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TNAU Alumnus Thiru K. Shanmugam IAS, appointed as Chief Secretary Government of Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University feels privileged and overwhelmed to witness one of its alumnus Thiru K. Shanmugam IAS, 1985 batch to serve as the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu on 30.06.2019. His administration par excellence, commitments and own extraordinary righteousness made him a deserving personality to occupy such a higher position. He secured the honour of being the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department for over a period of nine years. He served as Principal Secretary, Co-operation, Food and Consumer protection for two and a half years besides occupying dissimilitude portfolios viz., Chairman and Managing Director, Civil Supplies Corporation, Private Secretary to the Honourable Minister of State for Finance, Executive Director, Handloom Export Promotion Council, GOI, Commissioner Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, Director of rural Development. His contribution in policy formulation, designing many successful State Schemes is immense and these schemes have become model for other States. He has served as the District Collector in Pudukkottai and Sivagangai. He began his public career as Assistant Collector (Training) at Thanjavur soon after his completion of IAS training in Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie. His intellectual capability, experience and commitment will certainly elevate the State performance and TNAU wishes him all success in his endeavour.

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உதவிக்கரம் நீட்டும் பல்கலைக்கழகம்



From the VC's desk...

The Foundation Day of the University was celebrated on 01.07.2019. The awards and token of honour were given to Scientists / workers of the University for their Outstanding Contributions. The investiture function for the Open Distance Learners was also conducted.

The 140th Academic Council and 188th Board of Management Meeting were held on 29.07.2019 to devise policy decisions and approval. Agri-Intex was held during 12th to 15th July 2019 which showcased the technologies for large scale viewing and subsequent adoption. A press meet was attended in connection with Agri Intex to articulate the significance of exhibition in promoting TNAU's innovations.

Reviews were held at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Vazhavachanur, Centre for Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal, Oilseed Research Station and KVK, Tindivanam, Sugarcane Research Station, Cuddalore, Vegetable Research Station, Palur, Regional Research Station and KVK, Vridhachalam, Agricultural Research Station and KVK, Virinjipuram, Sugarcane Research Station, Melalathur and Agricultural Research Station, Bhavanisagar to discuss the ongoing works and to devise the strategies.

A discussion meeting to carry out the impact assessment of varieties and technologies released by TNAU was conducted by the Directorate of CARDS on 05.07.2019 which would help in quantifying the contribution of TNAU to the State. For encouraging students on a broader perspective, participated in the Graduation day at Erode Arts College was attended on 07.07.2019. Discussions were held to depict Amma Green Park as 'Model Park' to attract learners.

Seed Producers' Meet was organized on 30.07.2019. Effective recycling and utilization of waste water was carried out by the establishment of sewage treatment plant so as to make alive the concept 'Wealth from Waste'.

Diploma in Agri-Inputs course was inaugurated on 30.07.2019 to evolve the intellectual calibre of the Para Extension workers working at field level. Besides an interactive meet was held on 30.07.2019 with the Team from Maldives and the modalities were worked out for the next course of action on overseas training.

Sports day function was held during 29 - 30th July 2019 at Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam to motivate the students and to strengthen their extra academic skills.

With wishes,

(N. Kumar)

TNAU celebrated the 49th Foundation Day and ODL Graduation Day

The 49th Foundation Day and Open and Distance Learning Graduation Day of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) was held at the Convocation Hall on 01.07.2019. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor recollected the transformation of the University and lauded the co-operation extended by the ICAR in transforming agricultural education and research. Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, New Delhi appreciated TNAU's achievements in setting as a paragon to all other agricultural institutions. Smt. Sheuli Burman,



Th. S.P Velumani, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Implementation of Special Programme, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Th. K. Rajamani, IAS., District Collector, Coimbatore District, Th. J.Shravan Kumar IAS., Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation, and office bearers of CODISSIA participated in the inaugural function. Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture in his address highlighted some of the important initiatives taken by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The Vice-Chancellor, TNAU in his address highlighted some of the important varieties and technologies that are promoted by TNAU through Agri Intex 2019.



