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From the VC's desk...

As Erode is eponymous with turmeric and owing to its GI tag winning brand, Turmeric Seminar was held on 01.11.2019 to sensitize on its utility and importance. An interactive meet with M/s. Coco-cola was held at Grape Research Station on 04.11.2019 to look out possibilities for value addition and commercializing the grape products.

To energize the scientists, review was conducted at Agricultural Research Station, Vaigaidam, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam and Floriculture Research Station, Thovalai during 4-9th November 2019.

R-ABI- Start Up Incubation Programme was inaugurated at the Directorate of Agri Business, TNAU, Coimbatore on 05.11.2019.

Visit of overseas faculty is a common feature in TNAU. In that line, Dr. Steve Adkins, University of Queensland and Dr. Manoj Naile visited TNAU on 06.11.2019 to have interactions with the scientists of Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology and offered guidelines for the optimal and uniform supply of quality planting material in coconut through micro-propagation. In addition, Ukrainian scientists visited the Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Coimbatore on 11.11.2019 with whom innovative ideas for education and research exchange were evolved.



To mould the scientists with scientific temper, A Scientist - A Day was held engaging Dr. J. Yogalakshmi, Assistant Professor (Seed Technology) AC & RI, Vazhavachanur on 13.11.2019.

The National Conference of Sugarcane was held at the University on 13.11.2019 to seek an alternative crop for sugarcane in production and processing for which sugarbeet is considered to be revolutionizing the sugar and ethanol production.

Centre for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT) in Agronomy and Entomology organized two separate trainings to impregnate and expose the young trainee Assistant Professors during the month of November to December 2019. New vistas, methods and strategies were touched upon by the Resource persons of various specializations.

Thirtieth Annual Workshop of Spices was inaugurated at TNAU, Coimbatore on 14.11.2019. Top Level Management Meeting was conducted at Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam on 15.11.2019. To upgrade the field functionaries on the mass production of bio-pesticides, a training was organized to the State Department of Agriculture Officials on 20.11.2019.

Thiru K. Shanmugam, IAS, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu visited Vegetable Research Station, Palur on 25.11.2019 along with the officials and appreciated the developments and offered suggestions for improvement.

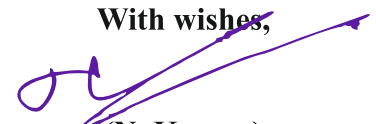
The Interim Action Taken Meeting of 84th Scientific Workers' Conference (SWC) was held at the Secretariat, Chennai on 26.11.2019. An MoU was signed with Western Australian University, Sydney at New Delhi by the Registrar on 26.11.2019 to extend research and educational collaborations.

On-campus training on Nutri-garden, awareness programme on right application of fertilizers, vocational training on composting technologies, Jal Sakthi Abhiyan Kisan Mela, field day on demonstration of barnyard millet MDU 1, vocational training on banana fibre and its value addition and on campus training programme on improved vegetable production were other social interventions held for livelihood and capacity building.

In order to motivate students to develop critical thinking for agriculture, Agpreun Ideathon Challenge 2019 was organized during 29-30th November 2019. To sensitize the safe health and hygiene among the youngsters, the drive on Nilavembu kudineer was organized on 23.11.2019.

An Oxygen Park with Beema Bamboo was established by the Department of Agronomy on 30.11.2019 to build a healthy ecosystem and for release of oxygen laden environment. The 109th Student's Club Inauguration and Fresher's day celebration was held at TNAU, Coimbatore on 30.11.2019. Alumini meet was organized by AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore on the same day.

With wishes,



(N. Kumar)

EVENTS ORGANIZED

**Chief Secretary visited
Vegetable Research Station, Palur**

Thiru K. Shanmugam, IAS, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. V. Anbuselvan, IAS, the District Collector of Cuddalore, Thiru. Jegadeeshwaran, District Revenue Officer along with Tmt. ShahitaBarvin, Sub Collector



(Training) and other officials from Revenue, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments visited Vegetable Research Station, Palur on 25.11.2019. Dr. L. Pugalendhi, Dean (Hort.), Horticultural College & Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore welcomed the gathering. The Chief Secretary suggested to take up seed production in *Capsicum frutescens* (upright chilli) and also to popularize the grafted Brinjal plants using variety PLR 2 as scion. He appreciated the work being carried out at the Research Station.

