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ஊருக்கெல்லாம் உணவளிக்கும் உத்தம உழவர்களுக்கு
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TNAU Celebrates 70th Independence Day



Independence Day was celebrated at TNAU, Coimbatore campus on August 15, 2016. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day Address. He reiterated the need for progress in the positive direction for attaining food and nutritional security.

The Vice-Chancellor inspected the Independence Day Parade by NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers. Prizes were distributed for those who had excelled in competitions and also the blood donors. Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (i/c) (Agriculture) organized the function. The University Officers, Heads of Departments, Scientists, Staff and school children of TNAU campus participated in the celebrations.

Thirty Ninth Scientific Advisory Council Meeting



The 39th Scientific Advisory Council meeting was held on 20.08.2016 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Sirugamani, Tiruchirappalli district. The council meeting was inaugurated and presided over by Dr. K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. Srinath Dixit, from ICAR - Agricultural Technology Application and Research Institute (ATARI), Bengaluru, Dr. H. Philip, Director (*i/c*), Directorate of Extension Education, TNAU and Dr. V. Kumar, Principal Scientist, NRCB, Trichy also participated.

Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore addressed the problems of farmers and stressed the timely deliverance of technologies. The internet enabled touch screen computer information Kiosk to the public was unveiled on the occasion. More than 22 numbers including state government officials and farmers representatives attended and shared their views in the council meeting.

International Youth Day at AC & RI, Eachangkottai



The International Youth Day was celebrated on 12.08.2016 at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai. Dr. A. Vijaya kumar, Professor (Education) welcomed and Dr. K. Samiayyan, Dean (*i/c*), presided over the function. Dr. R. Rani Gurumorthy, M.D. (OG), DGO., Professor (Rtd.), Thanjavur Medical College and Hospital, Thanjavur delivered a lecture on HIV / AIDS awareness. The NSS volunteers formed the HIV red ribbon symbol, by standing in pairs to emphasize HIV / AIDS awareness. The NSS Programme Officer Dr. P. Sivakumar proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

Capacity building for IFS farmers under ICAR - SIIL programme



A training programme on “Integrated weed management” was organized at Regional Research Station, Paiyur at Marudheri village of Kaveripattinam block by AICRP - IFS sub centre under Strengthening Inter Institutional Linkage (SIIL) programme. Dr. P. Devasenapathy, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy, presided, Dr. S. Mohamed Jalaluddin, Professor and Head, Regional Research Station, Paiyur delivered the Special Address, Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Professor (Agronomy) of DWSR Sub Centre and Dr. K. R. Latha, Chief Agronomist, AICRP - IFS, participated as experts. A leaflet on integrated weed management technologies was distributed to the participants. More than 50 farmers participated. Dr. N. Tamilselvan, Professor of Agronomy welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Ayyadurai, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), RRS, Paiyur proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

Millets processing and value addition training at DARS, Chettinad



An one day training on “Millet processing and value addition” was conducted on 23.08.2016 at Dryland Agricultural Research Station, Chettinad, Sivagangai district organized by Department of Agriculture, Sakkottai Block, Sivagangai district under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) 2016-17 (Millet Mission). Dr. T. Myrtle Grace, Professor and Head, DARS, Chettinad presided over the function. Thiru. K. Subramanian, Union Chairman, Sakkottai delivered the Presidential Address, Thiru. S. Azhagappan, Deputy Director of Agriculture (GOI scheme) and Thiru.R. Manivannan, Deputy Director of Agriculture (State Scheme) delivered Special Address, Branch Manager (TIIC), Karaikudi explained about various loans available with respect to food processing and entrepreneurial development. Fifty participants from the Agriculture Department and progressive farmers from the district participated

Orientation programme for Farm Graduates



Orientation programme for Agricultural Farm students was held at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Kudumiyamalai on 30.08.2016, Presided by Dr. T. Senguttuvan, Dean (i/c), Agricultural College and Research Institute,

Kudumiyamalai. Thiru S.Ganesh, IAS, District Collector, Pudukkottai, the Chief Guest, delivered the Special Address and highlighted the importance of ward counseling a mentoring activity and unique in farm colleges and universities. Faculty and students participated. Dr. N. Anandaraja, Asst. Professor (Agrl. Extn.) welcomed the gathering. Mr. K.M.Shajahan, Additional Director of Agriculture (Retd.) and Mr. G. Ramamoorthy, Deputy Director of Agriculture, STAMIN, besides senior faculty members, facilitated. Dr. P. Rajendran, Asst. Professor (Forestry) and Academic Co-ordinator proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

Coconut root wilt awareness programme at CRS, Aliyarnagar



An awareness programme on “Management of Root wilt disease in Coconut” was organized jointly by Coconut Research Station, Aliyarnagar and Assistant Director of Agriculture, Pollachi (North & South) and Anaimalai block on 30.08.2016 at Ambarampalayam village in Pollachi (South) block in Coimbatore district. A total of 35 farmers participated. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Shoba, Professor & Head, CRS, Aliyarnagar. The major pests, including sucking pests and their management, varietal characters, INM practices and IDM strategies were dealt by technical staff at CRS, Aliyarnagar.