IPOs, released the Special Postal cover of TNAU to add pride to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Totally, 57 farmers and entrepreneurs were awarded with B.F.Tech degree. TNAU scientists completing 25 years of unblemished service were also honoured. Best Teacher, Researcher, Extension worker, Women Scientist, NSS Programme Officer, Research Station, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, UG & PG students and NSS volunteer awards were also presented as a part of the event.

Agri Intex 2019

Agri Intex 2019 was held for four days during July 12-15, 2019 at CODISSIA grounds, Coimbatore. Th. R. Doraikkannu, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Tamil Nadu,

Private seed producers' interactive meeting



TNAU - Private seed producers' interactive meeting was jointly organized by the Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics and Directorate of Agri Business Development of TNAU, Coimbatore

on 30.07.2019. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting and stressed the role of seed industry in supplying quality seeds to farmers for increasing the productivity. Th.K.Nedunchezhiyan, Director, Seed Certification, Coimbatore and Th. C. Kalidass, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Seed Producers' Association addressed the gathering.

Inauguration of Diploma in Agri-Input course

Diploma in Agri-Inputs Course under Open and Distance Learning mode was inaugurated at the TNAU Main campus by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor on 30.07.2019. He delivered the inaugural address. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General, Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Agricultural Marketing,



TNAU interacted with the trainees as part of the orientation programme. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Registrar, TNAU, Coimbatore on 30.07.2019. Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research offered the special address and Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Director of Extension Education, TNAU explained about the training. Training will be offered by 18 TNAU centers on various subjects related to agriculture, horticulture and allied enterprises.

Book release function

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in association with Manu Neethi Foundation arranged for a Book Release function entitled 'கோயில் தலங்களும் தலத் தாவரங்களும்' (Temples and temple trees) written by R. Panjavarnam, Plant Information Centre, Panroti on 08.07.2019. The function was sponsored by Mr. Manickam Athappagounder and Mrs. Mallika Devi Manickam of Mak India Ltd. The book encompasses details of plants in



Jaipur delivered the special address. Such a programme was earlier inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor at Oilseeds Research Station, Tindivanam also on 23.07.2019.

Training Programme for Agricultural Field Officers (Maldives)

The Agricultural Field Officers Training Programme (Maldives) was organized for six Field Level Officers from Maldives by the Directorate of Extension Education (DoEE), TNAU, Coimbatore for a period of six months from July 29, 2019 to Jan. 27, 2020, sponsored by the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Male, Maldives. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor,



temples and their uses. Dr. T. Raguchander, Dean, Centre for Students' Welfare welcomed the gathering. The book was released by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and a copy was received by Mr. K. Dhanavel, Retd. IAS Officer.

140th Academic Council meeting and Top Level Management Meeting

The 140th Academic Council meeting was held on 29.07.2019 under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, TNAU. He welcomed the



external experts and other members and presented the activities undertaken by the University since the last Academic Council meeting. The Registrar, TNAU presented the action taken on the minutes of the 139th Academic Council meeting. Top Level Management meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor, TNAU on the afternoon of 29.07.2019.

Vice Chancellor's visit to Centre of Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal



Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore visited Centre of Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal, Tiruvannamalai on 22.07.2019 and inspected the station activities and seed production plots, seed godowns and trainees hostel. He suggested to celebrate a Millet day by inviting top level officials of Government of Tamil Nadu at CEM, Athiyandal during peak cropping period. Further, he suggested valuable points for uplifting of the farm at CEM, Athiyandal.

Awards and Honours

NASI-ICAR Award

Dr. P. Rajkumar, Professor (Processing), Department of Food Process Engineering, AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore was conferred with the National Agricultural Scientific Innovation



(NASI) award from ICAR, New Delhi on 16.07.2019 for his contribution towards the development of processing machinery viz., Tamarind dehuller and deseeder, Improved mini dhal mill, Wax applicator for fruits, Foam mat dryer, Hybrid dryer, Coconut dehusker and Colour sorter for spherical fruits. The award is recognized under Innovation and Research on Farm Implements during the foundation day of ICAR, New Delhi.

