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## Winter School on “Recent trends in seed production, post harvest handling and value addition techniques for effective seed supply chain”



An ICAR Winter School titled “Recent trends in seed production, post harvest handling and value addition techniques for effective seed supply chain” was conducted for 21 days from 14<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October at Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr.P.Selvaraju, Special Officer (Seeds), was the Course Director which was attended by 25 scientists from various parts of the country. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice - Chancellor, TNAU inaugurated, Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University felicitated. A training manual was released on the occasion. The Valedictory Function was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research (i/c), delivered the Valedictory Address.

## The World Food Day 2016



The World Food Day 2016 was celebrated on 21.09.2016 at Kondayampatti village of Alanganallur Block by Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai on the theme “Climate is changing, Food and Agriculture must too”. Dr. S. Kanchana, Professor and Head, Department of Food Science and Nutrition welcomed the gathering, Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean(*i/c*), HSC & RI, Madurai delivered the Presidential Address, Dr. V. Suganya, Chief Dietitian, Apollo Specialty Hospitals, Madurai was the Chief Guest, Thiru. S. Murugan, Head Master, Kondayampatti Government Higher Secondary School, Alanganallur felicitated. Prizes were distributed. Dr. P. Parimalam, Professor and Head, Department of Family Resource Management proposed a formal Vote of Thanks

## Short course on “Recent Advances in Applied Crop Physiology”



The Department of Crop Physiology, TNAU, Coimbatore organized a training programme on “Recent Advances in Applied Crop Physiology” sponsored by ICAR, New Delhi from September 14 to 23, 2016 attended by 20 participants from

different parts of the country for ten days. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Professor and Head cum the Course Director welcomed, Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director (*i/c*) of Crop Management and Dr. B. J. Pandian, Director (*i/c*) of Water Technology Centre, felicitated. Dr. T. G. Prasad, Emeritus Scientist, delivered the Key Note Address and Dr. A. Senthil, Assistant Professor, proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. The course covered important areas such as; nutri - physiology, plant growth regulators, post harvest physiology and stress physiology. Certificates were issued to participants on successful completion of the training course on 23.09.2016.

## Field Day on Soil Test and Yield Target based Balanced Fertilisation for Crops



A Field Day cum Training Programme on “Soil test and Yield Target based Balanced Fertilisation for Crops” was organised on September 23, 2016 under Tribal Sub Plan of AICRP - STCR at Porupparu, Udumalpet block, Tiruppur district. The participants of the programme visited the field demonstrations on STCR-IPNS technology on maize. Dr. K. Arumozhiselvan, Professor and Head (SS&AC) welcomed, Dr. K. Kumar, Special Officer, Directorate of Natural Resource Management gave Presidential Address, Dr. R. Santhi, Professor (SS & AC) and Dr. K. Sethuraman, Professor and Head, MRS, Vagarai, Thiru. M. Venkatachalam, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Dr. B. Elangovan, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Udumalpet block and Dr. S. Maragatham, Assistant Professor (SS&AC) spoke. Hands on training was given by Dr.K.M.Sellamuthu, Assistant Professor (SS&AC) who also proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

## Regional Research Advisory Committee Meeting on Sericulture



The second Regional Research Advisory Committee (RRAC) Meeting organized by Regional Sericultural Research Station (RSRS) Salem of the Central Silk Board (CSB) was held for two days (22.09.2016 to 23.09.2016) at Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam under the Chairmanship Dr. S. V. Krishnamoorthy, former Professor and Head (Department of Sericulture) and Dr. S. V. Siva Prasad, Director CSR&TI, Mysore, who reviewed the Sericulture projects by the scientists belonging to various CSB-nested units (Salem, Trichy, Avinashi, Vaniyambadi, Srivilliputhur, Udumalpet, Samayanallur, Krishnagiri, Gobichettipalayam, Berigai and Pallakad).

## Farmers' Interactive Workshop on Mango



The Department of Nano Science and Technology, Directorate of Natural Resource Management and Regional Research Station, Paiyur, jointly organized an one day Farmers' Interactive Workshop on September 30, 2016 with financial support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the International Development Research Center

(IDRC), Canada, at Krishnagiri - considered as the hub for mango production, processing and export.

Dr. Jayasankar Subramanian, Professor, University of Guelph, Canada, delivered the Inaugural Address; Dr. M.Jawaharlal, Dean(i/c), Horticultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore and Dr. K. Kumar, Special Officer, Directorate of Natural Resource Management, TNAU, offered felicitations; Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Principal Investigator of the project, Dr. G.J. Janavi, Professor and Head, Department of Nano Science and Technology, Mr. Vijaya Prakash, Program Co-ordinator, MYRADA, Thiru M.C. Santhakumar a Lead Mango Grower, Krishnagiri and Mrs. T. Gnanammal, President, Selliyammal Mango Growers' Association spoke. Six hundred members attended the workshop. Dr. Mohammed S. Jallaludin, Professor and Head, RRS, Paiyur, proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

## Agri Expo at VIT, Vellore



Tapioca and Castor Research Station, Yethapur, participated in an Agri Expo at VIT, on 3-4, September 2016. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Thiru S.A. Raman, I.A.S., Collector, Vellore district, Dr. G.Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT, Mr. G.V.Selvam, Vice President (VIT Vellore, Campus), Dr.S.Manickam, Professor and Head, TCRS, Yethapur and Dr. P. Kathirvelan, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) participated in the programme. Dignitaries of the programme distributed the planting material of Tapioca YTP 1 to the beneficiaries.

