Erection of the Blue sticky traps 20 to 25 per Acre	i. Spray 5% NSKE ii. Dasaparni kashayam
5	Mango Stem Borer	i. Orchard must be with 365 DGC ii. Maintain healthy orchard by destroying affected branches along with grubs and pupae.	First identify the stem borer that the frass (Excreta) coming out the stem, then insert a iron wire and drag the caterpillar out and seal the cavity with	Block the tunnel hole by cleaning and fill with chilli garlic paste and seal them with clay.

		iii. Paint the stem up to 1mt hight with Neem paste	neem paste.	
6	Fruit fly	i. Effected fruits should be collected and destroyed. ii. Rake up the soil below the tree and drench with neemasthram 10lt per tree	Monitor the activity of flies with Fruit fly trap @8 per acre	Spraying Dasaparni Kashayam
II. Major Diseases				
7	Powdery mildew	-	-	i. Sour buttermilk solution 6lt in 100 lt of water. ii. Spray Cowdung+Urine+Asfoe tida solution 5lt in 100lt water
8	Anthrachnose	-	-	i. Sour buttermilk solution 6lt in 100 lt of water ii. Spraying of Cow dung ,urine and Asafoeitida solution
9	Mango malformation	i. Disease free planting material be used for planting. ii. Regular pruning of malformed panicles and parts along with affected shoots.	-	Spraying of 5% NSKE before 9 AM - 5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water
10	Dieback / Gummosis	i. Use of disease-free grafts. ii. Pruning of infected branches. iii. Application of cowdung/neem paste on pruned ends.	-	Spray Cowdung+Urine+Asfoe tida solution

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in Cashew nut crop for the year-2021-22 - Regarding
Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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In 2020-21, the Cashew nut crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Cashew nut crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It led to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the year-2020-21.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Cashew nut crop for the year-2021-22, based on the results of the year 2020-21 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during the year-2021-22.

The POPs/protocols updated in Cashew nut crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Cashew nut, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding grafts of BPP (Bapatla) varieties for better establishment and growth of cashew nut.
5. Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) should be continued up to 3 years old Cashew nut with succeeding inter crops. In case of 5 years old and above plantations the inter row space can be utilised for PMDS followed by inter crops so as to cover 365 DGC.
6. Inter crops like Pineapple, Turmeric, Ginger, Millets, Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Tuber vegetables (Radish), Vegetable and Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Cashew trees up to first 5 years period. Raising of Poly crops/Inter crops in between rows must be integral part in Cashew cropping system. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented.
7. Canopy management: -
 - a) The cashew grafts should be allowed to grow by maintaining single stem up to 0.75 m to 1 m height by removing of lower side shoots/branches.
 - b) Side shoots below the graft union should be removed periodically. The lower branches should also be removed so that a clear trunk up to a height of 0.75 to 1 m may be attained after 4-5 years of planting. De-topping may also be done at 2-3 years at a height of half of the spacing (during May-June).
 - c) The flower panicles emerging later in the season need to be removed during the first two years of growth of the graft to facilitate proper vegetative growth and there by achieving proper height and good canopy. The plants are to be allowed to flower and fruit from 3-4 years onwards.
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM):Type-1 or Type-2:10-20 kg/tree during October and December moths in tree ring basins depending upon age of the orchard.
9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
10. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application:5-10 litres of DJM must be applied in ring basin at 3-4 years and above aged plantation, where as in plantations of 1- 3 year old plantations, 3-5 litres at 15 days interval.

- ii) Foliar application: 2 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at before flowering and 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at nut development stage
- 11. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 3 times (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) 1st spray at 2nd fortnight of December (before flowering) and 2nd spray at flower initiation and 3rd spray at nut development stage.
- 12. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: Pineapple, Millets, Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Tuber vegetables, Vegetable and Creeper vegetables
 - ii. Wind breaks: Susbenia-3 rows (2 Kgs)
 - iv. Yellow/blue sticky traps: 4-5 traps/acre
 - v. Pheromone traps (For Tea mosquito bug): Each @4-5/acre
 - vi. Trap crop: Jafra(Bixa orellana)
 - vii. Light Trap: 1/ acre.
- 13. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Border crops, Trap crop, Light traps etc.,) of Cashew nut crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

- 14. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Cashew nut crop growing period.
- 15. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
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- 17. Cashew nut crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
- 18. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
- 19. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
- 20. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols

thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.

21. Best APCNF cashew nut crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.

22. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Cashew nut crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Cashew nut crop.


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Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Tea mosquito Bug	1.Avoid close planting, as the incidence very severe in overcrowded orchards. 2. If it is not 365 DGC plants like, Moringa, Cocoa, Guava act as alternate hosts. Hence, follow PMDS/inter crops/RDS leading to 365 DGC	1. Removal of affected shoots 2. Install Pheromone traps 3.Trap crop: Jafra	1.Panicle initiation stage-Spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemastram during Initial stage – 2. Flowering and fruit setting stage Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water.
2	Mealy bug	1.Remove weeds like Gurrupu katifaku- (Clerodendrum inflortunatum) and other infected weeds during June-July. 2.Application of Neem cake @ 2-3 Kgs per plant during November-December 3. Before hatching of eggs, spraying of 5% NSKE around the tree trunk	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	1.Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water 2. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water . 3.Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
3	Shoot and blossom Webber	Pruning of overcrowded branches	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	1.Remove and destroy the webbed leaves along with larva and pupa. 2.Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. 3.Spraying of dashaparni kashayam
4	Thrips	-	Erection of the Blue sticky traps	5% NSKE and Bhrammasthram 4lt/100lt water
5	Stemborer	1.Orchard must be with 365 DGC	First identify the stemborer that the	Block the tunnel hole by cleaning and fill

		2. Maintain healthy orchard by destroying affected branches along with grubs and pupae. 3. Watch stem borer incident in alternate hosts around the vicinity of cashew nut orchards. 4. Paint the stem up to 1mt high with Neem paste	frass (Excreta) coming out the stem, then insert a iron wire and drag the caterpillar out and seal the cavity with neem paste.	with chilli garlic paste and seal them with clay.
II. Major Diseases				
6	Powdery mildew	-	-	1. Sour buttermilk solution 6lt in 100 lt of water. 2. Spray Cowdung+Urine+Asfoetida solution 5lt in 100lt water
7	Anthraxnose	-	-	1. Sour buttermilk solution 6lt in 100 lt of water 2. Spraying of Cow dung ,urine and Asafoetida solution
8	Inflorescence blight	-	-	Spraying of sour buttermilk solution 6lt in 100lt of water

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF
Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in
Coconut crop for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom
Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Banana, Mango were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Horticulture crops like Oil palm, Coconut crop, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in Coconut crop for the year 2021-22.

The Model POPs/Protocols in Coconut crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Coconut crop, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding varieties for better establishment and growth of Coconut trees.
5. Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) should be raised before planting new orchards. Year after year maintain 365 DGC through PMDS/ inter crops.
6. Coconut is the best tree crop, where integrated farming systems can be obtained by merging with 2 or 3 combinations i.e Poly crops/Inter crops/Apiculture/Fodder crops /Multilayer horticulture crops/ Grazing of Sheep/Cattle in coconut cropping system. This type of integrated farming systems supports better lively hoods in coconut cropping system.
7. Inter crops like Millets-Ragi, Pulses like-Black gram, Green gram and Cowpea, Oil seeds-Ground nut, Gingelly, Fodder crops -Stylosanthes hamata, Fodder-Jowar/Maize, Tuber/Rhizome vegetables Colocasia, Elephant foot yam, Ginger, Turmeric, Radish etc.), Vegetables-Cauliflower, Cabbage, Leafy vegetables and Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Coconut trees up to first 5 years period.
8. In Above 20 years coconut orchards perennial crops like Banana (Don't take Banana as intercrop where Rugose Spiralling White fly is a problem), Cocoa, Pepper; Papaya, Pine apple, Cinnamon and flower crop like Heliconium used for decorations can be raised as multilayer/inter crops.
9. Sapling treatment: Beejamrutham
10. Mulching: -It is practised, in order to conserve soil moisture in the coconut plantation. The best time for mulching is before the end of the monsoon and before the top soil dries up.
 - i. Fallen Coconut leaves: For mulching, cut coconut leaves into two or three pieces. To cover 2 m radius of coconut basin, 15 to 25 fallen coconut leaves are required to spread in 2-3 layers.
 - ii. Composted coir pith: 10 Cm thickness (approximately 50 kg/palm) around coconut basin is also ideal method to conserve moisture
 - iii. Husk burial: Burial of husk in trenches in between the rows of palms, in linear trenches of 1.5 to 2 m wide and about 0.3 to 0.5 m deep between rows of palms., with concave side of husk facing upwards and each layer is to be covered with soil.

11. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-II, 10 kg per plant + 1 kg neem cake + 10 gms T. viridi and Type-I, 5 kg/tree (two times) during June/July and October/November months in tree ring basins depending upon age of the orchard.
12. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
13. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 10 litres of DJM must be applied in ring basin at 3-4 years and above aged plantation, whereas in plantations of 1-3-year-old plantations, 5 litres at 15 days interval.
 - ii) Foliar application up to 5 years old: 12 times in a year @ 25-50 litres of DJM in 200 ltrs of water at every month.
14. Growth promoters:
 - i. Sapthadhankuram: 1 time (700 grams of paste in 100 litres of water) at Flowering stage.
 - ii. Panchagavya: 1 time (4 lts/acre in 100 litres water) to control Button (fruit) drop.
 - iii. Egg Amino Acid: 1-time 250 ml in 100 lts of water at fruit development stage.
15. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i. Inter crops: Millets, Pulses, Oil seeds, Leafy vegetables, Tuber vegetables, Vegetable and Creeper vegetables etc., multilayer intercrops- Cocoa, Banana, Cinnamon and Pepper.
 - ii. Wind breaks/Border crop: Glyricidia, Sesbania, Casuarina and Drumstick
 - iii. Yellow sticky traps: 10-15 traps/acre to manage Rugose Spiralling White fly.
 - iv. Bucket Pheromone traps (For Rhinoceros beetle/Red palm weevil): Each @ 2/acre.
 - v. Light Trap: 1/acre.
16. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Bucket Pheromone traps, Seedlings of Inter/Border crop, Light traps etc.,) of coconut crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., during crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

1. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Coconut crop growing period.
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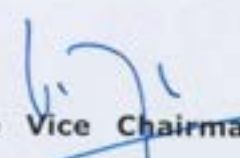
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8. Best APCNF Coconut crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Coconut crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Coconut crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P. RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

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S l. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Rhinoceros Beetle	1. Collect and destroy the various bio stages of the beetle at FYM pit 2. Incorporate entomopathogen i.e., fungus <i>Metarrhizium anisopliae</i> in manure pits to check the perpetuation of the pest 3. For seedlings Apply 3 naphthalene balls/palm weighing 3.5 g each at the base of inter space in leaf sheath in the 3 inner most leaves of the crown once in 45 days	Install pheromone (Bucket trap) trap 2/Acre and kill beetles	1. Apply mixture of either neem cake + sand (1:2) @150 g/palm or Neem seed kernel powder + sand (1:2) @150 g per palm in the base of the 3 inner most leaves in the crown.
2	Red palm weevil	1. Remove and bury all wilting or damaged palms in coconut gardens to prevent further perpetuation of the pest. 2. Avoid cutting of green leaves. If needed, they should be cut about 4 feet away from the stem.	1. Install pheromone (Bucket trap) trap 2/Acre and kill weevils 2. Erection of Log traps @ 30 nos per acre (Weevils are trapped and destroyed using split logs of coconut/oil palm or petioles-50 cm long treated with attractants such as coconut toddy, macerated grapes, cashew apple, pineapple and molasses.)	1. Fill the crown and the axils of the top most three leaves with a mixture of fine sand and neem seed powder or neem seed kernel powder (2:1) once in three months to prevent the attack of Rhinoceros beetle damage in which the Red palm weevil lays eggs.

