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GREETINGS



**Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
Coimbatore**

**Extends warm greetings to the
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,
Dr. Selvi. J. Jayalalithaa**

on assuming the Chief Minister - ship for the sixth time on 23.05.2016



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Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu

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Second Annual Day Celebration at AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur



The Second Annual Day of Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur was organized on 21.04.2016. Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Professor (Education) Welcomed the gathering. Dr. R. Velazhahan, Warden presented the Annual Report pertaining to the academic year 2014-15. Dr. K. Samiayyan, Dean i/c delivered the Presidential Address and emphasized the ethics, morality and honesty among the Agricultural graduates who are the future architects of India. Dr. Sami. Subramanian, former Director, TNAU, Coimbatore distributed the medals and certificates to the students who have won in different sports and games and literary events. Dr. C.R. Ananda Kumar, Registrar, TNAU delivered the Chief Guest Address and felicitated the students and encouraged them to endeavour to achieve their goals. Dr. T. Dhamodaran, Professor (Agricultural Extension) proposed a

formal Vote of Thanks. Students performed various cultural programmes. Various sports events and students cultural programmes were Co-ordinated by the I and II year Co-ordinators, Dr. R. Raghu, Assistant Professor (Microbiology) and Dr. S. Arulselvi, Assistant Professor (PBG) of AC & RI, Eachangkottai.

Inauguration of Education Fair 2016 by Vice Chancellor, TNAU



Inaugurating the Education Fair 2016 on April 2, 2016 for the plus 2 students at Suguna Kalyana Mandapam in Coimbatore city, Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, called upon the plus 2 students to look at colleges and Universities as knowledge partners and wanted the institutes of higher learning to empower the students in their chosen field of interest. The Vice Chancellor exhorted the students to look for institutes that offered scholarship / stipend / study assistance so that they would be facilitated to take the decision they wanted to. He reiterated that the educational institutions have the major role in attracting youth, retaining and

empowering them in the right direction. "Creation of new knowledge is needed in education system" he stressed and said that good quality text books are the need of the day.

Ms. Malarvizhi, Chairperson, Sri Krishna Institutions, Ms. Thavamani D. Palaniswami, Managing Trustee, KMCH, Mr. P. Krishnakumar, Chief Education Officer and Secretary, Nehru Group of Institutions and the experts in various fields discussed the scope and facilities available in their institutes. Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University elaborately discussed about various courses offered at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and facilities available for students. He pointed out the immense scope available for farm graduates in India and abroad. Large number of Plus 2 students with parents attended the Career Fair.

Energy Conservation awareness Programme at TNAU



An awareness lecture on current scenario of energy sources like; Petroleum, Natural gas, Electricity and the measures to conserve them was organised by National Service Scheme volunteers of TNAU on 2-4-2016 at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Mr. N.R. Vaideeswaran, External faculty member, Petroleum Conservation Research Association briefed the gathering on the measures to save the petrol and diesel in vehicles, LPG in domestic use, electricity at home and college premises.

Students were provided with pamphlet on energy saving tips for domestic uses, farm and vehicle and electrical appliances. More than 100

students of 1st B.Sc (Agriculture) participated in the awareness programme. Selvan. S. Krishnamoorthy welcomed the gathering and Selvi. S.V. Dharini, NSS volunteer proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. Student Representative V. Hadil Mon and Dr. M.R. Latha, NSS Programme Officer organised the lecture.

Events at Forest College & Research Institute, Mettupalayam

"Club and Hostel Day Celebration"



The Club and Hostel Day of Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam was celebrated on 26th April 2016. Thiru. R. S. Prasanth I.F.S., Director, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore was the Chief Guest and Dr. K.K.Suresh, Dean, FC & RI presided over the function. Mr.Rajkumar Duraimurugan, Chairman and Executive Director of R.J. Winsys Technologies Pvt. Ltd., who is an alumnus of the Institute was the Special Guest. Dr. A. Balasubramanian Staff Advisor welcomed the gathering. Mr. R. Duraibabu, Mess Secretary Presented mess and hostel report 2016. Mr.R.JinoBlessil, Club Secretary, presented the Club Report 2016.

Sport's Day Celebration

The Annual Sports Meet was conducted on 25th, April 2016 at Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam. Dr.K.K.Suresh, Dean, presided over the function. Dr. A. Balasubramanian, Staff Advisor, welcomed the gathering Mr.K.S.



Dinesh, Sports Secretary presented the Annual Sports Report 2016. Dr.T. Radhakrishnan, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai delivered the Chief Guest Address and distributed the prizes to the winners of various games and events of Annual Sports Meet 2016 and Inter College Tournament conducted by Forest College and Research Institute as part of the Silver Jubilee celebration. Dr.J.P.Desiga Srinivasan, Assistant Director of physical education delivered formal Vote of Thanks.

Muthamizhvizha



Muthamizhvizha was conducted in Forest College and Research Institute on 1st April, 2016. It was organized by the Kamban Tamil Ilakiya Mandram, Dramatic Cub and Debating Club as part of Students' Club of 2016. The Inaugural Ceremony started with the Welcome Address by Dr.A.Balasubramanian, Staff Advisor. Dr.K.K.Suresh, Dean(Forestry) Presided. The celebration was inaugurated by "Sinthanaikavingar Dr.Kavidasan". In his Chief Guest Address, he narrated the influence of Tamil as a language with scientific base under various sectors. Mr.G.Athilingam (Secretary), Kamban Tamil Ilakiya Mandram delivered a formal Vote of Thanks.