**Interim Review Meeting of the 84th SWC at
Secretariat, Chennai**

The Interim Action Taken Meeting of 84th Scientific Workers' Conference (SWC) was held at the Secretariat, Chennai on 26.11.2019. Shri Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary (APC & PS), Government of Tamil Nadu and Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore chaired the meeting. Heads of Line Departments namely Thiru V. Dakshinamoorthy, IAS, Director of Agriculture and Dr. N. Subbaiyan, IAS,



Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Officials and University Officers of TNAU participated in the meeting. Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research, TNAU indicated that the interim review meeting is the first of its kind in the history of TNAU that helps both Department officials and University Scientists to be vibrant in taking action on the recommendations. The APC & PS remarked that the 84th SWC has been a very purposeful one wherein many actionable points have emerged and early actions have been taken for the benefit of farmers. He congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, TNAU and the Heads of Departments for making the SWC a meaningful one. The Vice-Chancellor, TNAU stated that for many of the points given in the SWC, action had been taken pro-actively even before the issue of proceedings. The minutes of the meeting has already been circulated and the next meeting is set in February 2020.

**Sensitization Programme on Grapes Cultivation
through Contract Farming**

Interactive meeting cum sensitization programme on juice grapes cultivation through contract farming in Theni district was organized by the Grapes Research Station, Theni in collaboration with M/s. Coca-Cola India Limited at Grapes Research Station, Theni on 04.11.2019. This programme was presided by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. T. Arumugam, Dean, Horticultural College and Research Institute (HC&RI), Periyakulam welcomed the gathering. Mr. Asim Parekh, President,



Coca-Cola India Limited, Gurgaon highlighted the importance of the juice grapes cultivation and role of M/s Coca-Cola in the scheme. The Vice-Chancellor in his presidential address advised the grapes farmers to grow varieties like Muscat Hamburg (Panmeer) and Manjari Medika (dual purpose). Also insisted the grape farmers to form 4-5 groups based clusters. Representatives of Grapes growers association addressed the gathering. Dr. S. Saraswathy, Professor and Head, Grapes Research Station, Anaimalayanpatty, Theni proposed the vote of thanks.

Inauguration of R-ABI- Start Up Incubation Programme

R-ABI-(RKVY- Agri Business Incubator) Start Up Incubation Programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore on 5.11.2019. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) has been launched to promote innovation and agri



entrepreneurship. This programme was funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmer's Welfare, RKVY Division, New Delhi and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad was the Knowledge Partner. Under the R-ABI- Start Up Incubation Programme, twenty firms that have an innovative product was selected and training was given to prepare proposals for commercialization of the product.

National Conference on Sugar Cane – Is there any Alternative?

TNAU, Coimbatore and National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) of India, New Delhi and Global AgriSystem Private Limited (GAPL), Gurugram, Haryana jointly organized the National Conference on Sugar cane – Is there any alternative on 13.11.2019.



Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research, TNAU welcomed the gathering. Dr.N.Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU in his presidential address indicated the challenging issues in the sugarcane production and urged the scientists, millers and policy makers to think for alternative. Shri. Gokul Pattnaik, Chairman (GAPL) highlighted the advantages and suitability of tropical sugar beet as an alternate or supplement to sugar cane in both production and processing aspects. Shri.Shivajirao Deshmukh, Director General, Vasanthdada Sugar Institute, Pune insisted that millers should come forward to take up sugar beet for revolutionizing the sugar and ethanol production. Mr. Jean Noel (Head of Marketing & Communication),

SesVanderHave, Belgium highlighted the scope and prospectus of sugar beet in tropics.

Fourth Grantsmanship Workshop

Directorate of Research is organizing series of Grantsmanship Workshops to provide hands-on-experience to young faculty to acquire skills to prepare winning research proposals to get grants from externally funded projects. In this series, Fourth Grantsmanship Workshop was conducted during November 11-13, 2019 to a batch of 40 faculty from Madurai Campus encompassing both Agricultural College & Research Institute and Community Science College & Research Institute. Dr. K.S. Subramanian,



of Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) during 13.11.2019 to 20.11.2019. The programmes were inaugurated by Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Director of Extension Education. Dr. K. Prabakar, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies and Dr. T. Raguchander, Dean, Students Welfare addressed the participants. Mrs. R. Chitradevi, Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore spoke about management of Maize Fall Army Worm by adopting the IPM strategy. About 30 Assistant Directors of Agriculture and Agricultural Officers participated in the training.



