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TNAU NEWS

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VC's Desk

The renovated and facelifted TNAU Refreshment Home equipped with modern kitchen, dining and other facilities was inaugurated on 01.04.2021 in the presence of University officers, staff and students. University Library's 24x7 Reading Hall was also inaugurated for creating a conducive learning environment and to motivate students to become diehard learners and to sense the library culture.



I visited Rice Research Station, Ambasamudram, Horticultural Research Station, Pechiparai, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam and Agricultural Research Station, Thirupathisaram and inspected the research, extension, establishment, farm, seed production and estate activities. I also reviewed the Colleges / Directorates in the main campus during this month.

The Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, TNAU, Coimbatore and ICAR - Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thirupathisaram jointly organized a Certificate course on 'Coconut Cultivation Technology' which was also inaugurated at KVK, Thirupathisaram on 07.04.2021 for the benefit of Coconut growing farmers of Kanyakumari District.

The teaching faculties of the under graduate program were provided with the MS Teams ID by the School of Post Graduate Studies and were trained on the modality of conduct of remote classes through 'Microsoft Teams' on 08.04.2021 at the SPGS, TNAU, Coimbatore.



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Annual Crop Scientists' Meet on Rice, Pulses, Oilseeds, Cotton, Sugarcane and Horticulture crops besides Agricultural Engineering and Community Science were conducted during April 2021.

An MoU was signed between TNAU and Dr.B.Krishnaraj Foundation and Gaiadhi, India on 16.04.2021 to develop methodology/software to transform point based yield estimation to spatial yield estimation to account for the spatial variations in multiple factors that affect the yield.

A Skill Oriented Training Programme on 'Enhancing Communication Skills' was conducted at the language lab of AC&RI, Killikulam, established under ICAR-NAHEP-IDP.

I interacted with the Deans, Heads of the Departments and PG/Ph.D students of TNAU in the main campus and constituent colleges through online on 26.04.2021 and enquired about their perceptions and reflections on Covid 19 infection and insisted upon various precautionary measures.

I chaired the Self Study Report meeting of Dr.Y.S.Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan on 9.04.2021.

I also participated in the Video Conference meeting of Vice-Chancellor's of State Universities on 20.04.2021 wherein the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu chaired the meeting. The discussions went around the measures taken/ to be taken for managing the COVID.

I attended the State Level Sanctioning Committee Meeting of the NADP pertinent to Agriculture at the secretariat on 21.04.2021 which was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

With wishes,



(N. Kumar)

Pathology). During the pre-review, the Deans of three Horticultural Colleges and technical Directors had reviewed the on-going University Research Projects (132), action plan projects (49), core projects (11), AICRPs (5) besides externally funded projects (89). The outcome of the review was presented by Dr.M.S.Aneesarani, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Fruits, Dr.S.Swarnapriya, Professor and Head, Department of Vegetables, Dr.K.Venkatesan, Professor and Head, Department of Spices & Plantation Crops, Dr. K. Rajamani, Professor and Head, Department of Floriculture & Medicinal Crops and Plant protection by Dr.K.Prabakar, Director (CPPS). The Action Plan for the year 2021-22 was presented by Dr.T.Arumugam, Dean, HC & RI, Periyakulam. Dr.P.Paramaguru, Dean (i/c), HC & RI (W), Trichy proposed a formal vote of thanks.

Vice-Chancellor's Review

Rice Research Station, Ambasamudram

Dr.N.Kumar, Vice-Chancellor visited Rice Research Station, Ambasamudram on 03.04.2021. Vice-Chancellor reviewed the ongoing research projects and made suggestions to improve. He advised the scientists to demonstrate the capsule of organic rice cultivation technologies developed in farmers' field with traditional varieties to achieve higher yield. The Vice-Chancellor visited the exhibition of promising rice cultures in the pipe line and the rice fallow blackgram seed production fields. The



final year students of Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam undergoing Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) programme at Ambasamudram explained their activities to the Vice-Chancellor. He guided the students to visit nearby organic farms for more practical exposure.

HRS, Pechiparai

Vice-Chancellor visited Horticultural Research Station, Pechiparai on 05.04.2021 and reviewed the activities pertaining to farm, teaching and research. He inspected the experiments conducted and ongoing civil works. Fruits of Vietnam Super early jack introduced at this Station which yielded fruits of medium size



with orange carpels and good quality in 18 months of planting were exhibited. Scientists explained the progress made so far in research activities pertaining to clove, banana, bush pepper and minor fruits for which suitable suggestions were given by the Vice-Chancellor for improving the research programme. He also emphasized the need for practical orientation of the Diploma Horticulture students and for conduct of fruitful research activities in spices and fruits of the high rainfall zone.

AC&RI, Killikulam

Dr.N.Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore visited Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam on 07.04.2021 and inspected the research, extension, establishment, farm and estate activities. The Vice-Chancellor

Dr.A.S.Krishnamoorthy, Registrar on behalf of TNAU and Mrs.Parvathy Krishnaraj, Managing Trustee on behalf of Dr.B.Krishnaraj Foundation in the presence of Dr.N.Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Director, Crop Management, PI of the project, Dr.J.Venkata Pirabu, Director, Planning and Monitoring and Dr.S.D.Sivakumar, Director, Directorate of Agribusiness Development.

of modern coconut cultivation technologies and motivated the coconut farmers who enrolled for the certificate course for horizontal spread of technologies to other farmers for field level adoption. A course material was released by the Vice-Chancellor. Dr.P.Suthamathi, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Thirupathisaram and Dr.T.Prabhu, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) organized the programme.

Events Organized Outside TNAU Main Campus

Inauguration of ODL course on Coconut Cultivation Technology

The Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, TNAU, Coimbatore and ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thirupathisaram jointly inaugurated a Certificate course programme on 'Coconut Cultivation Technology' at KVK, Thirupathisaram on 07.04.2021 for the benefit of 44 Coconut growing farmers of Kanyakumari District. In his inaugural address, Dr.N.Kumar,



Vice-Chancellor, TNAU stressed the importance of latest coconut production technologies for increasing the yield and quality against emerging pests, diseases and nutritional disorders. Dr.M.Kalyanasundaram, Dean, AC&RI, Coimbatore delivered the felicitation address in which he motivated the student farmers to learn the production technologies as coconut. Dr.M.Ananthan, Director, Open Distance Learning emphasized the significance

COVID Vaccination Drive

TNAU Main Campus

The University dispensary under Centre for Students Welfare at TNAU main campus organized COVID vaccine drive for the welfare of its staff, their wards and also PG students of



main campus. The first dose of vaccine was administered to all staff during 11-25th March, 2021. The second dose was administered for both students and staff during 9-24th April, 2021. A total of 1500 doses were administered in the vaccination drive.