3	Black headed caterpillar	Release of larval parasitoids viz <i>Bethylid</i>, <i>Braconid</i> and <i>Ichneumonid</i> and Pupal parasitoids viz <i>Eulophid</i> and chalcid, periodically from January, to check the build up of the pest during summer. Among the larval parasitoids, bethylid <i>Goniozus nephantidis</i> is the most effective in controlling the pest. The optimum level of release is 1:8 of pest-parasitoid ratio. The parasitoid should be released @1200/acre under the coconut trees when the pest is in the 2nd or 3rd instar larval stage. Parasitoids should not be released in the crown region since they will be killed by predators like spiders and reduviid bugs. The Predators and Parasites are available at HRS, Ambajipet, East Godavari.	—	Root feeding for the control of coconut Black headed caterpillar.
4	Rugose Spiralling White fly	Mother solution is available with Indian Institute of Oilpalm Research Station, Pedavegi, West Godavari. Alternate hosts like Banana and Guava should not be raised as Intercrop	1. Yellow/White sticky traps 20-25/acre 2. Erection of 1 Light trap/acre 3. Severely affected parts and leaves are covered with honeydew and sooty mould.	1. Spraying of NSKE 5% or Neemasthram - 200 litres/acre 2. <i>Isaria fumorosoria</i> (<i>Isaria</i>) 1lit for 200 lit of water solution + 4kg jaggery + 4kg starch, keep it for 4 days then take 5ml solution and add 1 litre water + 10 gms of detergent iii. Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + 'Matti dravanam 20kg soil

				mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray- Mother solution is available with Indian Institute of Oilpalm Research Station, Pedavegi, West Godavari.
5	Coconut Eriophyid mite	1.Grow intercrop (sun hemp) 2. Shelter belt/Wind break with Casuarina/Sesbania all round the Coconut garden to check further entry	1.Collect and bury all the fallen buttons of the affected palm. 2. Providing adequate irrigation. 3. Entomo fungal pathogen <i>Hirsutella thompsonii</i> and <i>Verticillium lecanii</i> are reported to be promising in managing the mites.	1.Spraying of 5% NSKE before 9 AM - 5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water 2.Dung urine and Asafoetida solution

II. Major Diseases

6	Basal stem Rot (<i>Ganoderma spp</i>)	Drip or basin method of irrigation, Frequent watering or irrigation especially during summer months. While irrigation, care should be taken to avoid flow of water from diseased trees to other healthy trees. Avoid injury or damage to roots and pruning and cutting of the roots.	1. Sowing of indicator plants (Red gram and Bengal gram) in the orchard. Red gram plants show bark splitting symptom as the identification mark for basal stem rot disease. Bengal gram plants shows withering, yellowing and drying of lower set of leaves followed by upper leaves as the identification mark of basal stem rot	Removing the <i>Ganoderma</i> (affected portion) with sharp knife and apply cow dung + urine+ Asafoetida pastes on the damaged portion.
7	Stem bleeding disease	Avoid injury or damage to roots and pruning and cutting of the roots.	-	1.Apply <i>Trichoderma viride</i> paste on the diseased portion of the tree. 2. Spray cow dung + urine+ Asafoetida

				solution 5 litres in 200 litres of water.
8	Bud rot	1. Seedling/Sapling treatment with Beejamrtham 2. Recommended spacing should be followed. 3. Provide better drainage facilities. 4. Trees dried due to bud rot should be removed and bury	-	1. Dry ginger+Milk extract - 6 lit in 200 lit water 2. Dung+Urine+ asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water. 3. Psuedomonas florescences talc powder in crown (1-5 year old 5-10gms/plant, more than 10 year - 75 -200 gms). 4. Spraying of Psuedomonas florescences -5gms /litre on effected plants 5. 100 gms T.viridi+ 5 kg Neem cake along with 100 Kg Type-II GJM

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Oil palm crop** for the year-2021-22 – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits- Banana, Mango, etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Horticulture crops like Coconut, Oil palm etc., the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in Oil palm crop for the year 2021-22.

The Model POPs/protocols in Oil palm crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Oil palm, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding Tenera hybrid for better establishment and growth of Oil palm trees.
5. Inter crops like Maize, Pulses-Black gram, Green gram and Cowpea, Oil seeds-Ground nut, Tuber/Rhizome vegetables Colocasia, Elephant foot yam, Ginger, Turmeric etc., Vegetables- Cauliflower, Cabbage, Chilli, Leafy vegetables and Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Oil palm trees up to first 3 years period. Border crops like Sesbania, Drumstick and Creeper vegetables like Pumpkin may be grown.
6. In Above 10-12 years Oil palm orchards perennial crops like Cocoa, Pepper; Ornamental Flower crop like Heliconium (Peacock's beak), Ginger Lilly can be raised as multi layered inter crops.
7. Sapling treatment: Beejamrutham
8. Cultural practices:
 - i. Basin Management: During first year, basins of 1-m radius, second year 2- m radius, and the third year 3-m radius are to be taken around the palm by removing the soil from inside so that the soil will not accumulate at the collar region.
 - ii. Mulching: It is practised, in order to conserve soil moisture in the Oil palm plantation. Mulching can be done with dried leaves, male inflorescence, empty fruit bunches in the palm basin and coconut husk
 - iii. Ablation: The removal of male and female flowers produced in the early stages of plantation up to 3 years which enables the plant to gain adequate stem girth, vigour and develop adequate root system.
 - iv. Pollination: Oil palm is a highly cross-pollinated crop. Wind and insects assist pollination, but wind pollination is not adequate. Effective pollinating insects like *Elaeodobius kamerunicus* (African Oil palm weevil) helps good pollination. Release of this weevil after 2-1/2 year of planting is advisable. If the plants are not having good girth and vigour, release the weevils after 3 years.
 - v. Leaf pruning: Need based leaf pruning and retain minimum of 35 leaves per palm to get maximum production
9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM):Type-II, 15 kg per plant+ 1kg neem cake + 10gms T.viridi and Type-I, 5 kg/tree two times in a year during June/July and October/ November months in tree ring basins depending upon age of the orchard.

10. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
11. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 15-20 litres of DJM must be applied in ring basin at 3-4 years and above aged plantation, where as in plantations of 1- 3-year-old plantations, 10-15 litres at 15 days interval.
 - ii) Foliar application: up to 3 years plantation foliar application is preferable for 12 times a year @25 -50 litres of DJM in 200 ltrs of water at every month.
14. Growth promoters:
 - i. Sapthadhankuram: 1 time (700 grams of paste in 100 litres of water) at Flowering stage from 3rd year onwards.
 - ii. Egg Amino Acid: 1 time (250ml in 100 litres of water) before initiation of inflorescence.
 - iii. Panchagavya: 1 time (4lts/acre in 100 litres of water) at fruit development stage.
15. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i Inter crops: Millets, Pulses, Oil seeds, Leafy vegetables, Tuber vegetables, Vegetable and Creeper vegetables etc.,
 - ii. Wind breaks/Border crop: Sesbenia, Casuarina, Glyricidia and Drumstick.
 - iii. Yellow sticky traps: 10-15 traps/acre to manage Rugos spirling White fly.
 - iv. Bucket Pheromone traps (For Rhinoceros beetle): Each @2/acre
 - v. Light Trap: 1/ acre.
16. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Bucket Pheromone traps, Seedlings of Inter/Border crop, Light traps etc.,) of Oil palm crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., during crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

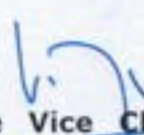
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3. The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better

4. Oil palm crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
5. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
6. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
7. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
8. Best APCNF Oil palm crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Oil palm crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

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2	Leaf web worm	-	-	i. Spraying of Neemasthram -200 litres/acre ii. Spraying of Agniastram
3	Bag worm	-	-	i. Spraying of neemasthram -200 litres/acre ii. Spraying of Dasaparni
4	Rugose Spiralling White fly	Mother solution is available with Indian Institute of Oilpalm	i. Yellow/White sticky traps 20-25/acre ii. Erection of 1 Light trap/acre	i. Spraying of NSKE - 5% ii. Isaria fumorosoria (Isaria) 1lit for 200 lit

		Research, Pedavegi, West Godavari.	iii. Severely affected parts and leaves are covered with honeydew and sooty mould.	of water solution+4kg jaggery+4kg starch, keep it for 4 days then take 5ml solution and add 1 litre water + 10 gms of detergent iii. Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray- Mother solution is available with Indian Institute of Oilpalm Research, Pedavegi, West Godavari.
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6	Bunch rot/Fruit rot	Avoid injury or damage to roots and pruning and cutting of the roots.	-	i. Spraying of sour butter milk ii. Spray cow dung + urine+ Asafoetida solution 5 litres in 200 litres of water.
7	Bud rot	i. Seedling treatment with Beejamrtham ii. Recommended spacing should be	-	i. Dry ginger+Milk extract - 6 lit in 200 lit water ii. Dung+Urine+ asafoetida solution - 6

		followed. iii. Provide better drainage facilities. iv. Trees dried due to bud rot should be removed and bury.	lit in 100 lit water. iii. Pseudomonas florescence talc powder in crown (1-5 year old 5-10gms/plant, more than 10 year - 75 -200 gms). iv. Spraying of Pseudomonas florescence -5gms /litre on effected plants v. Apply 100 gms T.viridi+ 5 kg Neem cake along with 100 Kg Type-II GJM
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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF –Model APCNF
Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in
Papaya crop for year 2021-22 – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom
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Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid
lime, Coconut, Oil palm etc., were developed and circulated to districts
for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of
Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for other Horticulture fruit crops
Pomegranate, Guava, Papaya the state technical team discussed with
DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in Papaya
crop for the year 2021-22.