Director of Research narrated how to architect a winning proposal besides providing tricks and tactics of getting research grants from various funding agencies. Dr. K. Prabakaran, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, Dr. S. Mohankumar, Director, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology and Dr. T. Raguchander, Dean, Directorate of Student's Welfare offered tips on researchable issues in various spheres of agriculture and allied sciences.

Spices Group Meeting held at TNAU, Coimbatore

Thirtieth Annual Workshop of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Spices jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), Kozhikode and the Department of Spices and Plantations Crops, Horticultural College and Research Institute (HC&RI), Coimbatore was inaugurated at TNAU, Coimbatore on 14.11.2019. Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore welcomed the

Extension Officials Trained on Mass Production of Bio-Pesticides

A three days training programme on Mass production of bio-control agents was conducted at the Department of Plant Pathology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in two batches with the support



gathering. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, Project Co-ordinator (Spices), ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode presented Project Co-ordinator's report and addressed the gathering. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered the presidential address emphasizing the thrust area of spices research for meeting the Global requirement. Dr. T. Janakiram, Assistant Director General (Horticultural Science), ICAR, New Delhi delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director, Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD), Kozhikode and Dr. Gopal Lal, Director, ICAR- National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer delivered the special address. Dr. L. Pugalendhi, Dean (Horticulture), HC&RI, Coimbatore proposed the vote of thanks.

CAFT TRAININGS ORGANIZED

a. Department of Agricultural Entomology

The Department of Agricultural Entomology, Centre for Plant Protection Studies organized a 21 days training on Ecological and Molecular approaches for Host Plant Resistance to insect pests for 21 days from 05.11.2019 to 25.11.2019 for the Entomologists of State Agricultural Universities, ICAR, National Bodies and other Research Organizations in India. Dr. N. Kumar, the Vice-Chancellor, TNAU inaugurated the training programme. In his address, he stressed the participants on the need to generate more farm produces from limited land, water, increasing threats and costs. In his



special address, Dr.M.Gopalan, Former Dean (PG Studies) and Director (Plant Protection) narrated the history and development of the science of host plant resistance for the management of pests and diseases of crop plants. Dr.K.Prabakar, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies and Dr.N.Sathiah, the Director, CAFT & Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology addressed the gathering.

b. Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics

The Centre for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT) on Genetics and Plant Breeding conducted a 21 days training entitled Innovative breeding approaches for stress tolerance in crop plants for climate change at the Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics (CPBG), TNAU, Coimbatore from 20.11.2019 to 10.12.2019, which was financially sponsored by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. A total of 23 participants representing majority of the Indian states



viz. Punjab, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Orissa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu attended the training for gathering new insights on innovative breeding approaches for stress tolerance in crop plants for climate change. The training was inaugurated by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU and Dr.S.Geetha, Course Director of the ICAR-CAFT in GPB centre of TNAU, Coimbatore gave the overview of the training.

c. Department of Agricultural Microbiology

Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore organized the ICAR sponsored CAFT 21days training on Recent Advances in Endosymbionts of Plants and Insects during November 27 to December 17, 2019 at the Department



of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore. Twenty scientists from various ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Universities participated in this programme. This training programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore and training manual was released by him. Meeting was presided by Dr. R. Shanthi, Director, Natural Resource Management. Dr. V. Gomathi, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Microbiology delivered the welcome and technical address, and Dr. K. Ilamurugu Professor delivered the vote of thanks.

d. Department of Agronomy

The 37th Centre for Advanced Faculty Training in Agronomy on Advanced Agro techniques and Agronomic interventions for Doubling Farmers income was organized at the Department of Agronomy, TNAU, Coimbatore from 28th November to 18th December, 2019. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU. In his inaugural address, he stressed the role of advanced agro technologies for doubling farmers income. Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Director, Directorate of



Crop Management narrated the problems faced in the agricultural sector especially in the areas of climate change and soil health. Dr. C.R. Chinnamuthu, Professor and Head & Director (CAFTA), Department of Agronomy welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Velayutham, Professor (Agronomy) and in-charge of CAFT programme proposed the vote of thanks.

