SDG 2: Zero Hunger

Annual Report 2024–25

1. Introduction

Annamacharya University recognises food security, sustainable agriculture, improved nutrition and the well-being of farming communities as important dimensions of sustainable development. Through its College of Agriculture, academic engagement and community-oriented activities, the University seeks to connect higher education with local agricultural needs and promote practices that support productive, resource-efficient and resilient food systems.

This report presents the University's documented contribution to SDG 2 – Zero Hunger during the Academic Year 2024–25 (July 2024 to June 2025). It is prepared as the institutional progress report for THE Impact Rankings Indicator 17.3.2, which concerns publication of progress against SDG 2.

2. Institutional approach and mechanism

The College of Agriculture provides an academic base for engaging with agricultural development and food-system issues. The University's documented approach during the reporting year included:

- Connecting agricultural education with the needs and knowledge of local farming communities.
- Promoting awareness of sustainable agricultural practices, including organic farming, soil testing, crop rotation and water conservation.
- Encouraging efficient use of agricultural resources and practices that can support crop productivity.
- Facilitating interaction among students, faculty members, farmers and local agricultural/extension functionaries.
- Using community-facing activities to translate academic knowledge into practical awareness and discussion.

3. Major documented activity during 2024–25

National Farmers' Day Celebration and Farmers' Awareness Rally

Date	23 December 2024
Organising unit	College of Agriculture, Annamacharya University
Community location	Madan Gopal Puram village, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh
Theme	Farmers' contribution, sustainable farming practices and agricultural productivity
External participation	Mandal Agricultural Officer; Village Sericulture Officer; Village Agricultural Assistant

Annamacharya University's Agricultural College celebrated National Farmers' Day on 23 December 2024 to recognise the contribution of farmers to the nation's development and to strengthen the connection between the University and the local agricultural community. The programme included participation by agricultural and village-level officials. The invited officials highlighted sustainable farming, efficient resource management and the importance of producing nutritious food.

As part of the activity, University faculty members and students organised an awareness rally in Madan Gopal Puram village. The outreach interaction focused on organic farming, water conservation, soil testing, crop rotation and drip irrigation. The activity provided an opportunity for students to engage directly with farmers and discuss agricultural practices and extension support that can help improve crop productivity.

The University's published account identifies Dr. Choppa Gangi Reddy, Founder of the Agricultural College, and the participating local officials, including Mrs. R. Rajakumari, Mandal Agricultural Officer; Mrs. G. Siddeshwari, Village Sericulture Officer; and Mr. Jay Paul, Village Agricultural Assistant. Faculty members named in the report include Dr. J. Karpagam, Dr. E. Usha Rani, Dr. B. Sukrutha, Mrs. D. Divya Sri and Ms. K. Shruti.

4. Activity outcomes and contribution to SDG 2

- Raised awareness of sustainable agricultural practices among members of the local farming community.
- Highlighted soil testing, crop rotation and organic farming as practices relevant to soil health and sustainable crop production.
- Promoted water conservation and drip irrigation as approaches to improving water-use efficiency in agriculture.
- Created an interface between University students, faculty and local agricultural functionaries.
- Reinforced the importance of nutritious food production and agricultural extension support.

The published evidence establishes that the activity was conducted and identifies its subject matter, location and participating stakeholders, quantity of farmers reached, crop-yield change or measured food-security outcome; therefore, no numerical impact claims are made in this report.

5. Photographic and documentary evidence

The University's official event page records the activity and provides the institutional source for the event narrative. The official Agriculture Photo Gallery also lists "National Farmer's Day 2024 – Agriculture" as a gallery item. For submission, the University should attach the original event photographs downloaded from its gallery alongside this report.

Official event report: Grand Celebration of Farmer's Day at Annamacharya University (23.12.2024)

Official Agriculture photo gallery: B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture – Photo Gallery

Official 2024 events archive: Annamacharya University – Events 2024



Official National Farmers' Day 2024 event photograph – group photograph / inaugural session. Obtain the original image from the University Agriculture Photo Gallery



Farmers' awareness rally at Madan Gopal Puram village. Obtain the original image from the University Agriculture Photo Gallery or event organiser's records.



Interaction with farmers / awareness on soil testing, crop rotation, water conservation or drip irrigation. Use only an original photograph from the event.

6. Institutional significance

The Farmers' Day programme demonstrates the University's role in connecting agricultural education with community awareness. By involving agriculture faculty, students and local government-level agricultural functionaries, the University supported knowledge exchange on sustainable production practices. The themes addressed in the programme—soil testing, organic farming, crop rotation, water conservation and drip irrigation—are relevant to the sustainability and resilience of local food production systems.

7. Conclusion

During the Academic Year 2024–25, Annamacharya University undertook a documented community-facing initiative through its College of Agriculture on National Farmers' Day, 23 December 2024. The event combined recognition of farmers with awareness outreach in Madan

Gopal Puram village and engagement with local agricultural functionaries. The programme addressed sustainable farming practices and nutritious food production, demonstrating the University's contribution to awareness and knowledge sharing relevant to SDG 2 – Zero Hunger.

This report is based on publicly available University records. Supporting photographs and any additional internal records (attendance, event circular, report approval and participant feedback) should be appended where available to strengthen the evidence package.

8. References and source links

1. Annamacharya University – Grand Celebration of Farmer's Day (official event report)
2. Annamacharya University – B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture Photo Gallery