**The Model Protocols for Papaya crop for adoption during
the year 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with
diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal
disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of
indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop
residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease
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botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers,
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respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing Papaya crop, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.,) sown in April/May and continued up to October 1st week i.e till planting of Papaya to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in initial 2-3 months Papaya cropping system. After planting, intercropping with Pulses-Green gram, Black gram, Flower Crop-Marigold, Leafy vegetables, Vegetables-Cluster bean, Tomato etc., at later stages Tuber vegetables like Turmeric, Ginger and Creeper vegetables must be integral part. Intercropping of Navadhanya after planting of Papaya and incorporation of the same on the 30-45th day helps to increase the soil fertility. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented.
6. Seedling treatment: The seedlings are to be treated with Pseudomonas solution @ 7grams/ litre of water followed by Beejamrutam (BJM) for 30 minutes before planting.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM):
 - i) Type-2: Apply 10-15 Kgs and 1 kg Neem cake /pit at the time of planting.
 - ii) Type-1: a) 2 kg/pit; 1Kg - At the time of planting and 1kg -At 45-50 DAP (Days After Planting).
b) 5kg/plant every time at the time of earthing up at 90 DAP and 150 DAP
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 9 times @ 200lit each, at 15 DAP, 30 DAP, 60 DAP, 120 DAP, 180 DAP, 210 DAP, 240 DAP, 255 DAP and 270 DAP.
 - ii) Foliar application: 7 times at 30 days interval,
 - 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @ 45 DAP
 - 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @75 DAP
 - 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @105 DAP
 - 4th spray 30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @135 DAP
 - 5th spray 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @165 DAP

- 6th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @195 DAP
- 7th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @225 DAP

10. Growth promoters: i) Egg Amino Acid: Spray 250 ml in 100 litres of water 6-7 months of D.A.P (before flowering stage).

ii) Panchagavya: (4lts/acre in 100 litres water), 2 times, 1st spray at, at 8-9 months of DAP (at flowering) and 2nd spray at fruit development stage.

11. Cultural practices:

- Weeding at 30th day, 60th and 90th DAP
- Mulching: Use of paddy straw and Papaya dried leaves as a mulch material (around 12-13 kg/plant). Increases the bunch weight and conserve of soil moisture.
- Earthing up at 90 DAP

12. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced.

i Inter crops: Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Vegetables-Cluster bean etc., at later stages Tuber vegetables like Turmeric, Ginger, Creeper vegetables like Bottle Gourd may be planted.

ii. Border crops: Sesbania, Glyricidia etc.,

iii. Yellow sticky traps: 20-25/acre

iv. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

13. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerge as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)

- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field
- ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:
By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Anise-Sompu, Dill-Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Osimum-Tulasi, Peppermint / Spear mint-Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.
- 14.S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Papaya crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

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I. Major Pests				
1	Aphids	Use healthy and pest free seedlings	i. Yellow sticky plates 20-25/acre ii. Lady bird beetle act as predator for aphids.	Spraying of NSKE 5% / Neemastram with 0.25 Kg surf powder or soap nut water in 200 lit of water.
2	Red spider mite	Grow Marigold as trap crop	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing, bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
3	Nematodes	i. Crop rotation with non-host crops ii. Grow Marigold as repellent and trap crop in the inter space iii. Avoid planting nematode infected seedlings iv. Application of Neem cake 1kg/plant	-	Use of Neem cake @ 1 kg/ plant along with any one of the bioagents like Trichoderma viride/ Paecilomyces lilacinus/ Pseudomonas fluorescens @ 20 g/ plant
4	Fruit fly	i. Infected fruits should be collected and destroyed. ii. Earthing up the soil below the tree and drench with neemastram 10lt per tree	Monitor the activity of flies with Fruit fly trap @8 per acre	Spraying Dasaparni Kashayam
5	White fly	-	Erection of yellow sticky traps 20-25/acre	i. Spray Neemastram @200litre/acre (or) 5% NSKE ii. Vitex (vavilaku) kashayam

II. Major Diseases				
6	Papaya Mosaic and leaf curl virus- Transmitted by White flies	i. Use Disease free planting material ii. Rouging of diseased plants	Yellow sticky plates 20-25/acre	i. Timely control of white flies by spraying vitex negundo (vavilaku kashyam) leaf extract ii. Based on severity spray Dasaparni Kashayam/Nalleru Kashayam.
7	Papaya Ring Spot Virus- Transmitted by Aphids	i. Use Disease free planting material ii. Rouging of diseased plants	i. Yellow sticky plates 20-25/acre ii. Lady bug beetle act as predator for aphid	i. Timely control of Aphids by spraying vitex negundo (vavilaku kashyam) leaf extract ii. Based on severity spray Dasaparni Kashayam/Nalleru Kashayam.
8	Anthraxnose	-	-	i. Spray Sour butter milk 6lit-100lit water/acre ii. Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre
9	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested leaves		Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetid a solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
10	Stem rot/Root rot and wilt	i. Beejamrutham seedling treatment before planting for 30 mts (minutes) ii. Grow resistant cultivars iii. Avoid direct stem contact of irrigation water		i. Application of neem cake along with Ghanajevamrutham iii. Drenching of Trichoderma viridi

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Pomegranate crop** for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for other Horticulture fruit crops Guava, Papaya, Pomegranate, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in Pomegranate crop for the year 2021-22.

The model POPs/protocols in Pomegranate crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Pomegranate, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding varieties for better establishment and growth of Pomegranate.
 5. Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) should be raised before planting new orchards. Year after year maintain 365 DGC through PMDS/ inter crops.
 6. Inter crops like Pulses, Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Tuber and Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Pomegranate plants up to pre bearing period. Even in fruit crops like Sapota, Mango, etc., Pomegranate can be included as filler fruit plant.
 7. Training:
 - a) Multi stem training system: Within 2 years after planting, in multi-stem training system, 3-4 strong stems with 6-8 strong fruiting branches (thick ones) may be allowed to produce good quality fruits from 4th year.
 - b) Single stem training System: Single trunk up to 30 cm (stem) with 3-4 main branches (limbs) in vase shape training up to 3.5-4 m.
 8. Pruning in Pomegranate: -
 - In general, 3-4 growth flushes in a year are noticed. Each new flush is added onto the previous growth flush, resulting in a drift of the young bearing wood to the outsides of the tree canopy.
 - Over the time, large trees with increased shading inside the canopy are formed which allow most of the fruits appear on the top and outside.
 - Pomegranate bears fruits on both older woods (2-3 years old and older) as well on current season's growth.
 - Pruning should be done in such a way that it encourages fruiting on older branches/shoots.
 - The axillary or terminal bearing of fruits many a times is governed by the pruning practice.
 - The fruits appearing on strong bearing branches tend to produce larger fruits.
 - Strong scaffold branches tend to transportation water and nutrients more efficiently throughout the growing season.
- Main pruning: -
- i. Main pruning just after harvest (deep/heavy pruning up to 60-75 cm, removal of criss-cross and diseases branches followed by application of Type-I/Type-II GJM).
 - ii. Light (upper 10-25 cm) pruning at flower regulation (this pruning is done after stress period, before or after defoliation, promotes flower initiation).
 - iii. Tip pruning: Tip pruning is done in pre bearing trees (1-2 years old)
 - iv. Shoot pinching: - Pinching or light cutting back of shoots
 - v. Skirting: - Removal of the lower tree branches to promote air circulation.

- vi. Topping: -Practiced in low productive old orchards (more than 10 years old) for rejuvenation.
9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-II, 5-10 kg/tree and Type-I, 2kg/tree, two times during Jan/Feb and Sep/Oct months at the base of the plant.
10. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
11. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
- Soil Application (through drip / apply at the base of the plant): 3-4 litres of DJM must be applied in 3 years and above aged plantation, where as in plantations of 1- 2-year-old plantations, 2 litres at 15 days interval.
 - Foliar application: 6 times at monthly intervals for two flowering seasons i.e Ambe bahar (Rainy season crop) and Hasta bahar (Winter season crop).
 - 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Jan-Feb (Ambe bahar-Flower initiation) and
 - 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of March-April (Ambe bahar-Fruit set)
 - 3rd spray- 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of May-June (Ambe bahar-Fruit development)
 - 4th spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Sep-Oct (Hasta bahar-Flower initiation)
 - 5th spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Nov-Dec (Hasta bahar -Fruit set)
 - 6th spray- 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Jan-Feb (Hasta bahar-Fruit development)
12. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: For each cropping season, 2 times (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) 1st spray at before flowering and 2nd spray at fruit set and fruit development stage.
13. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
- Inter crops: Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Vegetable and Creeper vegetables
 - Wind breaks/Border crop: Sesbania, Glyricidia and Drumstick
 - Yellow/blue sticky traps: 20-25 traps/acre
 - Light Trap: 1/ Acre
14. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.
- Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:
There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides

choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field

ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Anise-Sompu, Dill-Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Osimum-Tulasi, Peppermint / Spear mint-Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

15. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seeds/Seedlings of Inter/Border crop, Light traps etc.,) of Pomegranate crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

1. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Pomegranate crop growing period.
2. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
3. The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
4. Pomegranate crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
5. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,

6. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
7. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
8. Best APCNF Pomegranate crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Pomegranate crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Pomegranate crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)

To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Pomegranate crop				
Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Fruit Borer	i. Maintain adequate aeration by proper training and pruning ii. Pomegranate should not be cultivated close to guava as this is the most preferred host of this pest. iii. Collect and destroy the infested fruits regularly. iv. Clip off calyx cup immediately after pollination followed by two applications of Neemasthrama / NSKE 5% v. Before fruits getting matured bag the fruits with the butter paper for export purpose	i. Light trap 1 per acre ii. Detect early infestation by periodic monitoring.	i. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. ii. Spraying of dashaparni kashayam
2	Thrips	Avoid growing / choosing of inter crops like Chilli and Onion	Use of Blue sticky traps @ 2 trap / plants.	i. Initial stages NSKE 5% or Neemastram ii. Spraying of dashaparni kashayam
3	Bark eating caterpillar	i. Avoiding overcrowding of trees. ii. Clean the webs around the affected portion and seal with mud.	-	Spraying of Brahmaasthram
4	Whitefly	i. Maintain adequate aeration by proper Proper training and pruning ii. Removal of host plants	i. Yellow sticky traps @ 1 per plant ii. Erection of 1 Light trap/acre	i. Initial stages - Neemaasthram At the later stages - Agnastram ii. Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of

				water filter and spray
II. Major Diseases				
5	Bacterial Blight	i. Select disease free planting material. ii. Orchard sanitation and irrigation should be done properly iii. Irrigation water should not touch stem to avoid the bacteria transmission	-	i. NSKE 5% and Dry Ginger+Milk extract - 6 lit in 200 lit water ii. Dung+Urine+ Asafoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
7	Anthracnose leaf and fruit spot	The diseased fruits and twigs should be pruned and destroyed.	-	Spraying sour butter milk followed by Dry Zinger + Milk
8	Fruit cracking and splitting (Boron Deficiency)	i. Cultivation of tolerant varieties ii. From fruit setting to maturity, with adequate quantity of water is given at regular intervals. iii. Practice Mulching	-	i. Tamarind leaves + Calotropis leaves + Raviee (Peepal) 2 kgs each, should be grinded and should be soaked in the starch solution (Rice ganji) and kept aside for 12 hours and these solution should be mixed with 100 ltrs of water and sprayed to avoid the micro nutrient Deficiencies ii. Tonic/ Panchagavya should be sprayed at the time of the flowering stage and fruit enlargement stage.

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF- Updated model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Acid lime crop** for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the months of April & May, 2020.