VICE - CHANCELLOR'S REVIEW

a. Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam

The Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore visited Horticultural College and Research Institute (HC&RI), Periyakulam on 5.11.2019. Students' Amenity



centre was declared open by the Vice-Chancellor. He also laid the Foundation stone for establishment of Botanical Garden and Alumni Arch. The Vice-Chancellor instructed the scientists to identify the

research problems through survey. He also reviewed the work performance of teaching and non-teaching staff department wise and insisted the scientists to formulate the University Research Project (URP) in multi-disciplinary mode. The Vice-Chancellor instructed to follow the High Density Planting (HDP) for all horticultural crops.

b. Agricultural College & Research Institute, Killikulam

Vice-Chancellor visited Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam during 7th-8th November, 2019 and reviewed the education, research,



of Horticulture) scheme, Venture Capital Scheme and NADP Scheme activities. He suggested to improve the multiplication of commercially viable plants to increase the farm receipt and discussed valuable points for the upliftment of the farm at Floriculture Research Station, Thovalai.



extension, establishment, farm and estate activities. He visited various farms and Killikulam Agri Business Incubation Forum (KABIF). Also instructed to develop semi-arid under utilized fruit crop orchard and multi-functional agro forestry and also offered suggestions for the establishment of Bio-oxygen Park, lilly pond for lilly culture, traditional and indigenous tree species, arboretum and erection of solar fencing in the newly developed farm area. He also interacted with the staff and students and advised to improve the quality of education and research in line with the current needs.

c. FRS, Thovalai

Vice-Chancellor visited Floriculture Research Station, Thovalai on 09.11.2019 and inspected the station activities and demonstration plots, research plots, GOI-MIDH (Mission for Integrated Development

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Team visit to Directorate of Seed Centre

The convener of the South Zone Monitoring Team Prof. C.L. Maurya, Director, Seed and Farm, C.S.Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur and members of the monitoring team Dr. Ashwani Kumar, ICAR-IARI, Regional Station, Karnal, Dr. Amarapali A. Akhare, Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV), Akola and Dr. K.V. Sripathy, ICAR- Indian Institute of Seed Science, Mau visited the Directorate of Seed Centre, TNAU,



Coimbatore and Agricultural Research Station, Bhavanisagar during 3-5, November 2019. They inspected the research progress of ICAR-AICRP-NSP (Crops) - Seed Technological Research Experiments, Breeder Seed Production and seed production activities under ICAR-Seed Project.

Australian Scientist visited TNAU, Coimbatore

Dr. Steve Adkins, Professor (Plant Physiology), University of Queensland, Australia and also an expert in Coconut Micropropagation visited the Department of Plant Biotechnology, Centre for Plant Molecular



Biology and Biotechnology, TNAU, Coimbatore during 5-6th November, 2019. A meeting to discuss different aspects of Coconut Tissue Culture was organized and all the Principal Investigators involved in the State Planning Commission sponsored TANII (Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiative) project entitled Ensuring Uniform and Quality Planting Material in Coconut through Micro-propagation participated. He also interacted with Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of TNAU and discussed about the possibilities of undertaking collaborative research in coconut tissue culture as well as signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between TNAU and University of Queensland. Dr. Adkins interacted with the scientists in-charge of the different laboratories and delivered a special lecture on Coconut – Micropropagation and Parthenium – An invasive weed.

Ukraine Professors visit TNAU

Indo-Ukraine research project sponsored by Department of Science and Technology is functioning in the Department of Renewable Energy Engineering,



Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Under the project, TNAU collaborated with National University of Life and Environmental Sciences (NULES) of Ukraine to carryout research on biomass pretreatment and processing. As a part of the project, Dr. Andrew Zhiltsov, Professor and Head and Dr. Zablodskyi Mykola, Professor from the Department of Electrical Engineering, Electro-mechanics and Electro-technology, NULES, Ukraine visited TNAU from 9th-18th November 2019. During their visit, they carried out research activities on biomass processes such as bio-methanation, pyrolysis and gasification. This joint Indo-Ukraine project will pave way for the contribution of scientists in common innovative projects and aid to the exchange of educational and scientific materials.

Interactive session with Scientist from Dalhousie University

Dr. Alain Boutet, Executive Director, Office of the International Relations, Dalhousie University, Canada visited Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 28.11.2019 to discuss with Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor on the modalities for offering Dual Degree programme in B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture. The draft MoU was discussed



for undertaking collaborative research in frontier areas. The scope of deploying students for short term training, internship and sandwich programme and transfer of credit for offering dual degree in Ph.D was also discussed during the meeting with the University Officers. Dr. Alain also interacted with the participants of the Dalhousie – TNAU joint training programme. The representatives from Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya also interacted with Dr. Alain on the prospects of organizing such a joint training in African Countries.

