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ALUMNI MEET



Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College & Research Institute, Alumni meet and Entrance arch opening ceremony was held on 8.10.2016 at Tiruchirapalli. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, declared open the newly constructed college entrance arch with alumni, students and staff of ADAC & RI & HC & RI (W) and also delivered the Key Note Address. Dr. M. Periyasami, IRS, Deputy Director (Revenue Intelligence), Bengaluru and alumnus of this college welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean, (i/c) ADAC & RI, Tiruchirapalli delivered the Presidential Address and Dr. Sarala Devi, Dean, HC & RI (W), Tiruchirapalli delivered the Special Address. Mr. R. Vijayalayan, Director NR IAS academy and alumnus of this college proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

'Youth Awakening Day' at ADAC & RI Trichy



NSS volunteers of ADAC & RI, Tiruchirapalli celebrated the "Youth Awakening Day" on 15th and 17th October, coinciding with the 85th Birth Anniversary of Former President Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam. Dr.C.Sekar, Students Staff Advisor welcomed, Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean (i/c), ADAC & RI inaugurated and delivered the Special Address. The students displayed portraits of the late President Dr.APJ. Abdul Kalam and placards of his visions. The NSS Programme officer Dr. S. Rathika led the rally and also proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. More than 200 NSS volunteers participated in the "Youth Awakening Day rally".

Post Harvest Management of Food Grains



A Special Lecture was arranged by the Students' Club ADAC & RI, Tiruchirapalli on 19.10.2016 on post harvest management of food grains. Dr. Philip Sridhar, Professor (Entomology) welcomed, Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean (i/c), ADAC & RI, delivered the Inaugural Address and D. Saraladevi Dean (i/c), HC & RI (W) offered felicitation. Dr Paul from Agri - Food Canada delivered the Special Lecture on stored product pest management. He visited the plant protection

laboratory at ADAC & RI Tiruchirapalli and interacted with the scientists. Dr. C. Sekar, Professor & Head, Social Sciences and Staff Advisor, Students' Club proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

AICRP Monitoring team Maize



AICRP monitoring team of scientists Dr. J. Shekar, Entomologist, Dr. Ashok kumar, Agronomist and Dr. Meena shekhar, Pathologist, IIMR, New Delhi accompanied by Dr. R. Ravikesavan Professor (Maize), Department of Millets, TNAU visited Maize Research Station (MRS), Vagarai on 04.10.2016 to monitor the Breedings and Agronomy AICRP trails.

Field day at 'Kalvarayan' hills



A Field Day under Tribal sub plan programme (TSP) in AICRP (Sesame) was conducted on 27.10.2016 at Thazhvellar village, Kalvarayan hills. Dr.M.S.Aneesa Rani, Professor and Head, RRS, Vridhachalam presided. Fifteen tribal farmers actively participated. Dr.A. Karthikeyan, Professor (Plant Pathology), Dr.C.Harisudan, Asst. Professor (Agronomy), Dr.T.Ezhilarasi Asst. Professor (Plant Breeding & Genetics) and Dr. P. Mahalakshmi, Asst. Professor (Plant Pathology) and Mr. Sakthivel, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Kalvarayan hills spoke. The tribal progressive farmer Thiru.Theerthamalai proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

Capacity Building for adoption programme on Mushroom Production



NABARD sponsored three days CAT programme on Mushroom Production and Value Addition for Livelihood of Rural Farm Women was conducted by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vamban colony, Pudukkottai from 25.10.2016 to 27.10.2016. Twenty beneficiaries from Annavasal, Karambakudi, Tiruvarankulam, Arimalam, Pudukkottai and Ponnamaravathi blocks of Pudukkottai district who are members of NABARD farmers' club participated.

Dr. R.Manimekalai, Programme co-ordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pudukkottai, welcomed the gathering, Th.S.Somasundaram, District Development Manager, NABARD, Pudukkottai, inaugurated. Dr.R.P.Gnanamalar, Professor and Head, National Pulses and Research Centre and Krishi Vigyan Kendra delivered the Presidential Address, Dr. G. Prabukumar Assistant Professor (Agronomy), Dr.S.Mathiyazhagan, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology), the Training Co-ordinator and Dr. K. Geetha Assistant Professor (Food science) took the trainees to NAGA mushroom unit, Seethapatti village of Annavasal Block, Ilupur Taluk of Pudukkottai district.

A Training manual on "Edible Mushroom cultivation" was released and given to the trainees by the District Development Manager, NABARD, Pudukkottai. Certificates were also distributed to the trainees in the Valedictory Session.