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In 2020-21, the Acid lime crop protocols were developed by the State team in consultation with the district teams. These took into account the Natural farming practices of the Champion Acid lime crop farmers across the districts. These protocols were circulated to districts for adoption at unit level. They were popularised among the APCNF field cadres and farmers. The overall feedback was very positive. It led to better practices on ground and better results for farmers for the year-2020-21.

In view of this, it is decided to update the POPs of Acid lime crop for the year-2021-22, based on the results of the year 2020-21 crop. The state technical team discussed with DPMs, field cadres and champion farmers and finalised the POPs for adoption during the year-2021-22.

The POPs/protocols updated in Acid lime crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The

respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Acid lime crop, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding clones/varieties of Acid lime crop for better soil health, establishment and growth of Acid lime plants. PMDS should be continued up to 3 years with succeeding inter crops. In case of 5 years and above plantations the inter row, space can be utilised for PMDS followed by inter crops so as to cover 365 DGC.
5. Inter spaces can be exploited for growing inter crops and poly crops successfully. Initial years i.e 1st -3rd years, legumes like Green gram, Black gram & Groundnut and leguminous cover crop like Horse gram can be grown, in addition to field crops, some short duration, less exhaustive and dwarf filler fruit crops like Pineapple, Papaya, Guava, Fig etc., also be grown. In above 4 years old orchards, the partial shade loving crops like Ginger, Turmeric, Colacasia, Creeper cucurbit vegetables etc., can also be grown between two rows of Acid lime plants. Plant border plants like Drumstick, Sesbania and Curry leaf around orchard.

6. Canopy management: -

A. Pruning in senile and over grown orchards

- Citrus trees are perennial and evergreen in nature. If neglected, trees can grow very tall and large. Proper pruning of such trees promotes desired yields.
- Controls pests and diseases by providing ample light and aeration. Pruning is must in senile and grown-up large trees to increase production and quality fruit.
- Pruning also improves the efficiency of water use, in turn, this increases the yield and quality of the fruit.
- Pruning promotes new growth and rejuvenate the plant.
- During pruning, spread of trees (North X South) and (East X West) can be reduced by 0.5M to 1M in each tree. Generally, 18-20 years old over senile trees have canopy of 49-50 CUM that can be reduced to 36-37 CUM.
- The over grown Acid lime tree is given round dome shape, as much as by removing the branches touching to ground are to be pruned from all sides, bottom and top of the tree.

B. When and how to prune:

- Pruning is done with objective of giving shape to the canopy over the period of 1-2 years and there after it is a maintenance pruning every year.
 - Pruning is done immediately after harvest of the crop and when there is no fruit on the tree.
 - Pruning can also initiate in dry period like March-April, never prune wet climate/rainy season.
 - During early phase of monsoon (July-August), tress have active growth and put forth vegetative shoots and flowering. Pruning should not be done during active growth.
 - While pruning, care shall be taken that limbs, scaffold branches and secondary branches of the tree are well distributed in given spacing.
 - The top scaffold branch should be pruned first, followed by the second and finally tertiary branches.
 - Never remove more than 20-25% of the total shoots at a time.
 - The side shoots rising from the main trunk and the waterspouts developing from internal branches should be removed regularly.
 - Diseased as well as heavily-infested branches should be removed.
7. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
 8. Application of Ghanajeevamrutham (type-1 and type-2) and soil application of Dravajeevamrutam must be in double ring basins formed up to drip line in 4 years old and above aged plantation, where as in plantations of 1-3-year-old plantations, should be applied in basins.
 9. Apply 1st dose of GJM type-1 or type-2 @ 5-10 kg per plant during December-January (prior to main flowering) and 2nd dose of GJM type-1 or type-2 @ 5-10 Kg during June-July (during fruit development) along with mulch.
 10. In Citrus cultivation, nematodes are major problem in some areas to counter this problem, farmers are to be encouraged to grow Marri gold

- as trap crop in basins and judicious application of Neem cake @ 2-5 kgs depending on age per tree is suggestive.
11. Double ring method of irrigation is suggestive to avoid excess moisture at base of main trunk and root zone, which leads to development most of the fungal diseases such as Gummosis etc.,
 12. Mulching of tree basins is very necessary to check weed growth, conserve soil moisture, hinder soil temperature fluctuations and activate the microbial development they're by increases soil fertility. Live mulch can be grown with Horse gram, Green gram, Stylo hamata (Fodder crop) etc.,
 13. Most of the Acid lime orchards are grown in poor drained, less fertile, calcareous soils, resulting in showing of frequent micronutrient deficiencies in orchards, hence foliar spraying of DJM and other growth promoters preferably Sapthadhanyankura dravanam etc., are recommended.
 14. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 5-10 litres of DJM must be applied in double ring basin in 4-5 years and above aged plantation, where as in plantations of 1- 4-year-old, 3-5 litres at 15 days interval.
 - ii) Foliar application: 2 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at before flowering and 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water after fruit set to fruit development for better fruit quality and yield.
 15. 1st spraying of Sapthadhanyankura @ 20 days before flowering could leads good flower induction, 2nd and 3rd sprayings of Panchagavya/Egg amino acid at fruit set and fruit development stages, increases both quality and fruit yield of Acid lime.
 16. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i Inter crops: Green gram, Black gram & Groundnut and leguminous cover crops like Horse gram.
 - ii. Border Plants: Sesbania, Drumstick, Curry leaf
 - iii. Yellow/blue sticky traps: 10-15 traps/acre
 - iv. Trap crop: Plant Marigold in tree basins - Nematodes/Tomato- To attract the adult fruit sucking moth respectively.
 - v. Light Trap: 1/ acre.
 17. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Border crops, Trap crop, Light traps etc.,) of Acid lime crop should be planned and

placed at NPM shop/FPO/VQ etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

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I. Major Pests				
1	Citrus Aphids	-	i. Lace wings, a number of coccinellid (e.g. lady beetles) and syrphid predators, parasites, and fungal diseases usually keep aphid numbers below damaging levels ii. Erection of Yellow sticky traps @ 20-25 per acre	i. Spraying of 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed kernel in 100 lit water) or Neemastram during initial stage ii. Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % Starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water, filter and spray
2	Citrus Butterfly	Hand pick the larvae and destroy	i. Erecting of Light trap 1/acre ii. Pheromone traps 8/acre	i. Spraying of 5% NSKE/Neemastram during initial stage ii. Spray Brahmastram at advanced stage
3	Citrus psyllid	-	Erection of Yellow sticky traps @20-25 per acre	Spraying of 5% NSKE/Neemastram
4	Citrus leaf miner	Avoid pruning live branches more than once a year, so that the cycles of flushing are uniform and short.	Citrus leaf miners are killed by various parasites and predators, including tiny nonstinging, naturally occurring wasps such as Cirrospilus etc.,	i. Spraying of 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) or ii. Spraying of Agnastram 3 lit in 100 lit water/acre
II. Major Diseases				
5	Gummosis	i. Injuries to crown roots or base of stem during cultural operations should be avoided. ii. Apply Neem paste up to 2 feet from ground level.	-	If lesion has girdled less than ½" the girth, remove the diseased bark with a knife along with ½" of uninvaded bark and apply Neem paste up to 2 feet from ground level.
6	Canker	i. Select resistant varieties like Balaji etc., ii. Prune badly infected twigs before the onset of monsoon		i. Apply 3 to 5 kg Neem cake per tree ii. Spray NSKE 5% iii. Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF -Model APCNF
Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in
Banana crop for 2021-22 season - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom
Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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The Model Protocols for Banana crop for adoption during the year 2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing Banana crop, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.,) sown in April/May and continued up to August 1st week i.e till planting of Banana to get a good crop stand and biomass. The essential principle is to have 365 days green cover and to see that the soil is not kept barren.
5. It is crucial to enhance the inter-crop and poly crop combinations in initial 2-3 months Banana cropping system. After planting, Intercropping with Pulses (Green gram, Black gram), Flower Crop-Marigold, Leafy vegetables, Vegetables-Cluster bean, Tomato etc., at later stages shade tolerant tuber vegetables like Turmeric, Elephant foot yam, Colocasia, Ginger and Creeper vegetables in borders, must be integral part. Inter row planting of Navadhanya after planting of Banana and incorporation of the same on the 30-45th day helps to conserve soil moisture, reduce weed growth, reduce number of irrigations and increase the soil fertility. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented.
6. Rhizome (Sword sucker) treatment: The roots and base of the planting material (Sword suckers with well-developed rhizome, conical or spherical in shape having actively growing conical bud and weighing approximately 450-700 gm) may be removed. The suckers are dipped with Pseudomonas solution @ 7grams/ litre of water followed by Beejamrutam (BJM) for 30 minutes.
7. Spacing for Planting: i) Row to row- 6ft, Plant to Plant- 6ft ii) Row to row-6ft, Plant to Plant-5ft (Dwarf varieties).
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM):
 - i) Type-2: Apply 5-10 Kgs /pit at the time of planting and in pits along with Type-2 GJM add @ 0.5 kg of PSB (Phosphorus Solubilising Bacteria) + 0.5 Kg of Azospirillum and 1 Kg Neem cake per pit.
 - ii) Type-1: 1 kg/pit; 0.5Kg - At the time of planting and 0.5 kg -At 40-50 DAP (Days After Planting).
9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
10. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):
 - i) Soil Application: 11 times @ 200lit each, at 15 DAP, 30 DAP, 60 DAP, 90 DAP, 120 DAP, 150 DAP, 180 DAP, 210 DAP, 240 DAP, 255 DAP, 270 DAP.

ii) Foliar application: 7 times at 30 days interval,

- 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @ 45 DAP
- 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @75 DAP
- 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @105 DAP
- 4th spray 30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @135 DAP
- 5th spray 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @165 DAP
- 6th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @195 DAP
- 7th spray 50 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water @225 DAP

11. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: (4lts/acre in 100 litres water), 3 times, 1st spray at 5-6 months of DAP (before flowering), 2nd spray at 7-8 months of DAP (at flowering) and 3rd application after removal of male bud from bunch (5 lts/acre in 100 litres of water) @250ml in each polythene cover and tie to the bunch before Fruits maturity in a bunch.

12. Cultural practices:

- Weeding at 30th day, 60th, 90th DAP and 120th DAP
- DE suckering up to 7-8th months
- Removal of dry leaves (Green leaves should not be removed)
- Mulching: Use of Paddy straw and Banana dried leaves as a mulch material (around 12-13 kg/plant). Increases the bunch weight and conserve of soil moisture.
- Earthing up at 3-4 months of DAP.
- Propping at 7-8 months of DAP: Bamboo poles or Eucalyptus poles are used for giving support to the Banana plant.
- DE handling of false hands of bunch: Some incomplete hands in a bunch which are not fit for quality produce should be removed soon after bloom. This helps in improving the weight of other hands, finger size and improved skin: pulp ratio to meet the export standards
- Covering of Bunch: Covering bunch using dried leaves of the plant is economical and prevents bunch from direct exposure to sunlight and also enhances the quality of fruit. But in rainy season this practice should be avoided.

13. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

i Inter crops: Leafy vegetables, Vegetables-Cluster bean, Tomato etc., at later stages tuber vegetables like Turmeric, Elephant foot yam Colocasia, Ginger, Creeper vegetables like Bottle Gourd and Flower Crop-Marigold may be planted.

ii. Border crops: Sesbania

iii. Yellow sticky traps: 20-25/acre

- iv. Light Trap: 1/ acre.
- 14.S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Banana crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

- 15.All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Banana crop growing period.
- 16.All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
- 17.The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
- 18.Banana crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
- 19.The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
- 20.All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
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- 22.Best APCNF Banana crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.

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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Banana crop POPs during 2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Banana crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)



To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Banana crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Aphids	Use healthy and Aphid free suckers	i. Yellow and white sticky plates 25-30/acre ii. Conserve Lady bird beetles, which act as predator for Aphids	Spraying of Neemastram with 0.25 Kg surf powder in 200 lit of water.
2	Burrowing Nematode	i. Crop rotation with non-host crops ii. Grow Marigold as repellent and trap crop in the inter space iii. Avoid taking sword suckers from nematode infected plants iv. Application of Neem cake 200kg/acre	-	Use of neem cake @ 500g/ plant along with anyone of the bioagents like Trichoderma viride/ Paecilomyces lilacinus/ Pseudomonas fluorescens @ 20 g/ plant
3	Rhizome Weevil	i. Select healthy suckers ii. Do not take regular crop in the same field to avoid initial infestation iii. Ensure clean cultivation iv. Removal of pseudo stems below ground level v. Trimming the rhizome at planting		Apply Neem cake @1-2 kg per plant
II. Major Diseases				
4	Sigatoka leaf spot	i. While planting optimum/recommended spacing (6x6 feet), must be followed ii. No dried leaves should be hanging around the plant iii. No stagnation of water in the field iv. DE suckering of new		i. Spray Sour butter milk 12lit-200lit water/acre ii. Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre iii. Panchagavya spray

		banana plants around mother plant.		
5	Banana bract mosaic virus	i. Use disease free planting material ii. Rouging of diseased plants	Yellow and white sticky plates 20-25/acre	Timely control of sucking pests by spraying vitex negundo (vavilaku kashayam) leaf extract
6	Anthraxnose	i. Harvest bunches at correct stage of maturity ii. When all the hands are opened, the distal bud should be removed to prevent infection. iii Transported bunches should be stored carefully at 14°C without causing any bruises.	-	i. Spray Sour butter milk 6lit-100lit water/acre ii. Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre
7	Panama wilt	i. Use disease free suckers and dip in Beejamrutham before planting for 30 mints ii. Grow wilt resistant cultivars in endemic areas and avoid susceptible varieties like Tella chekkara keli, Amruthapani etc., iii. Clean cultivation.	-	i. Growing of resistant varieties ii. Soak suckers with Beejamrutham for 30 minutes before planting iii. Application of Neem cake along with Ghanajevamrutham iv. Drenching of Trichoderma viride
8	Banana bunchy top virus(BBTV)	i. Use of virus free planting material ii. Practice clean cultivation iii. Avoid Banana cultivation in Sugarcane and Cucurbitaceous areas as Sugarcane mosaic virus or Cucurbit mosaic virus can easily spread to Banana iv. Timely control of Aphids	i. Lady bug beetle act as predator for aphid ii. Yellow and white sticky plates 20-25/acre	i. Soak suckers with Beejamrutham for 30 min before planting ii. For Aphid control spraying of vitex negundo (vavilaku kashayam) leaf extract

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Guava crop** for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2020.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level. After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for other Horticulture fruit crops Pomegranate, Papaya, Guava, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised the POPs for adoption in Guava crop for the year 2021-22.

The Model POPs/protocols in Guava crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Guava, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with PMDS then followed by planting of high yielding grafts/varieties for better establishment and growth of Guava.
5. Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) should be raised before planting new orchards. Year after year maintain 365 DGC through PMDS/ inter crops.
6. Inter crops like, Millets, Pulses, Rhizome/Tuber vegetables (Turmeric, Ginger, Radish etc.), Vegetables, Leafy vegetables and Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Guava crop up to first 5 years period. Raising of Poly crops/Inter crops in between rows must be integral part in Guava cropping system. Income from main crop and other crops must be documented.
7. Training and Pruning:
 - i. Training Guava trees, to provide strong framework and scaffold of branches suitable for bearing heavy crop is found to improve yield and fruit quality.
 - ii. Open centre system of training is found good wherein plants are headed back at 1 m height from where four primary shoots are retained for initial framework.
 - iii. These shoots are allowed to grow for 3-4 months and are subsequently pruned by cutting $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of their length for inducing multiple shoots from the buds below the cut ends.
 - iv. After making the initial framework, two side shoots can be permitted to grow and subsequent doubling of selected branches is continued.
 - v. As flowers are borne on current season's shoots, a light annual pruning of tip 10-12 cm of past season's growth is helpful to encourage new shoots after harvest.
 - vi. Suckers coming from the basal portion of the trunk and sides of the framework should be pruned back annually. All dead, diseased, crowded and dried shoots should also be removed.
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-I, 2kg/tree or Type-II, 5-10 kg/tree during June/July and October/ November moths in tree ring basins depending upon age of the orchard.
9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.

10. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):

i) Soil Application: 5 litres of DJM must be applied in ring basin at 3-4 years and above aged plantation, where as in plantations of 1- 3-year-old plantations, 2 litres at 15 days interval.

ii) Foliar application: 4 times at 3 months interval

- 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of June,
- 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of September,
- 3rd spray- 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of December and
- 4th spray- 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of March.

11. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 2 times (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) 1st spray at before flowering and 2nd spray at after fruit set and fruit development stage.

12. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

i. Inter crops: Pulses, Leafy vegetables, Tuber vegetables, Vegetable and Creeper vegetables

ii. Wind breaks/Border crop: Glyricidia, Sesbania and Drumstick

iii. Yellow/blue sticky traps: 20-25 traps/acre

iv. Pheromone traps (For Melon fly/ Fruit flies): Each @8/acre

v. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

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There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

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- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field

ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Anise-Sompu, Dill-Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Osimum-Tulasi, Peppermint / Spear mint-Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

14.S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seedlings of Inter/Border crop, Light traps etc.,) of Guava crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

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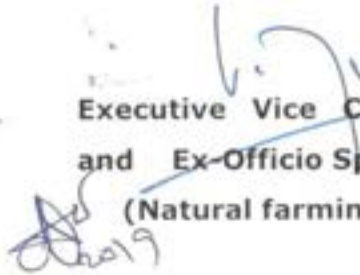
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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Guava crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Guava crop.


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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Guava crop				
Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Fruit fly	i. Effected fruits should be collected and destroyed. ii. Rake up the soil below the tree and drench with Neemasthram 10lt per tree	Monitor the activity of flies with Fruit fly trap @8 per acre	Spraying Dasaparni Kashayam
2	Tea mosquito bug	i. Avoid close planting, as the incidence very severe in overcrowded orchards. ii. If it is not 365 DGC plants like, Moringa, Cocoa act as alternate hosts. Hence, follow PMDS/inter crops/RDS leading to 365 DGC	i. Removal of affected shoots ii. Install Pheromone traps @8 per acre iii. Trap crop: Jafra	i. New flushes- Spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemastram ii. Later stages spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water.
3	Pomegranate butter fly	i. Detect early infestation by periodic monitoring. ii. Keeping basin clean. iii. Maintain adequate aeration by proper training and pruning iv. Pomegranate should not be cultivated close to guava as this is the most preferred host of this pest. v. Collect and destroy the infested fruits regularly.	i. Light trap 1 per acre ii. Early detection by obser	i. Remove and destroy the webbed leaves along with larva and pupa. ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. Spraying of dashaparni kashayam
4	Mealybug	i. Practice 365 DGC ii. Mulching iii. Spraying of 5% NSKE around the tree trunk	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	i. Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. For effective control of sooty mould spray 2

				% starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
5	Spiralling White fly		i. Yellow/White sticky traps 20- 25/acre ii. Erection of 1 Light trap/acre iii. Severely affected parts and leaves are covered with honeydew and sooty mould.	i. Spraying of Neemasthram -200 litres/acre ii. Isaria fumorosoria (Isaria) 1lit for 200 lit of water solution +surf powder 0.50 kg. iii. Effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
II. Major Diseases				
6	Fruit canker/Fruit rot	i. Prune and destroy the dead twigs and fruits. ii. Avoid unnecessarily dense plant canopy. iii. Prune old and non- productive branch which may serve as potential source of infection iv. For managing fruit rot disease, good field sanitation required		i. NSKE 5% and Dry Ginger+Milk extract - 6 lit in 200 lit water ii. Dung+Urine+ asafoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
7	Wilt	i. Wilted trees should be uprooted ii. Roots of plants should not be damaged while planting. iii. Maintain proper tree vigour by timely and adequately manuring, inter-culture and irrigation iv. Biologically Guava wilt can be managed by Trichoderma spp., Aspergillus niger- AN27 v. Inter cropping with Marigold, Turmeric vi. Application of 1-2 kgs Neem cake per plant		i. Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi-2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Rose crop** for the year-2021-22 – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2021.

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The model POPs/protocols in Rose crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

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4. Rose usually dislikes humid climate, but can tolerate high temperature. At a temperature below 10° C flowering is affected and blind shoots and bull heads are developed. Rose plant should receive 8 hours exposure to sun rays. Shady area is not at all suitable for rose cultivation.
5. APCNF farmers of Rose crop, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) then followed by planting of high yielding varieties or for better establishment and growth of Rose plant along with poly crops.
6. Mulching: It is particularly very much important in arid and semi-arid areas, where water becomes scarce during summer, for conservation of soil moisture around the root zone of the plants and to facilitate gradual supply of nutrients to the plants. This technique is very simple. Mulch material like straw, dried leaves, grass clippings or other wastes like leaf-mould are spread around the root of the plants with a radius of 1 to 2 feet and 3-4 inches thickness.
7. Inter crops like Leafy vegetables, Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Rose plants up to pre flowering period.
8. Pruning in Rose:
 - Pruning is to produce the required number of new shoots because rose bears flowers terminally on current season wood.
 - The best time of pruning is the period when the activity of rose plant is least and the plant is dormant to near dormant stage.
 - Three to four months after planting the rose plant is first pruned.
 - Four branches placed in four directions are chosen and these are pruned back to an outer bud leaving two to four buds on the stump.
 - All other branches are thinned out.
 - If the plant has only one or two weak shoots, they are to be cut back to two or three buds.
 - The first fortnight of October is usually considered to be the best time for pruning. Some hybrid T's (varieties) requires severe pruning.
 - In 'T' roses strong shoots are pruned to 2/3 of their length.
 - Too many shoots on plants will reduce the size and quantity of flowering. Limiting the number of flowers promotes good flower size.
 - Depending on the variety and severity of pruning roses takes about 35 to 60 days from pruning to flowering.
 - Stock sprouts should be frequently removed very often, off shoots or suckers from the root-stock stem come up at the base of the plantlets or below the grafted point which, if allows to

grow by mistake, will retard the growth of the grafted part ultimately leading to its death. The off-shoot of the root-stock part will be seven leaved and odd pinnate which is to be pinched off as soon as it comes up. Such unwanted suckers should be removed by nail pinching or by a sharp knife.