Oxygen Park with Beema Bamboo established

Oxygen Park with Beema Bamboo was established by the Department of Agronomy, TNAU, Coimbatore on 30.11.2019. Dr. S. Balaji, I.F.S., Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Oxygen Park and planted the first Beema Bamboo seedling in the presence of Dr. N. Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore and Dr. Alain Boutet, Executive Director, International Development Studies, Dalhousie University, Canada.



Participants of the Joint Interactive training by Dalhousie University and TNAU, University Officers, Head of Departments, UG and PG students participated and planted the seedlings.

FIELD ORIENTED TRAININGS

On-campus Training on Nutrigarden to SHG Members

On campus training on Nutrigarden was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madurai on 08.11.2019. Dr. Chelvi Ramessh, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Madurai delivered inaugural address. Field day for the Front Line Demonstration on Barnyard



Millet MDU 1 was also conducted by KVK, Madurai on 18.11.2019 at Lekkadipatti (DFI village) of Kottampatti block during which demonstration of Millet Thresher was done. Tmt. P. Dhanalakshmi, Deputy Director (PA Agri), Thiru. C. Palanivelayutham, Deputy Director (SS), Th. T. Vivekanandan, Deputy Director (WMTC) and Th. M. Maduraichamy, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kottampatti participated in the Field day.

Awareness Programme on right application of fertilizers

Awareness programme on right application of fertilizers was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tindivanam on 11.11.2019. This programme was inaugurated by Mr. Kennady Jabakumar, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Villupuram. Welcome address



was given by Dr. V.K. Satya, Programme Coordinator of KVK, Tindivanam. Technical lectures were delivered by Dr. Lavanya, Professor (Soil science), Oilseed Research Station, Tindivanam, Assistant Professors Dr. M. Jayanthi, Mr. Venkateshwaran, Dr. M. Prabhu, and Dr. Brindha.

Vocational Training on Banana Fibre and Value Addition

Vocational training on Banana Fibre and Value Addition was conducted during 20- 22nd November 2019 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirugamani. Introduction and importance of banana fibre and value addition, different methods of extracting banana fibre from banana stem were explained by



Dr. G. Amuthaselvi, Assistant Professor (F&APE). Mrs. Hema Krishnamoorthy, Trainee from Bharathidhasan University, Tiruchirapalli handled the practical classes on colouring of banana fibre.

Jal Sakthi Abhiyan Kisan Mela



Jal Sakthi Abhiyan Kisan Mela was organized at Pattukottai block, Thanjavur District on 21.11.2019 by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vamban, Pudukkottai. Dr. M.R. Latha, Programme Coordinator welcomed the gathering. Thiru. A.R. Gladstone Pushpharaj, IAS, Sub Collector, Pattukottai presided and released pamphlets. Thiru. A. Palani, Project Director, DRDA, Thanjavur delivered keynote address. Thiru. A. Justin, JDA, Thanjavur, Dr. S. Pugalendhi, Professor and Head, DREE, AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore and Dr. A. Karthikeyan, Professor and Head, Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam and ARS, Pattukottai delivered special addresses. Department Officials, RAWE students from ADAC & RI, Trichy and AC&RI, Eachankottai participated.

SAMETI Training for Seed Certification Officers

A training programme on morphological features of important crop varieties and certification procedures was organized for two batches of Seed



Certification Officers from 21st-23rd, November, 2019 at Department of Seed Science and Technology (DSST), Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore sponsored by SAMETI, (State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute) Kudumiyamalai, Tamil Nadu. The training was co-ordinated by Dr. PR. Renganayaki, Professor and Head, DSST and Dr. K. Krishnaveni, Professor (SST) DSST, TNAU, Coimbatore.

State Level Training on Organic Agriculture

State level one day training programme on organic agriculture was organized at TNAU Information and Training Centre (ITC), Chennai on 22.11.2019 in association with the KVK, Tirur. Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Director, Extension Education, TNAU, the chief guest of the program offered the special address. Dr. A. Sadasakthi, Professor and Head, TNAU-ITC, Dr. E. Somasundaram, Professor and Head and staff including Dr. R. Jansirani, Dr. K. Ganesan, Dr. R. Sunitha of the Department of Sustainable



Organic Agriculture, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered technical lectures. Dr.P.Santhi, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tirur proposed the vote of thanks. More than 70 organic farmers participated and benefited.