NSS Special Camp By The Volunteers of HC & RI (W), Trichy at Navalur Village



Horticultural College and Research Institute for Women, Trichy conducted a NSS Special Camp at Navalur Village of Manigandam Block in Trichy District, from 24.05.2016 to 30.05.2016. Dr. S. Jeeva, Professor (Horticulture) and Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (i/c) inaugurated the camp and delivered the Inaugural Address emphasizing the importance of

services to humanity and also briefed about various new technologies like protrait vegetable seedling production, precision farming technologies in vegetable cultivation and roof gardening for improving sustainable income and encouraging villagers people to go in for organic farming. Dr.Hari. Vijayaraghavan, Professor (Crop Physiology) and Dr.N.Natarajan, Professor (Seed Science and Technology) felicitated. They emphasized the global warming and its effect on agriculture and the importance of growing trees and seed storage technologies. During the Special Camp, various activities like village statistics collection, awareness on bank services, central and state government schemes for farmers, blood and organ donation, global warming, crime against women and children, ill effects of excessive usage of chemical pesticides, environmental protection were conducted for the benefit of village people. Rallies were conducted by the NSS volunteers on women education and female infanticide, environmental protection, rain water harvesting, dengue and swine flu. Special talks on importance of sports and games for children, disease preventive measures, women health, causes and remedial measures for diabetes and blood pressure were arranged. Clean India programme was organized at school and temple premises, were cleaned and polythene eradication programme was also done by the NSS Volunteers. Demonstrations were conducted on different techniques such as; seed treatment, roof of the gardening, soil sampling and mushroom cultivation. Free veterinary camp, free medical camp and free eye camp were organized for the welfare of the village people. Free legal aid camp was also organized inviting the District Legal Services Authority of Trichy. Tree planting program was arranged and Mrs.A.Geetha, Secretary / Sub Judge, District Legal Services Authority, Trichy participated as the Chief Guest for tree planting programme along with Advocates Mrs.P.Shanthi and Mr.Navaneethakrishnan. NSS volunteers performed many cultural programmes such as drama on blood donation, village cleanliness, diabetes, earth quake. A documentary film on environmental protection was shown to the rural people. In the Valedictory Function, prizes were distributed to the school children who won in sports and other competitions. Selvi. S.Suveha, NSS volunteer proposed a formal vote of thanks. The entire special camp programme was organized by

the NSS Programme Officer, Dr.G.Malathi, Assistant Professor (Hort.) with the help of the NSS representative Selvi. M.Premalatha.

Award to TNAU Scientists



'Best Team Researcher Award' was conferred on the TNAU Scientists for the development of Cumbu Napier hybrid CO (BN) 5 by Hatsun Agro Product Ltd., Chennai, in a farmers meeting held at T.G. Pudur, Periyanaickanpalayam, Coimbatore, on 15.04.2016 as it contributed to the up-liftment of dairy farming in terms of fodder yield, animal health status and farm income. Dr.K.Ganesamurthy, Director, Center for Plant Breeding and Genetics, TNAU, Coimbatore - the Chief Guest of the function appreciated the scientists. A Certificate and a Memento were given by Dr. John Neizen, Animal Nutritionist, Hatsun Agro Product Ltd., Chennai.

Award to TNAU NSS Officer



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A state level Tamil Essay competition for teachers on the theme “Noyyal Nam Uyir” was organised by Dinamalar Daily Newspaper to motivate the teachers to express their views on past history of Noyyal River, current status and rejuvenation techniques. Dr.M.R.Latha, Assistant Professor (Soil Science) and NSS Programme Officer, TNAU bagged the first prize in the competition among more than 80 participants. In a function organised at the office of Siruthuli, NGO on water conservation on 12.05.2016, she received the trophy, a certificate and Rs.10,000/- cash prize from Mrs.Vanitha Mohan, Managing Trustee, Siruthuli. Mr.C.R.Swaminathan, President, Noyyal Restoration Federation and Mr.Ayyappan, Marketing Manager, Dinamalar. Mr.Selvakumar, Chief Editor, Dinamalar applauded the prize winner

National level Best Exhibit Award to the Department of Fruit Crops, HC & RI, Periyakulam

National Exhibition on “Fruit wealth - An Indian Perspective” 2016 was organized by Indian

Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru during the National Conference on “Fruit Breeding in Tropics and Sub-tropics” from 27th April to 29th April 2016. During this occasion, the Department of Fruit Crops, HC & RI, Periyakulam exhibited more than 70 mango germplasm and 40 commercially important and underexploited fruits. For the outstanding exhibits, the Department of Fruit Crops received the National level Best Exhibit Award.



Important Visitors

➤ Dr. Takato Koba, Chiba University, Japan visited TNAU during May 1-4, 2016. He delivered lectures to benefit the faculty and students on his work in plant cytogenetics and breeding. He had discussions with the scientists of the Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Faculty of Horticulture, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Bio technology and Nano- Technology. Dr. Takato Koba had discussions with the Director, Planning and Monitoring, Deans (Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, PG Studies, Forestry) and Director (Students’ Welfare) on Education and Student Exchange aspects.

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