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16th All India Inter Agricultural Universities Sports & Games Meet (AGRIUNISPORTS) 2015-16



Sixteenth All India Inter Agricultural Universities Sports & Games Meet 2015-16 was conducted from 22nd to 26th February 2016 at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. A total of 56 State Agricultural Universities participated and marched with their respective University flag in the colourful opening ceremony. Mr.K.Ramalingam, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai and an alumnus of TNAU declared the 16th AGRIUNISPORTS 2015-16 open. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Presided over the function. Dr. S.Thilagar, Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai and Dr. M.Ravi, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Chennai and an alumnus of TNAU were the Guests of Honour. Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture) and Organizing Secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr. G.Raghavan, Deputy Director (Physical Education) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. Overall Championship for Games and Athletics (Men & Women) was won by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Miss. R.Sangeetha Piriya of III B.Sc (Agriculture) from TNAU main campus won the Individual Championship in Athletics for women. Miss. S.Shibani, II B.Sc (Agriculture) created Meet record in High jump event with a Performance of Clearing 1.61 Meters. Mr. S.Jaganathan, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Nashik City and an



alumnus of TNAU was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function held on 26th February 2016. Beside Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Dr. P.Vanangamudi, Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai and Dr. A.M. Moorthy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai also graced the occasion.

Business Meet to Promote Hexanal Technology



The Department of Nano Science & Technology organized a Business Meet for 2 days on February 29 and March 1, 2016, involving University of Guelph, Canada and the following Industries namely; Rallis, Coromandel and Adventz Group at the Agri-Business Directorate of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Dr. R. Murugesan, Director (Agri Business Development) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Gopi

Palyath, University of Guelph, Canada presented the overview of the progress made in the invention of Hexanal Formulation at the global level and its effects on extending shelf-life of temperate and tropical fruits. Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Principal Investigator of the Project on “Enhanced Preservation of Fruits using Nanotechnology” jointly funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada, under the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) highlighted the hexanal technology for fruits preservation. During the Business Meet, three progressive farmers namely Mr. Arun R. Nagarajan, President of Fruit Growers’ Association, Mr. A.P. Karuppiah, President, Banana Growers’ Association and Mr. M.C. Santhakumar, Lead Mango Grower from Krishnagiri, offered their feedback of the technology. The Company Representatives from Rallis, Coromandel and Adventz Group

suggested initiating efforts to get the registration of the compound from the competent authorities besides adding more fruit crops for testing, like: grapes, pomegranate and guava. Dr. G.J. Janavi, Professor and Head, Nano Science and Technology proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

International Women's Day Celebrated in TNAU



International Women's day celebration was held on 8-3-2016 at TNAU. Selvi. Subashini, NSS volunteer, TNAU, Welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Santhi, Director (ODL), TNAU, Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director of Crop Management, TNAU, Dr. A. Arulmozhi, Chief Civil Surgeon, TNAU Hospital and Ms. Annapoorani Ganesh Kumar, Branch Manager, SBI, TNAU Branch offered felicitations. The Chief Guest, Tmt. T. Uma, IFS, DFO, Thiruvanthapuram and alumnus of TNAU addressed the gathering indicating her life itself is a message for the students, hailing from a small village in Pattukkottai, and rose to a level of district forest officer with hard work. She further emphasized, besides achieving academic goals, balanced life is essential for happiness. Dr. S. Poongodi, Associate Professor, Govt. Arts College, Coimbatore indicated the need for decision making by women in adverse conditions. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore in his Presidential Address remembered eminent women like: Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy, Dr. Shantha of Adayar Institute and Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar from Tamil Nadu and stated decision making is characteristic of women and role models should be emulated to shoulder more responsibility in future. Selvi. Rini Alphonsia, NSS volunteer, TNAU proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

Events at ADAC & RI & HC & RI (W), Tiruchirapalli

"Muthamizh Vizha"



MuthamizhVizha highlighting the importance of the Classical Tamil language was jointly celebrated at ADAC & RI, and HC&RI (W), Trichy on 17th & 18th, March, 2016. The function was inaugurated by Kalaimamani Marabin Mainthan Thiru. M. Muthiah, Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean, ADAC & RI, Trichy presided over the function. Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean, HC & RI (W), Trichy offered felicitation. The two day event included inspirational programmes by the artistes from different walks of life and students themselves. Patimandram on the relevance of Mahabharatam to today's life was moderated by Thiru. Madhu, noted Tamil writer and Patimandram Speaker. Dr. Revathy Kirubhakaran acted as moderator for the debate programmes and delivered motivational talk to the student community. The noted Tamil lyricist Mr. Viveka enlightened the audience with his experience in writing poems and songs.

