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Farmer's Day 2018 at TNAU



'Farmer's Day' 2018 was held at TNAU, Coimbatore between 9th and 10th February, 2018. Field demonstration of farm technologies, seminars on frontier areas of agriculture with 65 exhibition stalls were arranged for the benefit of farmers. Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education, delivered welcome address. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU delivered the presidential address. Thiru R. Duraikannu, the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture delivered the inaugural address and released Eight new crop varieties viz., Rice - ADT 51, Cowpea - VBN 3, Groundnut - TMV 14, Sunflower - COH 3, Sugarcane - COG 6, Sugarcane - CO 06022, Ribbed gourd - COH 1 and Malai Vembu - MTP 2. The Agriculture Minister distributed the seed bags to selected farmers and distributed awards to 14 farmers. Five farmers received the Velan Chammal Award sponsored by CRI Pumps, three farmers received the Best Seed

Producers Award, three farmers received the Best Innovative Award and two farmers secured the Best Women Farmer Award. One Farmer Producer company was given with the Best Farmer Producer Company Award.

Thiru S.P. Velumani, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Corporations, Panchayats and Panchayat Unions, and Implementation of Special Programme released the technical bulletin and delivered special address. Dr. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Agricultural Production Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Pollachi V. Jeyaraman, Deputy Speaker, S.J. Chiru, Commissioner, (Agribusiness and Agricultural Marketing), Mr. Deivendran, Chief Engineer, (Agrl. Engineering Department) and members of Legislative Assembly spoke on the occasion.

TNAU Embarks on Digitalization of Academic Records



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 26.02.2018, between Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and M/s. Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), Mumbai by Dr.D. Sudhakar, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Mr. A.R. Vaasudevan, Senior Manager, M/s. CDSL Ventures Limited, Mumbai in the presence of Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Dr. K. Ilamurugu, Controller of Examinations, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. The National Academic Depository will provide technology edge to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to digitize academic records of students and will also issue and maintain all academic records in electronic format without incurring investment, costs and maintenance efforts.

Awareness programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act 2001



An awareness programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act 2001 was organized on 06.02.2018 at Aadihrengam Village, Thiruthuraipoondi Taluk, Thiruvarur District. The programme was presided over by Mr.P.Sivakumar, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Thiruvarur and attended by Mr.Patrick Jasper, District

Development Manager (NABARAD), Dr.A.Baskaran, Programme Co-ordinator, ICAR-KVK, Needamangalam delivered lecture on Acts of PPV&FRA, 2001. Mr.R.Jayaraman and Mr.R.Sriram, traditional paddy varieties cultivating farmers shared their experiences. 150 traditional paddy varieties and 25 ear heads of traditional paddy varieties were exhibited. A booklet in Tamil on 'Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001' was released by Mr. P.Sivakumar, DDA, Thiruvarur, and distributed to the farmers. Totally 109 farmers and stakeholders from Thiruvarur and Thanjavur Districts participated in the awareness programme.

NSS Special Camp at AC & RI, Eachangkottai



Training was imparted to 200 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons (VAS) covering all the districts of Tamil Nadu for three days in four batches of (50 VAS in each batch) under State Fodder Development Scheme (2017-18) on 'Improved varieties and technologies in forage crops'. The programme was sponsored by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Tamil Nadu from December 2017 to January 2018. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director *i/c*, CPBG, TNAU, Coimbatore inaugurated the training

programme. The trainees were demonstrated with silage making in polybags using Cumbu Napier hybrid CO (BN) 5 and taken on an exposure visit to Perumpathi village of Pollachi Taluk, where they had face to face interaction with the progressive dairy farmer Thiru. T. Thiruvengadam. Dr. C. Babu, Professor and Head, Department of Forage Crops and Dr. S.D. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) organized the training.

Training on ICT Tools at KVK, Vamban



KVK, Vamban at Pudukkottai and Directorate of Extension Education, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University organised one day orientation training programme on ICT tools under NADP Scheme to 99 extension officials of Pudukkottai and Sivagangai District on 07.02.2018. The training was inaugurated by Mr. S. Singaram, DDA, GOI Scheme, Pudukkottai. Dr. M. Kathiravan, Assistant Professor and Mrs. S. Suganthi, PA (Computer) explained the Expert system by Video Conference with TNAU Officials. Dr. G. Prabukumar, Asst. Prof. in Agronomy proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. The programme was organized by Dr. M. R. Latha, the Programme Co-ordinator of the centre.

Rice Variety CO 52 FLD Field Day



KVK, Vamban organized the FLD of Rice Variety CO 52 Field day on 12.02.2018 at Akkachipatti village, Gandharvakottai block, Pudukkottai District. Mr. Somasundaram, DDM, NABARD, Pudukkottai, Mr. S. Singaram, DD (GOI), Tmt. Sankaralakshmi, ADA Gandharvakottai, Dr. M.R. Latha, Programme Co-ordinator delivered technical address. Totally, 44 farmers participated in the programme. Mr.Sarangapani, the farmer and FLD beneficiary highlighted the cultivation of CO52 paddy.

