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## 'Clean up India' - 2016 International Conference



An International Conference on “Contaminated site remediation – Clean Up India 2016” was inaugurated on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016. It was organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore jointly with CRC CARE and University of Newcastle, Australia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December with 500 delegates, from all over the world, followed by an International workshop on “Soil Health” & “Modelling tools for Groundwater” on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Dr. S.Mahimairaja, Dean (*i/c*) Agriculture and Conference Chair delivered the Welcome Address. Prof. Ravi Naidu, Global Chair, CRC CARE inaugurated and released the Conference Proceedings. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. S. V. Balasubramaniam, Chairman, Bannari Amman Groups launched the global CARE centre at TNAU and felicitated. Dr. K. Kumar, Special Officer, Natural Resource Management proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. Dr. A. Alagusundaram, DDG, Agricultural Engineering and Natural Resource Management, ICAR, New Delhi was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Function held on 15.12.2016. Dr. S. Avudainayagam, Organizing Secretary & Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Science proposed the formal Vote of Thanks

**Training on Establishment of Commercial Nursery and Vermi - Compost Technologies.**



An one day training programme on “Establishment of Commercial Nursery of Vegetable Crops and Vermi - Compost Technologies” was conducted on 28.11.2016 for the farmers and farm women of Trichy District at Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College & Research Institute, Trichy by the Farm Women Knowledge Centre of the institute. Dr. Malathy, Dr.Yasotha, Dr. Karthiba, Dr. G. Srinivasan and Dr. M.Maheswari of ADAC & RI, Trichy and Mr. Murugan, Horticultural Officer spoke. Dr. S. Geetha, Project Director, Farm Women Knowledge Centre, welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Professor (Agrl.Extn.) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

**‘Jai Kissan, Jai Vigyan’ Day Celebrations at TNAU**

**ADAC & RI, Trichy**



‘Jai Kissan, Jai Vigyan’ day was conducted for the school children at ADAC & RI, Trichy on 29.12.2016 and competitions were held on Elocution, Essay and Poem writing on Agriculture. The students of Annai Indra Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Vennakoil, Trichy participated. Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean (i/c), ADAC & RI, Trichy, presided and Dr. M. Manimekalai, Professor (Tamil) spoke. Prizes were distributed to the students, who won the competitions. Earlier Mr. Udayan, IV B.Sc. (Ag.) Student and Secretary, *Tamil Illakkia Mandara Peravai* welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Professor (Agrl.Extn.) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

**AC & RI, Eachangkottai**



At AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur ‘Jai Kissan Jai Vigyan’ week was celebrated from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2016, to celebrate the birth anniversary of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Late Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh, the former Prime Ministers of India who had contributed for the welfare of farmers. The programme was organised by Dr. K. Samiayyan, Dean (i/c), AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur and Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Professor (Education) from the institute.

**Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai**

Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai conducted the Technology Week ‘Jai Kissan Jai Vigyan’ at Errampatti village in Madurai district on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Dr. A. Janaki Rani, Assistant Professor welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean (i/c), (Home

Science) inaugurated and Dr. P. Vennila Professor and Head, Department of Home Science Extension spoke. An exhibition was organized by displaying various food products and value added products from millets, fruits and vegetables for the benefit of farming community and entrepreneurs. Competitions were held and prizes distributed to the winners. Farmers, Self Help Group Women and school children participated in the programme.



### KVK, Sirugamani



'Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan' technology week was organized at KVK, Sirugamani from December 23-29, 2016, for the benefit of the farmers, rural youth and students. The programme was inaugurated on 23.12.2016 at KVK, Sirugamani, Tiruchirapalli. Mushroom training was conducted on 26.12.2016 and 27.12.2016 at Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Kumalur, Lalgudi, Tiruchirappalli which was Presided by Dr. I. Muthuchamy, Dean (i/c), Agricultural Engineering College Research Institute, Kumalur, felicitated by Dr. R. Kavimani, Principal, Institute of Agriculture, Kumalur. Special Address was given by Food Safety Officer Mr. Alzhagupandiyan. Literary competitions like; quiz, debate and group discussion were conducted and the prizes were distributed. All India Radio, Tiruchirappalli recorded the interaction

of scientists with farmers and students on 29.12.2016 and broadcasted on 31.12.2016. The formal Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. R. Vijayalakshmi, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Sirugamani. A total of 260 students and 60 farmers from various parts of Tiruchirapalli District participated.

### 'Students Club' Inauguration



The Students Club for the year 2016-17 for the colleges; ADAC & RI and HC & RI (W) was inaugurated on 23.12.2016. Dr. C. Sekar, Staff Adviser (Agriculture), welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Jeeva, Staff Adviser (Horticulture), introduced the office bearers of the Students' Club. Mr. A. Kaliyamoorthy, IPS, former Superintendent of Police, delivered the inaugural speech. Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean (i/c), ADAC & RI and Dr. T. Saraladevi, Dean (i/c), HC & RI (W), Trichy, spoke. Mr. L. B. Mohapatra, Club Secretary presented the club activities and Miss. N.P. Yazhini, Joint Club Secretary proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

### Chewing Cane Awareness Programme at AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur



'Chewing cane awareness programme' was organised by NSS volunteers of AC & RI, Eachangkottai on 14.12.2016 at the Government Primary School, Karamanithoppu village. The programme was planned and organised by Dr. K. Samiayyan, Dean (i/c), AC & RI, Eachangkottai and Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Professor (Education). The NSS programme officer Dr. P. Sivakumar facilitated. Mrs. S. Tamil Devi, Head Mistress spoke on the oral hygiene, the dental problems and conducted the chewing cane awareness programme for the benefit of students. The programme was highly useful for the rural school students to know about the importance of chewing cane. The NSS Volunteer Selvi. S. Jayashri proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