"Field Day" to popularize CUMBU COMPOSITE CO 10



Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Department of Agriculture had jointly organized a field day on 20th October, 2016 at Paradapattu village of Villupuram district to popularize the newly released Cumbu Composite CO 10 variety. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. M. Maheshwaran, Director of Research (*i/c*). Dr. Sheeba, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Tindivanam welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Ganesa moorthy, Director (*i/c*), (CPBG), Mr. Ramalingam, Joint Director of Agriculture, Villupuram and Dr. R. Vaidhyathan, Professor and Head, ORS, Tindivanam spoke. Dr. P. Sumathi, Professor and Head, Department of Millets spelt out the features of the variety. Scientists from ORS and KVK, Tindivanam, Department of Millets, TNAU, Coimbatore and Department of Agriculture, Villupuram participated in the programme.

Lemon garden at AEC & RI, Kumulur



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As part of NSS program at Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute (AEC & RI) Kumulur, the lemon garden was inaugurated by Dr. I. Muthusamy Dean (*i/c*) of the college at Boys hostel on 03.10.2016. The NSS program officer Dr. P. Dhananchezhiyan made the arrangements. The I and II year B.Tech (Agrl. Engg.) NSS volunteers cleaned the barren land of 50 cents, nearer to the boys hostel and lemon saplings were planted.

NSS Day Celebrated in TNAU



The National Service Scheme of TNAU in association with Ramasamy Chinnammal Trust, Vadavalli, Coimbatore organized an awareness programme on diet, nutrition and health on 01.10.2016. Inaugurated by Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (*i/c*), AC & RI, Coimbatore. 700 NSS volunteers and NSS officers participated. NSS representatives Miss. Arunodhaya welcomed the gathering and Mr. Hadil Mon proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. Dr. Saraswathi Eswaran, former Professor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and at present, the secretary of the trust, Mrs. Rajalakshmi, Dietitian and nutritional consultant explained the importance of millets in providing nutrition. The programme arrangements were made by the NSS officer Dr. M.R. Latha, Asst. Professor (SS & AC), TNAU.

Distribution of Herbal Concoction

An awareness programme on prevention of common flu and winter illness for the health benefits of students and faculty was organized at Anbil Dharmalingam Agriculture College and Research Institute (ADAC & RI) and Horticulture College and Research Institute (HC & RI (W) on 25.10.2016 by the

healthcare unit in collaboration with the Primary Health Centre Enamkulathur. The herbal concoction (Nilavembu Kudineer Kasayam) was distributed to the students, staff and labourers. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean (*i/c*), ADAC & RI and Dr. D. Saraladevi Dean (*i/c*), HC & RI(W). About 750 members of the institute participated in the programme.



Swatch Bharat - Campus cleaning drive at TNAU

AC & RI, Madurai



SRS, Sirugamani



To emphasise the need and importance of cleanliness and as a measure of social responsibility among public, staff and students, “Swatch Bharat Abhiyan” parallelly termed ‘Clean India Mission Campaign’ was organized as part of Swacchta Pakhwada (Swatch Bharat) at Krishi Vigyan Kendras in TNAU.

Sugarcane Research Station and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani headed by Dr.R.Chandrasekaran, Professor and Head, conducted the programme in Kavalkaranpalayam, Sirugamani, Kumulur, Thayanoor, and Andanallur villages from 16.10.2016 to 31.10.2016, wherein 519 people participated.

The Home Science College and Research Institute (HSC&RI), Madurai carried out Awareness campaign (06.10.2016), Elocution and Essay writing competition (07.10.2016), Global Hand Washing Day (17.10.2016) and tree planting in one of the adopted village (Kondayampatti) on 21.10.2016 .

Cleaning Drive was taken up at HSC & RI, Madurai Campus on 11.11.2016, as part of the Swatch Bharat - Clean India Mission. The Dean, staff and students took the Swatch Pledge to keep the campus and office premises clean and to spread the message of Swatch Bharat Mission.

APC visit to Nanotechnology Center



Shri. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Agricultural Production Commissioner (APC) and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, visited the Department of Nano Science & Technology (NST) at TNAU on October 6, 2016 accompanied by the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director of Research and Special Officer (DNRM),

TNAU. Dr. G.J. Janavi, Professor & Head (NST) briefly explained the activities and Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Professor, Dept of Nano Sci. & Technology highlighted the emerging nano-based processes and products. The APC interacted with PG students, researchers and faculty members.

Field Day on Use of Bio-Pesticides to control Nematodes



Field Day was conducted on 24th October 2016 at tube rose farm, Varathampalayam village, Sathyamangalam on use of bio - pesticides to manage nematode problem. Dr. K. Poornima, AICRP scheme in-charge, Dr. M. Sivakumar, Professor and AICRP scientists Dr. P. Kalaiarasan and Dr.N.Swarnakumari participated in the programme and conducted demonstrations and interacted with the famers. Ten final B.Sc (Ag.) students undergoing Rural Agricultural Works Experience (RAWE) programme in the same village also participated along with thirty farmers.

Training Tribal Farmers on Nematode Management



