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One student one tree programme



A mass tree planting programme 'One student one tree program' was organized by Dean (Agriculture) in association with Dean (Horticulture) for the first year students of all the undergraduate degree programs in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, main campus on 03.09.2018. This programme aimed to plant one tree by each student during their first year and thereafter to be taken care of them till the completion of their degree program. A total of 1000 tree saplings were planted at various locations in the university premises. The program was inaugurated by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Dr. K. Ramasamy who planted the first tree followed by Dr. D. Sudhakar, Registrar, Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture) and Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (Horticulture).

Workshop on R statistical computing software

A workshop on “Quantitative farming systems typologies applications with 'R' statistical computing software” was jointly organized by ICAR – IIFSR – CIMMYT – TNAU at the Department of Agronomy, TNAU, Coimbatore during September 10th – 14th, 2018. Totally, 13 participants from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu attended. Mr. Luis Barba Escoto, System Analyst, CIMMYT, Mexico trained the participants on R statistical computing software.

Training on biogas technology

A training programme on Biogas technology for sustainable fuel and organic manure was organized by Biogas Development Training Centre (BDTC), Department of Bioenergy, AEC & RI, TNAU sponsored by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, New Delhi. The training Programme was organized

for 4 days from 17.09.2018. Scientists from various KVK and staff from affiliated Colleges of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University participated. Dr. S. Pugalendhi, Professor and Head / Co-ordinator (BDTC), welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Varadharaju, Dean i/c, AEC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore, in his presidential address focused on the need for alternative fuels to produce energy. The special address was delivered by Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education, TNAU.

Field day on seed production technology in green manure crops

The Directorate of Seeds, TNAU, Coimbatore with funding from Indian Institute of Seed Science (ICAR) under National Seed Project (Crops) organized a field day on Demonstration of seed production technology in green manure crops on 14.09.2018 to the Coimbatore district farmers. Dr.R.Jerlin, Professor and Head, Department of Seed Science and Technology welcomed the gathering. Dr.P.Selvaraju, Director, Seed Centre in his special address expressed the need and importance of adopting advanced technologies for production of quality seeds. In the field day, technologies on seed production and protection were delivered by scientists for getting increased seed yield in green manure crops. Totally, 100 farmers participated.

IFAD, Rome team visit to TNAU



A team from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Rome, Italy with Mr. Enrico Mazzoli, Economist, Asia and the Pacific Region Division and Mr. Jeevan Prakash Mohanty, IFAD, New Delhi, visited the Department of Food Process Engineering, AEC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore on 31.08.2018 and 01.09.2018.



Dr. K. Alagusundaram, DDG (Agricultural Engineering), New Delhi officiated an interaction session with farmers and entrepreneurs. Demonstration of turmeric processing machineries and interaction with farmers was organized by Dr. S. Ganapathy, Professor and Head and his team of scientists at Kalipalayam village during the visit.

Rice productivity enhancement training

Department of Vegetable Crops, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam conducted an off Campus training programme at Jeyamangalam village, on 04.09.2018 under Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TN-IAMP) - Varaganadhi Sub basin. Fifty farmers from



Jeyamangalam, Sinduvampatti and Bomminayakkanpatti villages in Periyakulam block of Theni District participated in the training.

Technical lectures on integrated nutrient management practices for enhancing the soil health and productivity of crops, Integrated Weed Management practices, Integrated Disease and Pest Management in rice through organic techniques were delivered to the farmers by the scientists. Dr. P. Paramaguru, Professor and Head, Dept. of Vegetable Crops, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam, presided over the function.

Recognition for the Forage scientists



Scientists of Department of Forage Crops, TNAU were honoured for the contribution for the release and notification of three fodder varieties namely; Fodder Sorghum CO 31, Fodder Cowpea TNFC 0926 and CO 9 through the State/Central Variety Release Committee during the year 2017-18 by the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Forage Crops and Utilization, ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi during the National Group Meet, Rabi 2018-19 held at CCS HAU, Hisar on 7th and 8th September, 2018. Dr. C. Babu, Professor and Head and

Dr. S.D. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor of Department of Forage Crops received the citation.

NSS day celebrations



At the Horticultural College and Research Institute for Women, Tiruchirapalli the 50th NSS day was celebrated by the NSS volunteers and staff on 24.09.2018. Dance, singing, painting, essay writing, slogan writing and speech competitions were conducted in English and Tamil. The theme for the competition was the NSS MOTTO – “NOT ME BUT YOU”. Dr.Ramalatha Rani, MBBS, MD, DGO, Professor, KAP Viswanathan Government Medical College, Tiruchirapalli was the Chief Guest. Dr.D.Saraladevi, Dean, Horticultural College and Research Institute for Women delivered the Presidential address.

Own a tree programme

The NSS wing of FC & RI, Mettupalayam, organized tree planting event at the NSS adopted the villages Vilamarathur and Nellithurai on 01.09.2018. Totally, 93 NSS Volunteers participated. They cleaned 3 km stretch on



either side of the road and planted 70 seedlings of Pungam, Neem, Simaruba and handed over to the villagers for maintenance.

Student club Inauguration



Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur organized a special lecture on Sericulture employment opportunities by Dr. B. Mohan, Principal Scientist, Satellite Silkworm Breeding Station, Central Silk Board, Coonoor on 20.09.2018 to third B.Sc (Agri) students. Dr. M.Pandiyan, Dean presided over the function. Also, Student Club Inauguration and Freshers orientation (2018-19 batch) program was conducted on 20.09.2018. Dr.V.Ravi, Director, TRRI, Aduthurai and Dr. B.Mohan, Principal Scientist, SSBS, CSB, Coonoor were the invited guests.

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