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Field Day on ICM in Millets



Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Papparapatty in Dharmapuri district, organized a field day on 'Integrated crop management in millets' under TANII Millet project funded by SPC, Chennai at Chinnampalli village of Pennagaram block, on 19.07.2018. Dr.P.S.Shanmugam, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK welcomed the gathering. Thiru. P.N.Vedananarayanan, I.A.S. Retd. and Former Commissioner of Vigilance, Chennai presided over the field day programme. Dr.H.Philip, Director of Extension Education highlighted the mandate and role of KVK in technology dissemination. Dr.K.Ramaraju, Director of Research spoke on the recent technologies for doubling farm yield and income of farmers. Special features and performance of TNAU released varieties were highlighted by Dr.K.Ganesamoorthy, Director (CPBG). Dr.Pandiyan, Dean, AC & RI, Eachangottai briefed on the management technologies for yield improvement in pulses. Prof. Dr.K.Ravikesavan, Department of millets spoke on technologies for yield maximization in millets. Thiru. Sankaranarayanan, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Pennagaram block and about 110 farmers participated in the programme.

Skill Development training to Gardeners



Training on 'Skilling of Gardeners' was imparted from 16.07.2018 to 24.07.2018 sponsored by Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) and Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency (TANHODA), Chennai at the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, HC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore. Nearly, 30 participants from 12 blocks of Coimbatore district participated in the programme. Inaugural function was held on 16.07.2018 at the conference hall of HC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore. Tmt.Vasanthi Gnanasekar, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Coimbatore welcomed the delegates. Dr. S. Subramanian, Professor and Head, Department of Floriculture and Landscaping gave the introductory remarks. Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (Horticulture), gave the Presidential address with a brief note on the scope of the training and highlighted the entrepreneurship to be taken up after completion of the training. He released the training manual and Dr.S.Padmapriya, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) and co-ordinator of the training programme proposed the vote of thanks.

Hattrick awards for CRS, Aliyarnagar



Coconut Research Station, Aliyar nagar bagged the Best Exhibition Stall Award in the Farmers' Day held during Feb. 9-10, 2018 at TNAU, Coimbatore, for exhibiting the products and research activities to the farming community. The award was presented by Thiru S.P.Velumani, Honourable Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu. On behalf of CRS, Aliyarnagar, Dr.K.Venkatesan, Professor & Head, and Dr.K.Rajamanickam, Professor (Agricultural Entomology), Coconut Research Station, Aliyarnagar received the award.



Coconut research station, Aliyar Nagar was conferred with the Best Research Station Award 2017 by TNAU for its excellent contribution towards coconut and groundnut research and extension services. The award was presented by Thiru. V. Iraianbu, IAS, Principal Secretary and Director, Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, on the 48th Foundation Day of TNAU

on 2nd July 2018. Dr. K.Venkatesan, Professor and Head, Coconut Research Station, Aliyarnagar received the award comprising of a memento and citation.



Dr.E.Rajeswari, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology), Coconut Research station Aliyarnagar was conferred with the Thiru. Nalla Venkatappa Award 2017 for the Best Research in Redgram. Thiru. V.Iraianbu, IAS, Principal Secretary EDII presented the award during the 48th Foundation Day held at TNAU, Coimbatore on 2nd July 2018.

AICRP on Floriculture - Annual Group meet



The XXVII Annual Group meet of the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Floriculture was conducted at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University from 27th - 29th July, 2018. The Group Meet was funded by the ICAR, New Delhi and jointly organized by the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, TNAU, Coimbatore and the Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pune. From all over India, 75 delegates including researchers, and officials from co-ordinating centers and progressive

farmers attended. The meet was inaugurated by Dr. T. Janakiram, ADG (HS-I), ICAR, New Delhi and presided by Dr. K. Ramaraju, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR, Pune presented the Project Co-ordinator's report and Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (Hort.), HC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore gave the keynote address. Dr. S. Subramanian, Professor and Head, Dept. of Floriculture and Landscaping proposed the vote of thanks.

An exclusive session on 'Interface with industry and farmers presided by Dr. K. Mahendran, Director (ABD), TNAU, Coimbatore was held on 29th July, with progressive flower growers of Coimbatore, Nilgiris and Krishnagiri Districts. The plenary session was held on 29th July followed by a field visit to an essential oil extraction industry at Mettupalayam.

Workshop on Soft skills for extension officials



A workshop on Soft skills for extension personnel was organised at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thiruvarur on 21.07.2018. Twenty one Extension officials from all the blocks of Thiruvarur district including Assistant Directors of Agriculture and Agricultural Officers participated in the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. A. Uthirapathy, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Koradacherry block. Dr. A. Baskaran, Programme Co-ordinator of the KVK highlighted the benefits of soft skills in enhancing the effectiveness of professional life. Dr. M. Ramasubramanian, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Extension) was the convener.

Health camp



A free health camp was organized on 16.07.2018 by Regional Research Station, Virudhachalam in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Puducherry and Supreme LION's club, Virudhachalam. Nearly, 350 labourers and staff of RRS and KVK, Virudhachalam participated. Dr. A. Mothilal, Professor and Head, inaugurated the Medical camp.

A team of 15 doctors and technicians which included physicians, gynecologists,

dermatologists, ortho and ENT specialists conducted the tests, provided consultation for general ailments and prescribed medicines at free of cost. LION. MJF. M. Agarchand Chouradia, Jain Jewellery, Virudhachalam was the Chief Guest.

Career guidance in Agriculture



Career guidance program was organized by Agricultural College and Research Institute, Kudumiyanmalai, Pudukottai on 16.07.2018. Dr. Thangavel, addressed the students on the employment opportunities in agriculture.

Important visitors

S. No.	Name and Designation of the visitor	Date	Purpose
1.	Dr. Dutta, National Consultant (Oilseeds), New Delhi	03.08.2018	To review the progress of Oilseeds and pulses seed hub
2.	Dr. B. K. Srivastava, Director i/c, Directorate of Oilseeds Development, Hyderabad	28.08.2018	To review the progress of Seed Hubs and CFLD-Pulses and Oilseeds

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