Farmer's innovation presented at farm innovators' conclave

Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi organized a two day Farm Innovators'



Conclave 2019 at Bharat Ratna Shri C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex in New Delhi from 16-17, July 2019. Thiru. C. Jayakumar, KVK farmer of Thiruvallur district presented his innovation on Wheel Balancing Adjustment for Tractor drawn Seed drill at the Conclave. The Hon'ble Agricultural Minister inaugurated the Farm innovators' conclave and visited the exhibition stalls along with the Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi and interacted with the farm innovators across the country.

Workshop on Fall Army Worm and Nematodes

A two-days workshop on Management technology capsule for maize Fall Army Worm and Management of nematodes in horticultural crops was jointly organized by the Directorate of



Extension Education (DoEE) and Centre for Plant Protection Studies (CPPS) during 22 - 23, July, 2019 at TNAU, Coimbatore. Hands-on-training on complete management technologies for Fall Army Worm was

imparted. In the Workshop on management of nematodes in horticultural crops, the scientists were explained about emerging nematode problems, their symptoms and control strategies.

Trainings and workshops conducted

Skill Oriented Training on Bakery Products

Dr. T. Pandiarajan, Professor and Head, Department of Processing & Food Engineering and Dr.V.Thirupathi, Dean, AEC&RI, Kumulur organized a two days skill oriented training on Production of bakery Products from 03.07.2019 to



04.07.2019 for the empowerment of rural youth. Training comprised of production of bakery products like millet cookies, millet bread and other products.

Training on Bee keeping

An off-campus training on Bee keeping to Rural Youth was conducted at Information and Training Centre, TNAU, Guindy, Chennai on



05.07.2019. Apiculture techniques, pest and disease management in bee keeping, honey extraction procedures, by-products from bee hive, procedure for Agmark labelling, value addition with honey and marketing technologies were imparted.

MGR 100 rice seed distribution to farmers

Programme for MGR 100 rice seed distribution to farmers was organized at Rice Research Station, Tirur, Tiruvallur district on 23.07.2019 under the NADP project on Farmer's Participatory demonstration of MGR 100 rice in Tamil Nadu.



Training programme on gender friendly farm tools

A training programme entitled Drudgery reducing technologies for farm women of Udayarkulam village, Alwarthirunagari Block, Tuticorin District was organized on 25.07.2019 as a part of the TANII (Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives) schem Mitigating Occupational



Drudgery of Farm Women through Ergonomic Interventions, implemented by the Department of Family Resource Management and Consumer Science, Community Science College and Research Institute, Madurai. Mr. Sandeep Nanduri IAS, Collector, Tuticorin visited the exhibition and interacted with the participants on the scope of improved tools. The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mr. Mahadevan along with other officials participated.

Training on value addition of moringa

A one day training programme on Value addition of Moringa leaves was organized by the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Community Science College and



Research Institute, Madurai on 27.07.2019 in collaboration with the Agri Exporters, Sivakasi. The processing technologies of leaf powder and preparation of noodles, powder incorporated bread, sweet cookies and moringa based instant mixes were demonstrated.

Students' Activities

Trainings at Centre for Students Welfare

The Centre for Students Welfare co-ordinated the internship programme at TNAU for five UG students from the College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, Sultan Quaboos University, Muscat during 17 June to 15 July 2019 to 15.07.2019.



They visited the different Directorates and gained the first hand knowledge, about various technologies.

Sports and Games Invitational Tournament

Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam organized Sports and Games Invitational Tournament from 29-30, July 2019 among the constituent colleges of TNAU. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu



Agricultural University was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes and certificates to the participants. He insisted on the importance of Sports and encouraged the Sports persons by sanctioning Rupees One Lakh for sports and games development of the Institute. Former Registrar Dr. P. Subbian graced the occasion as a special guest.

Green from Brown - Seed balls for Green cover

The National Service Scheme volunteers of I B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, I B.Tech. (Food Technology), I B.Tech. (Energy and Environmental Engg.), TNAU, Coimbatore actively participated in preparing the neem seed balls on 20.07.2019.



More than 10,000 neem seed balls were prepared by 200 NSS volunteers. These seed balls would be planted in the adopted Vellamadai village in Coimbatore district by the NSS volunteers.

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