Guest Lecture on Opportunities in Banking Sector

A guest lecture on "Opportunities in Banking Sector" was delivered by Dr. L.S. Raman, Rtd. General Manager, UCO Bank, Chennai on 15.03.2016 at ADAC & RI, Trichy. He pointed out the multiple job opportunities and possibilities for farm graduates in the banking sector. The final B.Sc. (Ag.) and B.Sc. (Hort.) students participated in the meeting. Earlier, Dr. P. Pandiyarajan Dean, ADAC & RI, Trichy, presided over the function.

World Forestry Day

World Forestry day was celebrated on 21.3.2016 at ADAC & RI, Trichy. The NGO- Grow Great organized tree planting campaign in the campus and Mrs. Sangamitharai and Mr. A.Selvarasu delivered a lecture on environmental issues and importance of forest conservation. A documentary film was screened to the students to highlight the importance of forestry programmes in India

Workshop on Millet Processing



A one day workshop on Millet Processing was organized jointly with Department of Food and Agricultural Process Engineering, TNAU, Coimbatore at CEM, Athiyandal as part of Part II plan scheme on “Village Level Dehusking Machine for Millet Processing” for millet based farming communities on March 21, 2016 to benefit 100 farmers from different parts of Tamil Nadu. Awareness on millet cultivation, demonstration of millet mill and preparation of millet based recipes were covered. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. V. Ravi, Ph.D., Director, Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai and Dr. G. Prasad, Ph.D., Dean, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Vazhavachanur, besides key resource persons namely; Dr. M. Jayachandran, Professor and Head, CEM, Athiyandal, Dr. A. Nirmalakumari, Professor, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Dr. T. Pandiyarajan, Ph.D., Professor (FPE), Dr. M.K. Shivaa, Ph.D., Professor (Forestry) participated. This workshop created a platform for

dialogue between farming communities, researchers, NGO’s and entrepreneurs on millet cultivation and its role in food security.

Participation of Students in the Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions AGROFEST - 16



The students of the Institute of Agriculture, Aruppukottai participated in the Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions AGROFEST-16 held on 16.3.2016 at Gandhigram University, Dindigul. Ms.Sulochana second year student won the first prize in Essay Writing on the theme Pulses for Sustainable Future, first prize in Poster Presentation on the theme - Benefits of Pulses on Soil & Human Health and second prize in the - on the spot drawing competition. Ms. Maharani first year student won the second prize in As you like it dance competition. The runnerup cup was presented to the Institute of Agriculture, Aruppukottai in the overall competitions among the six college students of B.Sc. (Agri.) degree and Diploma in Agriculture programmes.

Events at Forest College & Research Institute, Mettupalayam

International Women’s Day

105th International Women’s Day with a theme “Planet 50 – 50 by 2030 Step it up for Gender Equality” was celebrated at Forest College & Research Institute, Mettupalayam on March 8, 2016 to empower women and honour their achievements. Mrs.K.Pradeepa IFS, CASFOS and Dr.K.Vishnu

Priya MBBS., BMDOG were invited as Chief Guests. Dr.K.K.Suresh, Ph.D., Dean, presided over the function. Dr. P.G.Kavitha, Assistant Professor (Nematology) welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.T. Parthiban Professor & Head (Agro forestry) gave the Presidential Address. Mrs.Pradeepa, IFS insisted on women empowerment and encouraged girl students to enter All India Services. She shared her experiences in her career and presented awards to women achievers in the events. Dr.Vishnupriya emphasized importance of women wellness and health care particularly during adolescence. The Chief Guests planted seedlings of zodiac tree species in remembrance of the day. Soono Bhanu proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.



participated. To provoke the innovative and creative young minds, drawing competition was conducted on the topic “Forest and wildlife” and prizes were distributed to the winners. Mass tree plantation campaign was conducted in the college premises. The Dean (Forestry) delivered a Special Address on the importance of tree growing. The Staff advisor Dr. A. Balasubramanian explained about the theme of International Forest Day 2016. A guest lecture on Forest statistics, conservation and its significance was given by Dr. K. Shankar, Director, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History.



World Forestry Day



World Forestry Day was celebrated on 21st of March, 2016. The theme for 2016 happen to be “FORESTS AND WATER”.FC & RI, Mettupalayam, invited the school students of 1st standard to 8th standard from Government primary school at Vellipalayam and Karattumedu, Government High School Oomapalyam, Mettupalayam Taluk and in all 100 students

CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP



A Career Planning Workshop-2016 “Map out your Career” was conducted on 22.03.2016 & 23.03.2016 at the Forest College & Research Institute, Mettupalayam for the benefit of the final year Forestry and Sericulture students.