9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-II, For new plantations @ 2 kg/pit (Azoatobactor-2kg, Azospirillum-2kg and Trichoderma viride-2kg for every 100 kg of Type-II), at the time of planting. For existing garden (1 to 2 year old), apply 2kg GJM Type-II mixture/ plant and Type-I, 1kg/plant during July-Aug. At the time of flowering in old plantations: Type-I, 1kg/plant, two times, 1st time during October just before pruning and 2nd time at flower initiation stage.

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11. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):

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ii) Foliar application: 5 times at 30 days intervals

- 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of June-
- 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of July-
- 3rd spray- 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Aug
- 4th spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Sep-
Before pruning
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1st week i.e after pruning

12. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: For each cropping season, 2 times (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) 1st spray 10days before pruning and 2nd spray at flower bud initiation stage.

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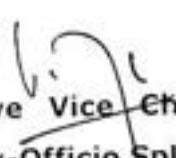
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Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Rose crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

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Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Aphids	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) and Inter crop with Marigold	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles, Damsel fly and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemasthram + Detergent powder
2	Thrips	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish and coriander as inter crops	i. Blue sticky traps @25-30/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
3	Red scale		i. Rub off the scales with cotton soaked in kerosene ii. Cut and burry the affected branches	i) Spray NSKE 5% or Neemastram followed by Vavilaku Botanical Extract ii). Spray Dasaparni Kashayam
4	Mealybug	i. Practice 365 DGC ii. Mulching iii. Spraying of 5% NSKE around the tree trunk	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	i. Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. For effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
5	Helicoverpa armigera	i. Trap crop: Marigold ii. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) iii. 1 light trap /acre iv. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early instar stages Neemastram 200lts/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 5 lts in 200lit water/acre at advance instar stages

6	Spodoptera litura	i.Adopt crop rotation ii.Early sowing iii.Trap crop : Castor iii.Border crop: Maize, Sorghum vi.1 light trap /acre v.Bird perches @8-10/acre.	i.Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii.Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early stage Neemastram- 200lt/acre. ii.Spraying of Agnastram- 4 lts in 100 ltrs of water/acre (or) at advance instar stages iii. Spray Garlic chilli extract.
7	Mite	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish and coriander as inter crops	i.Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
II. Major Diseases				
8	Powdery mildew	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetid a solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
9	Black spot	i.Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii.If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	-	Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
10	Rust	i.Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii.If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetid a solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)

11	Die-back	The affected stem or branch is cut 2-3 inches below the effected part and a cap of fresh cow-dung mixed with Copper Sulphate or Bordeaux paste alone is put over the cut wound. Over watering, particularly in coastal areas, should be avoided. It is also advisable to procure buddlings from reliable nurseries only.	-	Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetid a solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Jasmine (Gundu malli/Virajaji/Kakada malli) crop** for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2021.

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The model POPs/protocols in Jasmine crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The

respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Jasmine is a tropical flower crop and grows well in moderate humid conditions. It comes well in low rainfall areas. As the clay content increases in the soil, the plant tend to go vegetative there by reduced flowering.
5. APCNF farmers of Jasmine crop, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) then followed by planting of high yielding varieties or for better establishment and growth of Jasmine plants.
6. Mulching: It is particularly very much important in arid and semi-arid areas, where water becomes scarce during summer, for conservation of soil moisture around the root zone of the plants and to facilitate gradual supply of nutrients to the plants. This technique is very simple. Mulch material like straw, dried leaves, grass clippings, or other wastes like leaf-mould are spread around the root of the plants with a radius of 1 to 2 feet and 3-4 inches thickness.
7. Inter crops like Leafy vegetables, Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Jasmine plants up to pre flowering period.
8. Pruning in Jasmine:
 - The pruning of jasmine is an important operation. With the approaching of winter, the bushes start to shed the leaves. To promote good flowering, water is withheld in the 2nd fortnight of November and allow plant to rest and shed the leaves or the plants are defoliated manually.
 - Defoliation can also be achieved by allowing sheep to eat leaves and twigs, by this practice, not only saves labour costs but also improves the soil fertility by sheep castings.
 - The pruning is usually done after 2 years of its planting and followed in the month of December to January in *Jasminum sambac*-“Gundumalli” while it is done in February –March *Jasminum auriculatum*-“Virajaji”. Pruning in *Jasminum multiflorum*-“Kakada malli” is done in August –September.
 - Generally pruning is done by trimming all branches up to 45 to 50 cm from ground level. Before pruning irrigation is to be withheld and all the dried and diseased twigs are to be removed. After pruning, the leaves are also to be removed and irrigated lightly till flower buds appear.
 - Profuse watering is done at regular intervals after the appearance of flower
9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) Type-II, For new plantations @ 2 kg/pit (Azoatobactor-2kg, Azospirillam-2kg and Trichoderma viride-2kg for every

100 kg of Type-II), at the time of planting. For old plantations apply Type -II mixture during June-July and Dec-Jan @ 2 kg mixture/plant each time (Azoatobactor-2kg, Azospirillum-2kg and Trichoderma viride-2kg and Neem cake-5kg for every 100 kg of Type-II, GJM) and Type-I, 1kg/plant, two times.

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11. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):

i) Soil Application (through drip / apply at the base of the plant): 5 litres of DJM must be applied in 3 years and above aged plantation at monthly intervals, where as in plantations of 1-2year-old plantations, 2 litres at 15 days interval.

ii) Foliar application: 5 times at monthly intervals

- 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of June-
- 2nd spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of July-
- 3rd spray- 40 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Aug
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Before pruning
- 5th spray-30 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water in the month of Jan-
1st week i.e after pruning

12. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: For each cropping season, 2 times (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) 1st spray 10days before pruning and 2nd spray at flower bud initiation stage.

13. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

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1	Budworm and shoot borer	i. Proper pruning and hygienic maintenance of bushes ii. Collect and destroy the damaged buds with larvae	Use light trap to attract and kill the adult moths	i. At early instar stages Neemastram 200lts/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 5 lts in 200lit water/acre at advance instar stages
2	Red spider mite/ Jasmine eriophyid mite	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre)	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
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II. Major Diseases

6	Root rot and wilt	i. Wilted/rotted plants should be uprooted ii. Roots of plants should not be damaged while planting. iii. Maintain proper tree vigour by timely and adequately manuring, inter-culture and irrigation iv. Biologically wilt can be managed by <i>Trichoderma</i> spp., <i>Aspergillus niger</i>-AN27 v. Inter cropping with Marigold, Turmeric vi. Application of 1-2 kgs Neem cake per plant	-	i. Soil Drenching with <i>Trichoderma viridi</i>-2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
7	Leaf blight	-	-	i. Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water ii. Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)
8	Rust	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	-	i. Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water ii. Spray Dung+Urine+Asafoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water, and spray sour butter milk (6 lit in 100 lit of water)

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respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing of Marigold crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in March/April till sowing of Marigold crop to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop
5. Marigold crop is grown as inter crop in alleys of young fruit orchards, Coconut/Oil palm plantations and as one of the main flower crop in different poly cropping systems of leafy vegetable, vegetables- Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chillies, Tomato, Brinjal etc., Cotton, Fruit crop - Banana. Also grown on borders of bunds in many cropping systems. The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
6. Nursery management:
 - i. Raised nursery beds (15 cm ht, 1.2 m width and convenient length). Seeds can be sown on nursery beds in lines in shallow furrows.
 - ii. Application of GJM type-2 along with *Trichoderma viridae*, 20 kgs and 1.25 kg /SQMT in nursery area respectively and drenching later with *Trichoderma viridae*-8 grams/litre of water.
 - iii. Mulching: With Paddy straw/Sugarcane trash
 - iv. Providing shade for nursery
 - v. During winter, beds should be covered with a layer of straw to accelerate germination process. However, the straw should be removed as soon as these seedlings are visible above the soil.
 - vi. Erection of 3-4 no's yellow/blue sticky traps in nursery area to control sucking pests in nursery itself
7. Seed/seed ling treatment with Beejamrutam (BJM), along with *Azospirillum*-400 grams/kg seed using rice gruel as adhesive.
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i) Type-2: 1000-1500 kg/acre+ Neem cake-200 kgs/Acre at the time of last ploughing and ii) Type-1: 200kg/acre; 100kg - At the time of transplanting and 100 kg -At 20 DAT (Days After Transplanting).

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ii) Foliar application: 4 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 25 DAT, 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 40 DAT and 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 55 DAT and 4th spray at 80DAT-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water.

11. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 4lts/acre in 100 litres water at 30 DAT @ before flower bud initiation stage.

12. Pinching:

i. In tall cultivars of African marigold, plants first grow upwards to their final height and later on produce a terminal flower.

ii. After the formation of terminal flower bud, axillary branches develop which also bear flower.

iii. However, if the apical portion of shoot is removed early, large number of axillary shoots arise resulting in well shaped bushy plant bearing a greater number of uniform sized flowers.

iv. It is observed that pinching at 40 days after transplanting enhances flower yield. However, Giant double African yellow and orange do not require pinching as the plants are bushy and branching type.

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v. Pheromone traps (Helicoverpa): Each @8/acre at 15-20 DAS

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6. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
7. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
8. Best APCNF Marigold crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Marigold crop POPs during Kharif/Rabi/Summer-2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Marigold crop.

**Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
and Ex-Officio Spl. Chief Secretary
(Natural farming) to Govt (A&C)**

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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Marigold crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Mealybug	i. Practice 365 DGC ii. Mulching iii. Spraying of 5% NSKE around the tree trunk	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	i. Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. For effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
2	Red spider mite	-	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Predatory mite and lace wing bug etc.,	i. Spraying of Neemastram- 200 lit/acre at early stages ii. Spray Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit in 100 lit water (Note: Direct spray solution towards lower side of leaves)
3	Bud Borers/Caterpillars-Helicoverpa	i. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) ii. 1 light trap /acre iii. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Tricho card)/acre/week	i. At early instar stages Neemastram 200lts/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 5 lts in 200lit water/acre at advance instar stages
4	Thrips	-	i. Blue sticky traps @25-30/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
5	Leaf miner	Removal and destruction of heavily infested old/lower leaves fallowed by application of neemastram.	i. Lady bird beetle can feed sucking pests ii. White/yellow sticky traps 10-15 /acre iii. Erect @ 8 delta traps per/acre	Initial stage (eggs and 1 st instar larvae): spraying of 5% NSKE or Neemastram 10kg and chilly garlic extract in advanced stages

II. Major Diseases

6	Root rot	i. Wilted/rotted plants should be uprooted ii. Roots of plants should not be damaged while planting. iii. Maintain proper tree vigour by timely and adequately manuring, inter-culture and irrigation iv. Biologically wilt can be managed by <i>Trichoderma</i> spp., <i>Aspergillus niger</i>- AN27 v. Inter cropping with Marigold, Turmeric vi. Application of 1-2 kgs Neem cake per plant	-	i. Soil Drenching with <i>Trichoderma viridi</i>-2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF – Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Tuberose (Lilly) crop** for the year-2021-22 – Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2021.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate, Cabbage/Cauliflower, Legumenaceous vegetables, Cucurbitaceous Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Curry leaf, Water melon and Musk melon, Elephant foot yam and Colocasia etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Flower crops-Rose, Jasmine, Marigold, Tuberose, Crosandra, Chrysanthemum, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised.