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## NSS Day Celebrated in TNAU



NSS day was celebrated at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 24.9.2016 and 700 NSS volunteers and NSS programme officers participated. Dr. C.R. Ananda Kumar, Registrar(*i/c*), TNAU, delivered Chief Guest Address and distributed the prizes to the winners. Dr. C. Divakar Durairaj, Dean(*i/c*), Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, felicitated. Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean(*i/c*), Agricultural College and Research Institute, Dr. S. Mohan, Special Officer, Publications and Public Relations, Dr. S. Robin, Dean(*i/c*), School of Post Graduate Studies and Dr. R.M.Vijayakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Fruit Crops, spoke on the occasion. Selvi. C. Iswarya, I B.Tech student welcomed and Selvi. M. Sadurthiyaa, II B.Tech student proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

## Orientation day for undergraduate students



The Orientation day for the first year undergraduate students of Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute and Horticultural College and Research institute for Women, Thiruchirapalli was conducted on 1.09.2016. Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Dean (*i/c*), ADAC &

RI, Thiruchirapalli delivered the Presidential Address, Dr. D. Saraladevi, Dean (*i/c*), HC & RI (W) gave Special Address Mr. V. Prasanna, Senior Divisional Operational Manager, Tiruchirapalli Division of was the Chief Guest delivered the Key Note Address. Dr. C. Sekar, Staff Advisor welcomed the gathering and Mr. A. Murugan, student representative proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

## Nutrition Week Celebration



Home Science College and Research institute, Madurai conducted the Nutrition Week celebration on 6.9.2016 in commemoration of Nutrition Week (September 1 to 7, 2016) at Kancharampettai village of Madurai District, participated by 150 people. Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean(*i/c*), Home Science College and Research institute, Madurai, inaugurated. Mr. G.Gandhi Nalamani, Correspondent of Sri Ram Nalamani Yadava Middle School gave Special Address and Heads of Departments of the HSC & RI spoke on the occasion. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the competitions held. Miss.S.Kousalya, final BSc., (Home Science) student proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

## Pack house Technology



The Department of Nano Science and Technology and the Department of Fruit Crops, Horticultural College and Research Institute,

Periyakulam, organized a one day Pack house Workshop on September 24, 2016 at Periyakulam in Theni District: the hub of horticultural crop production and trade. The traders and exporters from nine southern districts of Tamil Nadu participated. The project is funded jointly by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada, under the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSFRF). Dr. G.J. Janavi, Professor and Head, Department of Nano Science and Technology, welcomed; Dr. Jayasankar Subramanian, Professor, University of Guelph, Canada; Dr. Gopi Paliyath from University of Guelph, Canada; Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Principal Investigator of the project and Thiru K.J. Kishore Kumar, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Theni District, spoke. Dr. T.N. Balamohan, Dean (*i/c*), Horticulture College and Research Institute, Periyakulam and Dr. K. Kumar, Special Officer (DNRM), offered felicitations. The Workshop was concluded with the Valedictory Address by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

### General Health Awareness and Medical Camp at TNAU



A general health awareness and medical camp was organized at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 17.09.2016 and 18.09.2016 by Tamil Nadu Battalion NCC jointly with Kongunadu Kidney Centre, Kongunadu Hospital and Vaasan Eye Care, Coimbatore for the students, staff and pensioners of TNAU. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore inaugurated and Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agri) (*i/c*), addressed the gathering. Dr. S. Uthamasamy, President, TNAU Pensioners Association felicitated. Dr. P. Raju, Managing Director, Kongunadu Hospitals and Dr. A. Prabakar, Managing Director, Kongunadu Kidney Centre, Coimbatore spoke. Lieutenant

Dr. K.M. Sellamuthu, NCC Officer welcomed and Captain Dr. S. Manonmani, proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

### National Seminar on Functional Foods at HSC & RI, Madurai



National Seminar on “Functional Foods to Achieve Nutrition and Health Security” was jointly organized by HSC&RI, TNAU, Madurai and IICPT, Thanjavur on 19.09.2016 at Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, inaugurated. Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, IICPT, Thanjavur delivered the Key Note Address. Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean (*i/c*), HSC&RI, Madurai, Dr. I. Muthuchamy, Dean (*i/c*), AC&RI, Madurai and Dr. Susheela Thirumaran, Former Dean, HSC & RI, Madurai and Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore felicitated. Dr. S. Kanchana, Professor and Head (FSN) and Convenor welcomed and Dr. R. Jagan Mohan, Professor and Head (FPD & IC), IICPT, Thanjavur proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar and Acting Vice - Chancellor, TNFU, Nagapattinam spoke on functional foods during the Valedictory function. More than 250 scientists and students participated.

### Mega traditional food mela' at Kudumiyamalai

A Mega traditional food mela was organized jointly by the NSS Unit of Agricultural College and Research Institute, Kudumiyamalai and Rosh Foundation (NGO) at Pudukkottai on 10.09.2016. Dr. M. Bharathi, Professor (Biotechnology) and Mr. Athappan from Rose Foundation presided. Dr. A. Veeramani, Staff Advisor welcomed the gathering and Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi, NSS Programme Officer, proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

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