### Inaugural function of Agricultural Input Center 'Uzhavar Ulagam'

The scientists of AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur participated in the inaugural function of Agricultural Input Center 'Uzhavar Ulagam' in Orathanad block of Thanjavur District on 28.12.2016, opened by Orathanad Farmer Producer Company Ltd. with an enrollment of 1000 farmers. On this occasion, officials from the development departments, NABARD, Conventional Universities and private companies participated. The importance of Farmer Producer Organizations was highlighted and awareness created in the programme.

### World Soil Health Day and Rabi Campaign at KVK, Tiruchirappalli

Rabi campaign and World Soil Health Day were celebrated at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani on 05.12.2016. Dr. R. Chandrasekaran, Professor and Head, SRS - KVK, Sirugamani welcomed the participants. The programme was inaugurated, by Dr. S. Uma, Director, National Research Centre for Banana, Tiruchirappalli. The Executive Engineer, Department of Agrl. Engineering, Trichy, Mr. Varadarajan highlighted the construction and maintenance of farm ponds and rain water harvesting structures in farm holdings. The exhibition stalls were inaugurated by Thiru. K. Saravanan, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Tiruchirappalli. Technical book lets and CD were released during the

function. Soil health cards were distributed to the farmers by Dr. N. Meyyalaghan, Professor and Head, Cotton Research Station, Vepanthattai and Dr. Jeyabaskaran, Principal Scientist (Soil Science) NRCB, Tiruchirappalli. The formal Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. M. Ravi, Assistant Professor (Agrl. Entomology), KVK, Sirugamani. About 526 farmers from different blocks of Tiruchirappalli District participated in the programme



### Training on 'Production technologies in Pulses'



A pulse production technology training was conducted on 14.12.2016 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani to the Extension functionaries in the Department of Agriculture, Tiruchirappalli district. The Welcome address was given by Dr. R. Chandrasekaran, Professor and Head, SRS - KVK, Sirugamani. The function was inaugurated by Thiru. Periyakaruppan, Joint Director of Agriculture, Tiruchirappalli. All the Subject Matter Specialists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani, and Tiruchirappalli spoke. Dr. R. Vijayalakshmi, the Programme Co-ordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani, proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. In this programme, 51 extension functionaries in the cadre of Assistant Director of Agriculture and Agricultural officers participated and benefitted.

## Promotional Programme on Value addition of Pulse based Foods



The Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai and NABARD have jointly organized a Promotional Program on “Value Addition of Pulse Based Foods” at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai on 16.12.2016 in commemoration of the International Pulse Year-2016.

Dr. S. Kanchana, Department of Food Science and Nutrition welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean (*i/c*), Home Science College and Research Institute, gave Inaugural Address. Dr. K.S. Mahesh, Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Madurai and Dr. N. Ragupathi, Dean (*i/c*), Agricultural College, Madurai delivered the Special Address. Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research (*i/c*), TNAU, Coimbatore in his Presidential Address highlighted the importance of pulse production and insisted the use of value added products from pulses to meet the protein requirements. He also highlighted the need to address issues related to pricing and marketing of pulses for the benefit of farming community and entrepreneurship activities.

Mr. De. Srinivasan, CEO, Vasmo Agri Nutri Product private limited, Chennai, Mr. V. Anbuezhian, Director, M/s Ram Meenakshi Firm., Madurai, Dr. S. Amutha, Professor and Head, Department of Human Development, HSC & RI, Madurai and Dr. B. Parthiban, Professor and Head, Agricultural Economics, AC & RI, Madurai spoke during the occasion. Farmers, Members of Self Help Groups, Farmers Producers Company, NGO's and Entrepreneurs participated. Dr. V. Meenakshi, Assistant Professor (FSN) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

## Programme on 'SPSS for Agricultural Research'



The Department of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and M/s SPSS South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru jointly organized a sensitization programme on “SPSS for Agricultural Research” to post graduate students and staff of TNAU on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at TNAU Coimbatore. Dr. Lalith Achoth, Professor and Head, Food and Dairy Business, Dairy Science College, KVAFS University, Bengaluru, delivered the Special Address. Dr. M.R. Duraisamy, Professor and Head, Dr. R. Gangai Selvi, Assistant Professor (Statistics) and Dr. P.G. Saravanan, Assistant Professor (Agrl. Statistics) of the Department organised the programme jointly with Dushyant Shivhare, Executive - Government Accounts (South), SPSS South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru. Dr. M.R. Duraisamy, welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Robin, Dean (*i/c*) (SPGS), Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research (*i/c*), Dr. C. Diwaker Durairaj, Dean (Engg.) (*i/c*) and Dr. M. Chinnadurai, Director (*i/c*) CARDS, TNAU, felicitated. Dr. P.G. Saravanan proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. Post Graduate students and staff of TNAU main campus participated in the sensitization programme.

## Award

Soil and Water Management Research Institute, Kattuthottam, Thanjavur received the Best AICRP – IFS Sub centre Award for better performance among twelve AICRP - IFS Sub centres during IV biennial workshop held, from 20-23, December 2016 at Sher - E - Kashmir

