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Dr. B. Prithviraj, Assistant Dean (International), Dalhousie University, visits Tamil Nadu Agricultural University



Tamil Nadu Agricultural University offers a dual degree programme for Under Graduate Students in collaboration with Dalhousie University, Canada. In this connection, Dr. B. Prithviraj, Assistant Dean (International), Dalhousie University visited Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 25th and 26th January, 2019 to discuss on the renewal of MoU with additional features. On 25.01.2019, Dr. B. Prithviraj had interactive meeting with Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T. Raguchander, Dean (Students Welfare), Dr. M. Kalyanasundaram, Dean (Agriculture) and Dr. K. Sooriyanathasundaram, Controller of Examination and discussed about the possibility of including additional UG programmes.

Refurbishing Botanical Garden



The Vice-Chancellor of TNAU visited the University Botanical Garden on 26.01.2019 and discussed with University Officers, Scientists of the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping and Executive Engineers from Estate Office on the strategies to refurbish the Botanical Garden. Various components of the Botanical Garden were inspected and measures to facelift the components were discussed. Introduction of new components including a Butterfly Garden and a Garden Maze in the Botanical Garden and establishment of a Herbal Garden at the Department of Medicinal Crops were proposed.

Motivation of Young Faculty towards “Grantsmanship”



With the able guidance of our Vice-Chancellor, a one day workshop on “Grantsmanship to Young Faculty of TNAU” was organized by CPMB & B on 21.01.2019 to motivate the young Assistant Professors to get into externally funded projects sponsored by various Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies. A total of 62 Assistant

Professors from various disciplines of various campuses and research stations participated in the workshop. In the inaugural session, Director of Research, Director (CPMB & B), Director (CPBG), Director (CPPS), Dean (HC & RI) Director (NRM) and Dean (AEC & RI) gave their guidance for securing externally funded projects. Dr. Kalaivani Ganesan, Scientist-E, Department of Biotechnology, GOI, New Delhi delivered the special address. Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Professor (NST), Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Professor and Head (Crop Physiology), Dr. S. Mohankumar, Professor and Head (DPB), Dr. K. Soorianatha sundaram, Professor (Horti) and Dr. M. Raveendran, Professor (DPB) delivered lectures on fundable ideas in their respective subjects of specialization.

ASCI - Mushroom Grower training



ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kanyakumari conducted the Agricultural Skill Council of India sponsored training entitled “Mushroom Grower” on 21.01.2019. The sessions were handled by Dr. K. Kavitha, Programme Coordinator, KVK Thirupathisaram. Dr. M. Jayasekhar, Professor, Agricultural Research Station, Thirupathisaram delineated the constraints in spawn production. Mrs. S. Lakshmi, Director, IOB - RSETI, Nagercoil detailed the loan and insurance feasibility for entrepreneurship development. Totally, 20 participants from Kanyakumari district participated.

Science Forum Seminar at AC & RI, Killikulam



A seminar on 'Gene Discovery and Editing to Enhance Multiple Disease Resistance in Crop Plants' was organized by Science Forum at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam on 29.01.2019. Dr. Ajjamada Kushalappa, Professor, Department of Plant Science, McGill University of Canada was the chief guest. He insisted the importance of identification of plant biotic stress resistance genes through forward and reverse genetics approaches, usage of CRISPR - Cas9 systems to increase the genetic diversity in crop plants. Dr. M. Arumugam Pillai, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics and Project Collaborator of Shastri Indo Canadian Collaborative Project welcomed the gathering. Dr. S.P. Ramanathan, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy presided. Dr. D. Shoba, Assistant Professor (PBG) thanked the organizers.

Personality Development Workshop at AC & RI, Kudumiyamalai



The Agricultural College and Research Institute, Kudumiyamalai organized a two day workshop on Personality Development for the IV B.Sc. (Ag.) students on 21.01.2019 and 22.01.2019. The programme was outsourced to Get Set Go, Coimbatore. The objective of the workshop was to improve the soft skills of the students. Dr. K. Sivasubramaniam, Dean, AC & RI, Kudumiyamalai presided. He stressed the significance of personality development and the required essentiality of soft skills to outshine in the job career. Resume preparation and Letter of recommendation was explained. Feedback from students was collected and the students were awarded with certificates.

Pongal vizha 2019 at TNAU, Coimbatore



The Pongal vizha 2019 was celebrated at the Central Farm Unit of Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 15th January, 2019. Prof. Dr. N. Kumar, the Vice - Chancellor with a team of Board members, Mr. P. M. Subramanian, Ms. M. Bagirathi Ramanathan and Mr. M. Mahendra Manivaasan, University Officers, Head of Departments, farm managers, staff, students and farm labourers of main campus participated in the event. Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director of Crop Management, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (Hort.) and board members delivered the felicitations. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice - Chancellor delivered the presidential address and distributed the prizes to the winners of different sport events. Dr. N. Sakthivel, Farm

Superintendent (Central Farm Unit), Farm Managers Dr. R. Karthikeyan, Dr. N. Thava prakaash and Dr. S. K. Natarajan organized the Pongal vizha. Dr. C. R. Chinnamuthu, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered a formal vote of thanks.

Enterprise meeting platform at KVK, Vamban



'Enterprise meeting platform' to bridge buyer and sellers was arranged on 03.01.2019 at KrishiVigyan Kendra, Vamban, Pudukottai District. Around 12 Farm science club conveners carrying out self employment shared their inventory of products available for sales and pre-requisites for buying, respectively. Dr. M.R. Latha, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Vamban presided over the meeting and explained about various home based business opportunities Dr. K.C. Sivabalan, Training Assistant (Agricultural Extension) made the arrangements for the programme and delivered a formal vote of thanks.

Student cum entrepreneur award bagged by AC & RI, Eachangkottai students



the students of AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur participated in MABIF's – JALLIKATTU jointly organized by Madras Agricultural Business Incubation Forum (MABIF'S), AC & RI, Madurai and NABARD on 20.01.2019. Ideas mooted out for a business venture were inculcated by Dr. M. Pandiyan, Dean and the preliminary screening was done by the staff advisor. Three contestant teams with varied ideas of business models were portrayed in the mega event. A team of final year students including Mr. P. Sundaram, Ms. S. Sindhu and Ms. E. Sandhiya who presented on 'Processing and Value addition in oyster mushroom' won the third prize under student cum entrepreneur category with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/-. Dr. S. Suresh, Dean, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai gave away the prizes. Eventually, the winning team was assured of financial support to the start up units in food processing business.

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