'Parthenium awareness week' 2016

'Parthenium awareness week' was observed between 16th and 22nd August 2016 at AICRP Weed Management Unit, Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. In this connection a series of programmes viz., Parthenium Quiz and Essay competition, Parthenium awareness



demonstrations and awareness meetings were conducted at Coimbatore, Vazhavachanur, Pollachi, Bhavanisagar, between with wide publicity about Parthenium, its ill effects and control. The events have been conducted between 16th August and 22nd August and on 1st September 2016 at various places of the University, schools and public utility areas to benefit students, faculty, Government officials, general public and farmers.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana (PMFBY)



In order to increase the knowledge on Insurance schemes to the farmers, a one day 'Fair' on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana was conducted on 06.08.2016 at Alangudi of Valangaiman block of Thiruvarur district by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Needamangalam and at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Papparapatty (04.08.2016). The gathering was welcomed by the Programme Co-ordinator Dr. P.S. Shanmugam. Officials from the Department of Agriculture, NABARD and the Lead Bank participated and spoke. The District Panchayat Committee Chairman Thiru. T. M. Nagarasan chaired the campaign and released the book on Millet Value Addition and a book - let on the *Pratan Mantri Fisal Bhima Yojana* (Prime Minister Crop

Insurance Scheme). A total of 650 farmers and 30 line department officials participated. Dr. K. Indhumathi, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. At Alangudi the Programme was inaugurated by Thiru R. Kamaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, presided by Dr. K. Gopal Hon'ble Member of Parliament, from Nagappatinam. Special Address was delivered by Mr. L. Nirmalraj, IAS, Collector, Thiruvarur. Dr. V. Ravi, Director (*i/c*), Tamil Nadu Research Institute, Aduthurai felicitated .

International Youth Day by NSS & RRC Volunteers



International Youth Day was celebrated at Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute and Horticultural College and Research Institute (Women), Trichy on 12th August, 2016 in which the National Service Scheme (NSS) and Red Ribbon Club (RRC) volunteers participated and took International Youth Day pledge and formed "Human Chain like Red Ribbon". NSS programme officer Dr.S.Rathika, welcomed the gathering. Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean (*i/c*), ADAC & RI inaugurated and presided. Mr .R.Selvakumar, District Supervisor, AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU) and Mrs.B.John Mary, Counselor, Government Primary Health Centre, Inamkuzhathur spoke. The Dean (*i/c*), HC & RI (W) Dr. D. Saraladevi, delivered a Special Address.

Tiranga March-Past by NSS Volunteers

A Tiranga (Tri Color - National Flag) March-Past was organized on 22nd August, 2016 by 250 NSS volunteers and staff at Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute and Horticultural College and Research Institute (Women), The Chief Guest, Lieutenant Dr.A.Rajendran, Associate NCC Officer, Nehru



Memorial College, Puthanampatti, Trichy, felicitated and spoke on act of nationalism, the history and significance of National Flag. Dr.S.Rathika, NSS Programme officer of ADAC & RI and Dr. G. Malathi, NSS programme officer of HC & RI(W) made arrangements for this programme.

Agri - Alumnus, ADGP visit to Nanotechnology Center in TNAU



Dr. C. Sylendrababu, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Coastal Security Group (CSG), Chennai, visited the Nanotechnology Center at TNAU on 4.8.2016. The ADGP was briefed about the achievements of the Center by Dr. G.J. Janavi, Professor & Head and Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Professor (SS & AC), also had interaction with the students and research faculty.

Visit of the Chairperson PPV & FR, Authority, New Delhi

Dr.R.R.Hanchinal, the Chairperson of Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV & FR) Authority, New Delhi visited the Department of Seed Science & Technology, Seed Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 13.08.2016 and discussed with the Special Officer (Seeds) and Professor and Head, Department of Seed Science and Technology, TNAU,



Coimbatore about the progress of DUS testing conducted in Rice and Sunflower

Japan officials visit Department of Medicinal & Aromatic Crops



A team of officials from *Dai-Nippon* Meiji Sugar Co.Ltd, Japan and National Medicinal Plants Board Member, Mr. P.S.S. Ganesan Somasankar, visited Department of Medicinal and Aromatic Crops on 19.8.2016. The team was taken for field visit to *Gymnema* germplasm block and had discussion on *Gymnema sylvestre* research programme along with Horticulture faculty members and also interacted with Dean (*i/c*) (Hort.) and Director of Research (*i/c*), TNAU, Coimbatore.

Indo Swiss Cassava Project scientists' visits TCRS, Yethapur



