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## Best Performance centre award for Seed centre by AICRP on National Seed projects (Crops)



The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Group Meeting of the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on National Seed Projects (Crops) and 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Review Meeting of ICAR-Seed Project was held at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture & Research Institute, Karaikal from 09.05.2018 to 11.05.2018. The Seed Centre, TNAU bagged the Best Performance Centre Award for its research excellence in Seed Technology Research. Dr.P.Selvaraju, Special Officer (Seeds), received the award from Shri.R.Kamalakaran, Hon'ble Agricultural Minister of Puducherry. Also, Dr.S.K.Yadhava, Assistant Director General (Seeds), ICAR, Dr.P.K.Agarwal, Project Director, AICRP, NSP (Crops) and Dr.V.Kanthaswamy, Dean, PAJANCOA & RI besides Dr.V.Vakeswaran, Dr.N.Indra and Dr.R.Arulprakash, members of the award winning team, were present.

**Demonstration on 'Soil and water sampling'**



In Pagalmedu village, Ellapuram block training and demonstration was conducted on the importance of soil sampling techniques to the members of Agasthiar, Farmer Producer Company on 09.05.2018. The Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Tirur emphasized the importance of soil and water testing. Dr.Sivagnanam, TC (SS & AC), explained the grid method of soil sampling to the farmers. Pamphlets on the procedure for soil and water sample collection in various plant canopies were distributed. Around 40 farmers participated.

**World honey bee day**



Awareness campaign on Bee keeping was conducted on World Honey Bee day at Kilampakkam Village, Ekadu Block, Tiruvallur district on 20.05.2018. The farmers and youth of Tiruvallur district attended the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. Manimekalai, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tirur. A technical session and demonstration on Indian bee keeping method

was conducted by Dr. V.A.Vijayashanthi, Assistant Professor (Entomology). Farmers were exposed to a bee keeping unit established by a farmer at Kilampakkam village. A booklet on Bee keeping in Tamil was issued to all the participants. Dr. G. Sathish, AP (Horticulture) explained the role of bees in horticultural crops and on medicinal value of honey. Dr. C. Tamilselvi, AP (CRP) emphasized the importance of bee keeping in oilseed, pulse crops and demand for honey in export market. Thiru. R. Nithyananthan, Farmer explained on the practical techniques to be followed in rearing. Totally, 55 farmers and rural youth of Tiruvallur district participated.

**Entrepreneurial training on Production of dehydrated moringa**



On campus entrepreneurial training on 'Production of dehydrated moringa and their products' was conducted at KVK, Tirur on 31.05.2018. In Tiruvallur district, moringa is cultivated in more than 10 hectares with the production of 260 metric tonnes per year. The importance of value addition was emphasized by Dr.R.Rajasekaran, SMS (Agrl. Extn.). Dr.G.Sathish, SMS (Horticulture) elaborated on the cultivation techniques of

Moringa, Dr.P.Yogameenakshi, SMS(PBG) spoke on the nutritional value and value addition. Method demonstration on preparation of dehydrated moringa leaves, pods, moringa leaf powder and leaf dhal powder was given by Dr.A.Vijayashanthi, SMS (Entomology). Medicinal value of moringa and its utilization for cattle and goat were explained by Dr.Sabapathi, SMS (VAS). A booklet on Medicinal value and value addition in moringa was distributed to the participants. More than 25 farm women and rural youth participated.

**NSS Special camp at Vellamadai**



Inaugural function at Thottipalayam – 07.05.2018



Valedictory function at Primary School, Samanaickenpalayam – 13.05.2018

NSS volunteers of Under Graduate students of AC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore adapted hamlets viz., Vellamadai, Kalipalayam, Thottipalayam and Samanaickenpalayam in Annur Taluk, Coimbatore district and a NSS Special camp was organised for seven days from 07.05.2018 to 13.05.2018.

The NSS Special Camp was inaugurated by Dr. N.Varadharaju, Dean, AEC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore on 07.05.2018. The special camp

ended with the valedictory function presided by Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore on 13.05.2018 and felicitated by Dr.S.Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture), AC & RI, Coimbatore, Dr. N.Varadharaju, Dean (Agricultural Engineering), AEC & RI, Coimbatore, Dr.M.Subramanian, Professor (Education), HC&RI, Coimbatore and Dr.M.R.Backiyavathy, NSS Programme Co-ordinator.

**TNAU Placements 2018**



Directorate of Students Welfare, TNAU conducted the Annual Job fair on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. A total of 618 students, including UG and PG registered for the event. Twenty nine organisations participated in the event. The event was inaugurated by Dean, AC & RI, Coimbatore. Placement was confirmed to 130 students. The names of few firms which participated were Rasi Seeds, Jain Irrigation, Shriram Bio-Seed Genetics, Big Basket, T-Stanes, CVRS Educational Services, Samasta Finance, Sundaram Finance, Dhan Foundation, Tara Blooms, Texmo, Auraphyll Innoventures, HVL Pest Control, Perfura Technologies, Sri Sakthi Traders, WIMWI Foods, Scientific Testing Services, Apex Coco and Solar Energy, Ecorganic Farm, Woodbriar, JSS bio Success, Angel Starch and Food, Iyarkai Herbals, Dr.Mohans Health Care and Raj Shree Bio Solutions.

### Grama Swaraj Abhiyaan – Krishi Kalyan Karyasala



Krishi Kalyan Karyasala was organized in all the 14 blocks of Tiruvallur district on 02.05.2018. Agriculture and allied department officials and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tiruvallur conducted one day workshop on doubling farmers' income. Dr. R. Manimekalai, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tirur. Dr. P. Yogameekshi, SMS (PBG), Dr. G. Satish, SMS (Horticulture), Dr. C. Tamilselvi, SMS (CRP), Dr.V.A.Vijayashanthi SMS (Entomology) and Dr.S. Sivagnanam, TC (SS&AC) participated as resource persons in the above programme conducted at Pallipet, Poondi, Thiruvainagadu, Ekadu, Poonamalle, and Ellapuram blocks. Thiru. Narasimhan, Tiruvallur District Collector, Honorable MLA, Pallipet constituency felicitated. Officials of all the line departments participated. In the above six blocks around 740 farmers participated.

### Characterisation and creation of export avenue creation for Kavuni rice



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vamban organized a skill development in farm machinery usage, repair and maintenance along with technical support from Agricultural Engineering department, Pudukkottai on 11.05.2018 for Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs) and Rural Youth. Dr.K.C.Sivabalan, Training Assistant (Agrl. Extension) welcomed the gathering. The need for skill sets in agriculture was emphasized by Dr.M.R.Latha, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Vamban. Dr.P.Kamaraj, Asst. Professor (Farm machinery, AC & RI, Kudumiyamalai explained about the role of farm implements in enhancing agricultural productivity and reduction of production cost. Mr.D.Muthukumar, Junior Engineer Agrl. Engineering Department, Tamil Nadu Government elaborated on various schemes for farm machinery .Hands on training on tractor driving was given to the farmers. Around, 70 farmers participated in the training. Dr.G.Prabukumar, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) delivered the vote of thanks.

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