The model POPs/protocols in Tuberose (Lilly) crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

3. The Tuberose needs a long growing period in order to blossom in early to late fall. The spike production, along with the quality flowers declines to a greater extent during December –January except in “double varieties” of Tuberose.
4. APCNF farmers of Tuberose crop, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) then followed by planting of high yielding varieties or for better establishment and growth of Tuberose plants.
5. Mulching: It is particularly very much important in arid and semi-arid areas, where water becomes scarce during summer, for conservation of soil moisture around the root zone of the plants and to facilitate gradual supply of nutrients to the plants. This technique is very simple. Mulch material like straw, dried leaves, grass clippings or other wastes like leaf-mould are spread around the root of the plants, 3-4 inches thickness.
6. Inter crops like Leafy vegetables, Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Tuberose plants up to pre flowering period. Can be raised as inter crop in orchards.
7. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i) Type-2: 1000-1500 kg/acre+ Neem cake-200 kgs/Acre at the time of last ploughing and ii) Type-1: 200kg/acre; 100kg - At the time of planting and 100 kg -At 20 DAP (Days After Planting).
8. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.
9. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM): i) Soil Application: 5 times at 15 days interval @ 200lit each up to flower buds initiation from 15 DAT, 30DAT, 45DAT, 60DAT and 75DAT.
ii) Foliar application: 4 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 25 DAT, 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 40 DAT and 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 55 DAT and 4th spray at 80DAT-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water.
10. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 1 time (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) at flower bud initiation stage.
11. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced
 - i Inter crops: Leafy vegetables and Creeper vegetables
 - ii. Wind breaks/Border crop: Maize/Bajra/Jowar-3 rows

- iii. Yellow/blue sticky traps: 20-25 traps/acre
 - iv. Light Trap: 1/ Acre
12. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
- By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
- Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
- Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field

ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Sompu, Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi/Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

13. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seeds/Seedlings of Inter/Border crop, Light traps etc.,) of Tuberose crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

1. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Tuberose crop growing period.
2. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact

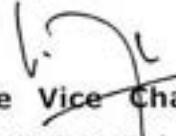
blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.

3. The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
4. Tuberose crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
5. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
6. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
7. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
8. Best APCNF Tuberose crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

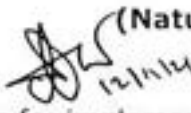
Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Tuberose crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Tuberose crop.


Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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To


All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Tuberose crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Thrips	-	i. Blue sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
2	Aphids	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) and Inter crop with Marigold	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles, Damselfly and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram + Detergent powder
3	Root knot nematode	i. Crop rotation with non-host crops ii. Grow Marigold as repellent and trap crop in the inter space iii. Avoid taking seed material from nematode infected plants iv. Application of Neem cake 200kg/acre	-	Use of neem cake @ 500g/ plant along with anyone of the bioagents like Trichoderma viride/ Paecilomyces lilacinus/ Pseudomonas fluorescens @ 20 g/ plant
II. Major Diseases				
4	Basal rot or stem rot	i. Wilted/rotted plants should be uprooted ii. Roots of plants should not be damaged while planting. iii. Maintain proper tree vigour by timely and adequately manuring, inter-culture and	-	i. Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi-2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

		irrigation iv. Biologically wilt can be managed by <i>Trichoderma</i> spp., <i>Aspergillus niger</i> - AN27 v. Inter cropping with Marigold, Turmeric vi. Application of 1-2 kgs Neem cake per plant		
5	Flower and bud rot	i. Use disease free seed material and dip in Beejamrutham before planting for 30 mints ii. Grow wilt resistant cultivars in endemic areas iii. Clean cultivation.	-	i. Growing of resistant varieties ii. Soil Drenching with <i>Trichoderma viridi</i> -2 kg in 200 litres of water. iii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Crossandra crop (kanakambaram)** for the year-2021-22 - Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2021.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate, Cabbage/Cauliflower, Leguminous vegetables, Cucurbitaceous Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Curry leaf, Water melon and Musk melon, Elephant foot yam and Colocasia, etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Flower crops-Rose, Jasmine, Marigold, Tuberose, Crossandra, Chrysanthemum, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised.

The model POPs/protocols in Crossandra crop for the year-2021-22 are as follows.

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The

respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. APCNF farmers of Crossandra crop, who plan for raising of new plantations, must start with Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) then followed by planting of high yielding varieties or for better establishment and growth of Crossandra plants.
5. Nursery management:
 - i. Raised nursery beds (15 cm ht, 1.2 m width and convenient length). Seeds can be sown on nursery beds in lines in shallow furrows.
 - ii. Select seed material (cuttings) from nematode free plants/soil.
 - iii. The seeds loose viability very soon and hence only freshly extracted seeds should be used. If cuttings used, should be transplanted when sufficient roots have developed.
 - iv. Application of GJM type-2, Trichoderma viridae and Neem cake 20 kgs, 1.25 and 250 grams/SQMT respectively in nursery area and drenching later with Trichoderma viridae-8 grams/litre of water to control damping off.
 - v. Mulching: With Paddy straw/Sugarcane trash
 - vi. Providing shade for nursery
 - vii. During winter beds should be covered with a layer of straw to accelerate germination process. However, the straw should be removed as soon as these seedlings are visible above the soil.
 - viii. Erection of 3-4 no's yellow/blue sticky traps in nursery area to control sucking pests in nursery itself.
6. Mulching: It is particularly very much important in arid and semi-arid areas, where water becomes scarce during summer, for conservation of soil moisture around the root zone of the plants and to facilitate gradual supply of nutrients to the plants. This technique is very simple. Mulch material like straw, dried leaves, grass clippings or other wastes like leaf-mould are spread around the root of the plants with a radius of 1 to 2 feet and 3-4 inches thickness.
7. Inter crops like Leafy vegetables, Creeper vegetables can be grown between two rows of Crossandra plants up to pre flowering period.
8. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): Type-II, 1 MT/acre at the time of last ploughing i.e during June-July (Azotobacter-2kg, Azospirillum-2kg and Trichoderma viride-2kg and Neem cake-5kg for every 1000 kg of GJM Type-II). Subsequent Top dressing as pocket application with

Type-1 GJM 2 times in a year @ 400Kg per acre during June-July and October-November.

9. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.

10. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):

i) Soil Application (through drip / apply at the base of the plant): @ 200 litres per acre at 15 days interval.

ii) Foliar application: 30 days interval @ 200 litres per acre.

11. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: For each cropping season, 1 time (4lts/acre in 100 litres water) before flower spike initiation.

12. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced

i Inter crops: Leafy vegetables and other Vegetables.

ii. Wind breaks/Border crop: Maize/Bajra/Jowar-3 rows

iii. Yellow/blue sticky traps: 20-25 traps/acre

iv. Light Trap: 1/ Acre

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ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:

By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Sompu, Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi/Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter

crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.

14. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Seeds/Seedlings of Inter/Border crop, Light traps etc.,) of Crossandra crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

1. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Crossandra crop growing period.
2. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
3. The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
4. Crossandra crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
5. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,
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8. Best APCNF Crossandra crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.

9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Crossandra crop POPs during the year-2021-22. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Crossandra crop.

Executive Vice Chairman, A.P.RySS
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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Crossandra crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Thrips	-	i. Blue sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
2	Mealy bug	i. Practice 365 DGC ii. Mulching iii. Spraying of 5% NSKE	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	i.Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. For effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
3	White fly	i. Plant 200 to 300 Marigold plants per acre as trap ii) Grow Maize or Jowar as border crop	20 to 25 yellow sticky traps per acre	Spray Neemastram or 5% NSKE followed by vavilaku botanical extract
4	Nematodes	i. Crop rotation with non- host crops ii. Grow Marigold as repellent and trap crop in the inter space iii. Avoid taking sword suckers from nematode infected plants iv. Application of Neem cake 200kg/acre	-	Use of neem cake @ 500g/ plant along with anyone of the bioagents like Trichoderma viride/ Paecilomyces lilacinus/ Pseudomonas fluorescens @ 20 g/ plant
II. Major Diseases				
5	Wilt	i. Use disease free seedlings and dip in Beejamrutham	-	i. Growing of resistant varieties ii. Soak suckers with

		before planting for 30 mints ii. Grow wilt resistant cultivars iii. Clean cultivation.		Beejamrutham for 30 minutes before planting iii. Application of Neem cake along with Ghanajevamrutham iv. Drenching of <i>Trichoderma viride</i>
6	Foot and root Rot	i. Wilted/rotted plants should be uprooted ii. Roots of plants should not be damaged while planting. iii. Maintain proper tree vigour by timely and adequately manuring, inter-culture and irrigation iv. Biologically wilt can be managed by <i>Trichoderma</i> spp., <i>Aspergillus niger</i> - AN27 v. Inter cropping with Marigold, Turmeric vi. Application of 1-2 kgs Neem cake per plant	-	i. Soil Drenching with <i>Trichoderma viridi</i> -2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
7	Flower blight (<i>Alternaria</i> spp)	i. No dried leaves should be hanging around the plant iii. No stagnation of water in the field	-	i. Spray Sour butter milk 12lit-200lit water/acre ii. Spraying of Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 5 lit solution in 100 lit water/acre iii. Panchagavya spray

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Sub:- A.P.RySS-Implementation of APCNF - Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for implementation in **Chrysanthemum crop (Chemanthi) for Kharif** in 2021-22 year-Regarding

Ref:- Instructions of Executive Vice-Chairman, AP RySS during Zoom Calls with DPMs & State team in the month of April & May, 2021.

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The Model APCNF Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) major field crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Cotton, Chilli, Finger millet, Red gram, Bengal gram, Maize, Sugarcane and other field crops- Black gram, Green gram, Jowar, Gingelly, Korra, Sama, Vegetables-Tomato, Brinjal, Bhendi, Fruits/Plantations-Mango, Banana, Cashew nut, Acid lime, Coconut, Oil palm, Papaya, Guava, Pomegranate, Cabbage/Cauliflower, Legumenacious vegetables, Cucurbitaceous Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Curry leaf, Water melon and Musk melon, Elephant foot yam and Colocasia etc., were developed and circulated to districts for adoption at field level, After assessing the need of Protocols/Package of Practices (POPs) for Flower crops-Rose, Jasmine, Marigold, Tuberose, Crossandra, Chrysanthemum, the state technical team discussed with DPMs and field cadres and finalised. **The Model Protocols in Chrysanthemum crop for adoption during 2021-22 are as follows.**

1. The 9 universal principles of APCNF are i) Soil to be covered with diverse crops throughout the year ii) 9-18 diverse crops iii) Minimal disturbance to soil iv) Bio stimulants as necessary catalysts v) Use of indigenous seed vi) Integrate animals into farming vii) Increase crop residues and other organic residues on the soil viii) Pest and disease management through Integrated Pest Management(IPM) / Integrated Disease Management (IDM) methods as non-negotiables, and use of botanical extracts as last resort, and ix) No synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
2. These principles are to be operationalized through location specific practices.
3. All the core practices of Beejamrutham (BJM), Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM) & Drava Jeevamrutham (DJM) should be followed. The

respective quantities indicated in this POPs can be enhanced slightly but should not be reduced. Ex- Split doses (soil, foliar).

