**SIGNING OF MOU BETWEEN SKLTSHU AND KATTANGUR FARMERS PRODUCING ORGANIZATION**

An agreement of Memorandam of Understanding was signed between Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University (SKLTSHU), Mulugu and Kattangur Farmers Producing Organization (KFPO), Kattangoor Mandal, Nalgonda District in presence of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. B. Neeraja Prabhakar & University Officers at administrative office, SKLTSHU Mulugu on 23-1-2024. Sri. N. Narsimha Reddy, Advisor, KFPO & Sri. R. Vidyasagar (Mentor KFPO and Horticulture Officer) have participated in signing of MOU.

Kattangur Farmers Producer Company Limited (KFPC) serves as an inspiring example of an FPO that has a mission to uplift local farmers, promote sustainable agriculture and reduce food waste. With the help of the Agri Infrastructure Fund, KFPC acquired **Ecofrost Solar Cold Rooms to** offer efficient and sustainable cooling to preserve the quality and freshness of agricultural produce. KFPO is running Customer Hire centres (35 units), have tie up with agro and processing industries to reduce food wastage  and also to encourage preservation of horticulture produce besides empowering small and marginal farmers.

The main agenda of MOU is to guide or develop the best quality seeds and planting material and to have research collaboration in the areas of problems in horticultural crops, to visit and advise the farmers cultivating horticultural cropsunder KFPO, to facilitate acquiring crop calendars for horticulture crops and to enable technology support & weather Advisory to FPOs. Dr. A. Bhagwan, Registrar, Dr. A. Kiran Kumar, DH, Dr. M. Rajasekhar, DPGS and Dr. N. Seenivasan, COE, SKLTSHU have attended the meeting.