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Seminar on “Cultivation of Turmeric and Loose flowers”



The Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, TNAU, Coimbatore, in collaboration with State Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops organized seminar on “Cultivation of Turmeric and Loose flowers” on 31.08.2017 and 01.09.2017 under MIDH - NHM programme. Thiru. L. Perumal, Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore District, Thiru. G. Mohanraj Samuvel, Deputy Director of Agriculture and Personal Assistant (Agri.) to District Collector, Coimbatore offered felicitations. Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (Hort.) delivered Special Address. The officers from State Department of Horticulture and Agriculture and 200 farmers from Coimbatore district participated. A demonstration on jasmine flower concrete extraction was conducted. Dr. M. Kannan, Professor and Head (Floriculture), Dr. M. Prabhu, Assistant Professor (Hort.) and Thiru. B. Ramesh, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Sarkar Samakulam Block co-ordinated the programme.

Training on Bio - gas Technology for Turnkey Workers



In order to encourage self-employment and skill development, the Bio-gas Development and Training Centre (BDTC), Department of Bioenergy, AEC & RI, TNAU, organized Turnkey workers training from 06.09.2017 to 23.09.2017 & 11.09.2017 to 26.09.2017. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, New Delhi sponsored the training. Forty participants comprising farmers and unemployed graduates from different districts of Tamil Nadu attended. Lectures were delivered on biogas technology, its construction, feedstock materials to be used and process involved in biogas production, marketing, financial management and utilization of slurry obtained from biogas plants for further economical use. Field visits were organized. Hands on training on installation and working of bio-gas plants was also conducted.

Director of Agriculture visited KVK, Needamangalam

Thiru.V. Dhakshinamurthy, I.A.S., Director of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu and Thiru. L. Nirmal Raj, I.A.S., District Collector, Thiruvavur, visited KVK Needamangalam on 08.09.2017. Dr. A. Baskaran, Programme Co-ordinator explained the KVK activities. Dr. R. Ramesh, SMS (Agrl. Entomology). Th. K. Mayilvaganan, JDA, Thiruvavur along with line Department officials participated in the demo on field performance of maize as an alternate crop cultivated during *Kuruvai* season under TNIAMP Scheme.



The Director of Agriculture also inaugurated the programme on transplanting of newly released medium duration paddy variety Co (R) 52 in KVK Needamangalam farm.

MoU Signed for "Rice Hybrid CO 4"



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 14.09.2017 between the Directorate of Agri Business Development, TNAU, Coimbatore and M/s. Dinkar Seeds Pvt. Limited, Gujarat State, for technology transfer of commercial production of "Rice Hybrid CO4" developed by Department of Rice, Center for Plant Breeding and Genetics, TNAU, Coimbatore.

"Swachhata Hi Seva" programme at KVKs



As a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission implementation, "Swachhata Hi Seva" (Cleanliness is Service) programme was conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vriddhachalam from 15.09.2017 to 02.10.2017. In the fortnight - long programme, activities like pledge taking, rally on use of toilets, cleaning of school premises, public place, tourist places *etc.* were taken up.



Similarly, Swachhata Hi Seva activities were carried at KVK, Vamban, Pudukkottai from 15.09.2017 to 23.09.2017. In a public function and award ceremony held on 27.09.2017 at KVK, the District Collector Thiru. S.Ganesh I.A.S., participated in taking pledge along with 45 farmers. The Swachhata Hi Seva - pledge was taken at Government Higher Secondary School, Thiruvarankuman, Pudukkottai on 22.09.2017 with 449 students.

Director, ATARI, Hyderabad visited KVK



Dr.Y.G.Prasad, Director, ATARI, Zone X and Dr. G.Rajender Reddy, Senior Scientist, ATARI, Hyderabad, accompanied by Dr. H.Philip, Director of Extension Education, TNAU, visited KVK, Needamangalam on 21.09.2017. Dr. A. Baskaran, Programme Co-ordinator presented the activities of the KVK. The team visited the NICRA village, Rayapuram in Needamangalam block. Thiru. Ramachandran, Treasurer, Village Climate Risk Management Committee under the NICRA programme explained the activities carried out in the village. Inputs like seeds of flood tolerant medium duration paddy variety Swarna sub-1 and *Pseudomonas fluorescence* were distributed to the farmers.

Staff training programme on "Renewable Energy Technology"



The staff training programme on "Renewable Energy Technology" was organized by Bio-gas Development and Training Centre (BDTC), Department of Bioenergy, AEC & RI, TNAU scheduled from 25.09.2017 to 28.09.2017 (4 days) for 40 members, sponsored by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, New Delhi. The participants were engineers from Agricultural Engineering Department, Scientists from KVK's and staff from Polytechnic Colleges of Tamil Nadu. Dr. S. Pugalendhi, Professor and Head *cum* Co-ordinator (BDTC), delivered welcome address. The Chief Guest Er. R. Mani, Chief Engineer, River Valley Project, Agricultural Engineering Department, Chennai delivered Inaugural address. Dr. C. Divaker Durairaj, Former Dean, AEC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore gave introductory remarks. Dr. S.V. Kottiswaran, Dean, AEC & RI, TNAU,

Coimbatore felicitated. Dr. H. Philip, Director (Extension Education), TNAU delivered Special Address. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr. K. Alagusundaram, DDG (Agrl.Engg), ICAR, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Dr. R. Mahendiran, Assistant Professor, Department of Bio-energy, TNAU, Coimbatore proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

Staff training programme on “Renewable Energy Technology”



A two-day Seminar on “Grain storage and Godown maintenance Technologies” was organized on 26.09.2017 & 27.09.2017, by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vamban, Pudukkottai in association with Central Warehousing Corporation, Thanjavur. Dr. M.R. Latha Programme Co-ordinator inaugurated. Thiru. S. Singaram, Deputy Director of Marketing, Pudukkottai, Dr. M. Kathiravan Assistant Professor (Seed Science & Technology), Thiru. M. Ramasundaram, the Warehouse Manager, Thanjavur and Thiru. G. Ramesh, Superintendent, delivered lectures on the losses in grain storage due to insects, rats and birds, factors affecting grain storage and safe storage of grains with pesticide

usage. An exposure visit to grain storage unit at Alangudi was arranged for the farmers. Thiru. S. Ganesh, I.A.S., the District Collector presided over the Valedictory Function held on 27.09.2017. Thiru. A.T. Sankar, Regional Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation, Chennai delivered Special Address and also distributed storage bins to 45 farmers who participated in the programme.

“NSS DAY” Celebrations



NSS Day was celebrated on 26.09.2017 at Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute, Trichy. Dr. S. Rathika, NSS Programme Officer, welcomed the participants. Dr. R. Sridar, Dean, inaugurated and delivered Presidential Address. Dr. P. Pandiyarajan, Professor (Agrl. Microbiology) delivered Special Address. Students actively participated in essay writing and drawing competitions besides in the debate on the topic “Youth contribution towards Social awareness”. NSS volunteer Miss. K. Haritharini proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. Three hundred NSS volunteers and staff members attended the programme.

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