4. Before growing of Chrysanthemum crop depending of the season, raising of Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) with a minimum of 9 varieties of crops (comprising of Pulses, Oil seeds, Millets, Vegetables and leafy vegetables etc.), sown in March/April till sowing of Chrysanthemum crop to get a good crop stand and biomass. The greater the seed diversity, the better the results will be. By practicing PMDS, the farmers harvest some portion of the different group of crops/ vegetables / leafy vegetables for self-consumption. Some biomass may be used as fodder or may be used as mulch or integrated into main crop
5. Chrysanthemum is a short-day plant and for vegetative growth it requires long day conditions with bright sunlight and high temperatures ranging from 20 to 27 °C. For bud formation and flowering it requires short day and low temperatures ranging from 10 to 27 °C. It is highly sensitive to waterlogged conditions.
6. Chrysanthemum crop is grown as inter crop in young fruit orchards, Coconut/Oil palm etc., plantations and as the main flower crop in different poly cropping systems of leafy vegetable, vegetables- Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chillies, Brinjal etc., Fruit crop - Banana. The income from main crop and the other crops should be documented.
7. Nursery management:
 - i. Raised nursery beds (15 cm ht, 1.2 m width and convenient length) for rooting terminal cuttings of 5-7 CMs length from healthy stock plants
 - ii. Application of GJM type-2 along with Trichoderma viridae, 20 kgs and 1.25 kg /SQMT in nursery area respectively and drenching later with Trichoderma viridae-8 grams/litre of water.
 - iii. Mulching: With Paddy straw/Sugarcane trash
 - iv. Providing shade for nursery
 - v. Erection of 3-4 no's yellow/blue sticky traps in nursery area to control sucking pests in nursery itself
8. Seed ling treatment with Beejamrutam (BJM), along with Azospirillum- 400 grams/kg seed using rice gruel as adhesive.
9. Ghanajeevamrutham (GJM): i) Type-2: 1000-1500 kg/acre+ Neem cake-200 kgs/Acre at the time of last ploughing and ii) Type-1:

400kg/acre; 200kg - At the time of transplanting and 200 kg -At 20 DAT (Days After Transplanting).

10. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) should not be applied, as it is. It must be treated with DJM for conversion to Type-2 GJM and then only applied.

11. Dravajeevamrutham (DJM):

i) Soil Application: 5 times at 15 days interval @ 200lit each up to flower buds' initiation from 15 DAT, 30DAT, 45DAT, 60DAT and 75DAT

ii) Foliar application: 4 times, 1st spray-15 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 25 DAT, 2nd spray-20 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 40 DAT and 3rd spray-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water at 55 DAT and 4th spray at 80DAT-25 litres DJM in 200 ltrs of water.

12. Growth promoters: Panchagavya: 4lts/acre in 100 litres water at 30 DAT @ before flower bud initiation stage.

13. Other Horticultural cultural operations:

i. Staking: It is necessary for tall growing varieties

ii. Pinching: The terminal buds are removed at 4 weeks after planting to induce more side shoots. This may be repeated on lateral shoots after 7 weeks of planting or 100 days before full bloom.

iii. Desuckering: Remove the side suckers periodically

14. S2S kit-All the non-negotiables must be mandatorily practiced.

i. Inter crops: Leafy vegetables, Vegetables, Chillies, Tomato etc.,

ii. Border crops: Maize/Jowar/Bajra-3 rows

iii. Yellow/Blue sticky traps: 20-25/acre

iv. Trap crop (Helicoverpa): Marigold

v. Pheromone traps (Helicoverpa): Each @8/acre at 15-20 DAP

vi. Bird perches: 10 -15/acre

vii. Light Trap: 1/ acre.

15. The pheromone traps should be installed prior to pest infestation (for example; Helicoverpa). It should not be done after the infestation starts in the field.

16. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management: Ecological engineering for pest management has recently emerged as a paradigm for considering pest management approaches that rely on the use of cultural techniques to effect habitat manipulation and to enhance biological control.

i. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management-Below Ground:

There is a growing realization that the soil borne, seed and seedling borne diseases can be managed with microbial interventions, besides choosing appropriate plant varieties. The following activities increase the beneficial microbial population and enhance soil fertility.

- Keep soils covered year-round with living vegetation and/or tree residue.
 - By using Type-II/Type-I GJM, crop residue as mulch, will enhance below ground biodiversity of beneficial microbes and insects.
 - Till micro biome establishes, application of biofertilizers with special focus on Mycorrhiza and Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobia (PGPR)
 - Application of *Trichoderma harzianum/viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for treatment of seeds/seedlings/planting materials in the nurseries and field.
- ii. Ecological Engineering for Pest Management- Above Ground:
By planting Attract plants (Cowpea, Sunflower, Alfalfa-Lucerne, Mustard, Cosmos, Sompu, Menthulu, Parsley-Coriander and Mari gold etc.,) Repellent plants (Tulasi,Pudina), Trap crops, Border and Inter crops in orchards, above ground will attract natural enemies, they will play a very significant role in control of foliar insect pests. Natural enemy diversity contributes significantly to management of insect pests both below and above ground.
17. S2S kits (including Sticky traps, Pheromone traps, Seed/Seedlings of Inter/Trap/Border crops, Light traps etc.,) of Chrysanthemum crop should be planned and placed at NPM shop/FPO/VO etc., before crop season and DPMs should monitor regularly during crop period.
18. 365 Days Green Cover in Chrysanthemum: PMDS- Chrysanthemum with poly crops -Summer Tomato/Brinjal with poly crops.

Administrative instructions on taking POPs to farmers:

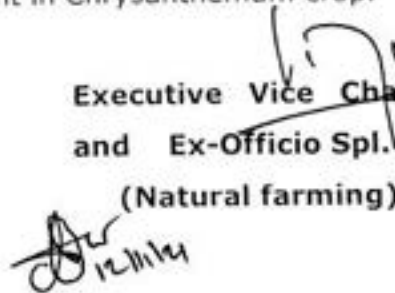
1. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 cadres should be given trainings on POPs for adoption before PMDS, during Chrysanthemum crop growing period.
2. All MTs (NF), L1, L2(NF) and L3 own fields (in addition to S2S farmers/SHG leaders) should be converted into model plots by adopting POPs recommended by APCNF. CCEs should be conducted by inviting all surrounding chemical farmers so that 10-15 acres compact blocks will develop. Their yields should be among the best for a given crop (highest net incomes also). They will be evaluated accordingly.
3. The DPMs should discuss cadres' NFAAP (Natural Farming Annual Action Plans) progress every month, so that the adoption of the POPs and the results from the POPs is understood better
4. Chrysanthemum crop compact blocks, should be encouraged around model plots, where all POPs can be easily demonstrated.
5. The DPM/AO/RCs/NFAs/NFFs have to supervise, document biometric observations, CCEs data etc.,

6. All the best POP farmers should be tracked in subsequent years aiming at further higher yields.
7. All the district RCs shall be given the responsibility of adopting these POPs in Model plots in their jurisdiction and follow all protocols thoroughly for entire season. NFAs will supervise the work of cadres and handhold them during field visits and appropriate CB during debriefing/briefing sessions. Further, based on the observations, the POPs would be reviewed and updated for the next season for implementation.
8. Best APCNF Chrysanthemum crop farmers (including cadres) unit wise case studies to be documented. These will be published as booklet at district and state level used for wide publicity, awareness and capacity building.
9. DGF films may be made on the shortlisted farmers case studies from the beginning i.e from PMDS to Harvest, for use in CB training programmes.

Hence all the DPMs are instructed to follow them scrupulously and take all the suggested measures towards ensuring effective grounding of APCNF Chrysanthemum crop POPs during Kharif-2021-22 season. Communicate the above protocols and Annexure-1 among all community cadres after translating into Telugu.

Enclosure:

1. Annexure-1: Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Chrysanthemum crop.


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To

All District Project Managers for implementation and necessary action.

Annexure-1-Standard Non pesticide management practices for pest and disease management in Chrysanthemum crop

Sl. No	Name of the Pest/Disease	Prophylactic / Preventive Methods/ non-negotiables	Monitoring method for decision-making on use of reactive/curative method.	Curative / Reactive method
I. Major Pests				
1	Thrips	Grow Marigold as Trap crop (200nos/acre) and Radish and coriander as inter crops	i. Blue sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram during Initial stage and 5% NSKE (5 kg neem seed in 100 lit water) at later stages.
2	Aphids	Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) and Inter crop with Marigold	i. Yellow sticky traps @20-25/Acre ii. Watch for beneficiary insects viz Lady bird beetles, Damselfly and Lace wing bugs etc.,	Spraying of Neemastram + Detergent powder
3	Leaf eating caterpillars	i. Trap crop: Marigold ii. Border crop: Maize, Sorghum (3-4 lines) iii. 1 light trap /acre iv. Bird perches @ 8-10/acre.	i. Pheromone traps @ 8-10 /acre. ii. Release of egg parasitoid Trichogramma @ 50,000 adults (in the form of Trichocard)/acre/week	i. At early instar stages Neemastram 200lts/acre. ii. Spraying of Agnastram- 5 lts in 200lit water/acre at advance instar stages
4	Mealybug	i. Practice 365 DGC ii. Mulching iii. Spraying of 5% NSKE around the tree trunk	Poly cropping will encourage multiplication of natural predators	i. Nalleru Kashayam 3Lt /100 lt water ii. Spraying of Agnastram - 3 litres in 100 litres of water. iii. For effective control of sooty mould spray 2 % starch solution + Matti dravanam 20kg soil mixed in 200lts of water filter and spray
II. Major Diseases				
5	Root rot	i. Wilted/rotted plants should be uprooted ii. Roots of plants	-	i. Soil Drenching with Trichoderma viridi-2 kg in 200 litres of water. ii. Spray 1 litre of

		should not be damaged while planting. iii. Maintain proper tree vigour by timely and adequately manuring, inter-culture and irrigation iv. Biologically wilt can be managed by <i>Trichoderma</i> spp., <i>Aspergillus niger</i>- AN27 v. Inter cropping with Marigold, Turmeric vi. Application of 1-2 kgs Neem cake per plant		Ginger + Milk in 200 litres of water or Dung+Urine+Asfoetida solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water or Sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water
6	Leaf spot	i. Before planting, try to ensure that seeds are disease free ii. If soil is too wet, improving soil drainage can be very useful to prevent further development and spread of the disease	*	Spraying of sour Buttermilk solution - 6 lit in 100 lit water