TNAU bags prizes in XVIII Agri UniFest



Selected students from all the constituent colleges of TNAU participated in the events at XVIII All India Agricultural Universities Youth Festival held at Sri Venkatesawara Veterinary University, Tirupathi from 12th to 16th February 2018. Miss R. Divyalakshana, III B.Sc (Agriculture), AC & RI, Coimbatore secured second prize for fine arts competition (Clay modeling) and Ms.T.T.Nayana, III B.Sc (Agriculture) of AC&RI, Killikulam bagged second prize for theatre event (Monoact).

'Coconut Root Wilt' disease awareness programme



An awareness programme on 'Root wilt disease management in coconut' was jointly organized by Coconut Research Station, Aliyarnagar and the Department of Agriculture, Kurunthankode on 15.02.2018 at Thingal Nagar of Kurunthankodu block, Kanyakumari district. Dr. R. Ramjegathesh, Assistant Professor (Pl. Pathology) and Dr. T. Srinivasan, Assistant Professor (Agrl. Entomology), CRS, Aliyarnagar spoke on the management of the disease. Emphasis was given on planting of tolerant varieties viz., Kalpasree (CGD) and Kalparaksha (MGD). Totally 30 coconut farmers of Thingal Nagar and its surrounding villages participated in the awareness programme. Mr. Arumugam,

President, Coconut Producers Association, Thingal Nagar proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Training on Coconut



An off campus training on "Cultivation Technologies in Coconut" was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vamban on 21.02.2018 at Panangulam village of Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District. Dr. M.R.Latha, Programme Co-ordinator, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.S. Vijay Selvaraj, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) Dr. G. Prabukumar, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) and Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) delivered lecture and answered the queries raised by the farmers. Thirty six farmers participated the training programme.

Whitefly Management Awareness Campaign



The Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam and Department of Agriculture, Thanjavur jointly organized one day awareness campaign on Coconut Rugose Spiralling Whitefly (RSW) Management Awareness Campaign on 22.02.2018 at Peravurani. Dr. A. Karthikeyan, Professor and Head, Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam welcomed. Mr. A. Mathiyazakan, Joint Director of Agriculture, Thanjavur presided. Dr. K. Ganeshamurthy, Director, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Dr. K. Ramaraj, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered Special Address. Mr. R. Meenachisundaram, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Sethubhachathiram, Dr. K. Rajamanickam, Professor of Entomology, CRS, Aliyarnagar, Dr. V.G. Mathirajan, Assistant Professor (Entomology), CRS, Veppankulam and Dr. T. Srinivasan, Assistant Professor (Entomology) CRS, Aliyarnagar imparted the training. One hundred farmers participated and benefited through the awareness campaign. Similar programme in co-ordination with Department of Agriculture, Tiruvarur was organized at Vallur village of Kottur block on 23.02.2018.

Championship in CHAMFEST'18

NSS volunteers of Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute actively participated on 22.2.2018 in the State Level Inter-Collegiate, intellectual and Cultural meet-CHAMFEST' 18 conducted by NSS Unit, St. Joseph College, Trichy. Totally 24 NSS volunteers of ADAC&RI actively participated in the various competitions viz., Essay writing



(English), Elocution (English), Debate (Tamil), Short film, Face painting, Mime, Group song, Quiz and Treasure Hunt. Dr.S.Rathika, NSS (Programme Officer) accompanied the students. 19 NSS unit volunteers participated in the programme and got 'Overall Championship' award.

The 'Seed Day' celebration



The seed day was celebrated by the Seed Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore jointly with Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Kumulur on 23.02.2018. Dr.V. Rajendran, Dean *i/c*, AEC&RI Kumulur and Dr.P. Selvaraju, Special Officer (Seeds) delivered Special Address. About 90 progressive farmers and seed growers of Trichy district participated in the seed day celebrations with one day training on seed production techniques for the newly released rice varieties CO 52 & TKM13.

Dr. P. Masilamani, Professor of Seed Science and Technology and Ms. R. Sobana, Agricultural Officer (Seed Certification), Trichy, Dr. R. Kavimani, Principal, Institute of Agriculture, Kumulur and Dr. A. Sagunthalai, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Sciences and Engineering felicitated. Dr. S. Vallal Kannan, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) and Dr. V. Alex Albert, Assistant Professor (Seed Science & Technology) arranged the farmers visit to CO 52 & TKM13 seed production fields.

Awareness Programme on Fluoride in Groundwater



One day farmers training *cum* awareness programme on Fluoride in groundwater - causes and mitigation

measures was organized by Water Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore at Muthaiyanpatti village, Kundadam block on 23.02.2018 under ICAR Agri Consortia Research Platform on Water Scheme. Around fifty farmers attended the programme. Dr.B.J.Pandian, Director *i/c*, Water Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University delivered the Inaugural Address. Dr.A.Raviraj, Professor (SWCE) welcomed the gathering. Dr.M.Elayarajan, Assistant Professor (SS&AC) explained the groundwater contamination due to fluoride in Muthaiyanpatti village and its mitigation measures. Mrs.Nithya (Agricultural Officer) from Palladam and Mr. Subramanian (Agricultural Officer) from Kundadam explained about the government schemes for the benefit of the farmers. Dr.V.Karthika, Senior Research Fellow (ENS) proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

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