Vocational Training on Composting Technologies

Two days vocational training on composting technologies was conducted during 26-27th November,



2019 by KVK, Tiruchirappalli. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. Noorjehan A.K.A Hanif, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tiruchirappalli. Dr. V. Dhanushkodi, SMS (SS) and Th.S.Muthu pandiyan, SMS (Agromet) delivered technical lectures. A total of 18 participants participated in the programme.

On Campus Training Programme on Improved Vegetable Production

One day training programme on Improved Production Technologies of Vegetables was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tindivanam on 27.11.2019.



Dr. V.K. Satya, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tindivanam and Dr.Nageswari, Professor and Head, Vegetable Research Station, Palur explained about the improved production technologies of vegetables. Mr. Karl Marx, Assistant Director of Horticulture detailed the schemes available for vegetable growers.

STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

AGPREUN IDEATHON Challenge 2019

In order to motive entrepreneurship among the under graduates of TNAU, Directorate of Agri Business Development and Centre for Plant Molecular



Biology, TNAU, Coimbatore organized Agpreun Ideathon Challenge 2019 during 29-30th November 2019. Mr. B. Santhoshkumar and Ms. M. Sneha of III B.Sc Hons. (Agri), Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai bagged the first prize with Rs.15,000 cash award.

Distribution of Nilavembu Kudineer by NSS Volunteers

First and second year NSS volunteers of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Horticulture, B.Tech. (Biotechnology, Food Technology, Energy and Environmental Engineering, Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Information Technology) and B.S. (Agri Business Management), TNAU, Coimbatore



distributed Nilavembu Kudineer to all UG, PG and Ph.D students, staff residing in TNAU Quarters and to their family members on 23.11.2019. Dr. M. Kalyana sundaram, Dean (Agriculture) inaugurated the event. NSS Programme Co-ordinator and NSS Programme officers of TNAU campus organized the programme and nearly 2000 members benefitted.

Guest Lecture on Recent Trends in Landscaping

A guest lecture on Recent trends in landscaping was organized by the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore on 25.11.2019. Mr. S. Mohan Raj, Founder of The Tellus Nursery, Bengaluru delivered guest



lecture on Miyawaki method of afforestation, Roof top garden, vertical garden and live water body. The guest lecture was attended by Dr. P. Paramaguru, Dean (Horticulture) in-charge, Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Director (Extension Education), Dr. K. Soorianathasundaram, Controller of Examinations, staff and students. Dr. K. Rajamani and staff of the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture co-ordinated the arrangements.

Parents-Teachers' Interactive Meet

Parents-Teachers' interactive meeting was conducted by Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Kumulur on 26.11.2019 to discuss about academic related matters. Dr. V. Thirupathi, Dean



addressed the gathering and discussed about the issues faced by the students. Parents feedback were received and it was informed that necessary action will be initiated based on their suggestions. About 67 student's parents and all the faculties attended the meeting.

109th Student's Club Inauguration and Fresher's Day Celebration



The 109th Student's Club Inauguration and Fresher's day celebration was held on 30.11.2019. Dr. N. Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU presided over the function. Dr. S. Balaji, I.F.S. Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu was the Chief guest. University officers, Head of Departments,

Staff Advisors, Year Co-ordinators, staff and students participated in this programme. Dr. T. Raghuchander, Dean, Centre for Students' Welfare, TNAU welcomed the gathering. The Orientation address was delivered by Dr. M. Kalyanasundaram, Dean (Agriculture), Agricultural College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. B. Shridar, Dean (Agrl. Engineering), felicitated the gathering followed by the presidential address by the Vice-Chancellor and special address by Dr. S. Balaji, I.F.S. Vote of thanks was offered by Dr. Surendrakumar, Staff advisor (Agrl. Engineering).

Alumni Meet – 2019 organized



Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute (AEC&RI), TNAU, Coimbatore organized the Alumni Meet on 30.11.2019 at AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr.S.Ganapathy, Professor and Head, Department of Food Process Engineering welcomed all the dignitaries and the alumni. Dr.B.Shridar, Dean, AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered the inaugural address. Dr.N.Kumar, Vice-Chancellor visited and appreciated the alumni for participating in the meet and felicitated the alumni and the students.

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