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TNAU Award ceremony >>>



Under Staff Development Programme of the University, every year various

awards like Best Researcher, Best Teacher, Best Extension Worker, Best

Institution, Best Research Station and Best KVK are being given based on the evaluation of performance in a particular area. The various awards for the year 2006 were presented in the TNAU Award Ceremony held on 13.10.2008 at Golden Jubilee Hall, TNAU, Coimbatore. The function was presided over by Prof. C. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. R. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Coimbatore was the Chief Guest of the function and gave away seventeen individual awards and three institution awards viz. Best College, Best Research Station and Best KVK. Dr.P.Santhanakrishnan, Registrar, TNAU welcomed the gathering and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.R.Chandra Babu, Dean (SPGS), TNAU, Coimbatore.

Training on SRI at TRRI

Two days training on SRI was organized at TRRI, Aduthurai for Puduchery farmers on 22 and 23 September, 2008. Thirty farmers have participated in the training programme. Puduchery based NGO -, PALMYRA sponsored the training programme. The training was imparted through lectures and demonstrations.

Tree and Herbal growers association. In the training programme, about 75 tree and herbal growers and neera tappers participated and got trained. The

tappers were trained on value addition of edible and non edible products, popularization of TNAU palm climbing device, motivation of palmyrah tappers

Training on Palmyrah

Under the DBT funded scheme entitled "Entrepreneurship development of edible and non edible products formulation, value addition and marketing of palmyrah (*Borassus flabellifer*) palm" a hands on training was conducted at Forest college campus, Coimbatore on 06.10.2008 in collaboration with Coimbatore District



Workshop on cropping systems project))



The 28th Biennial Workshop of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Cropping Systems was conducted at Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari from 3-5th October, 2008. Dr.A.K.Singh, Deputy

Director General (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi, inaugurated the workshop.

Dr.M.S.Gill, Project Director, Project Directorate for Cropping Systems Research, Modipuram, Meerut presented the highlights of the project. Dr.P.Vivekanandan, Dean, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam and Dr.M.V.Ranghaswami, Director, Water Technology Centre delivered opening remarks. Dr.P.Devasenapathy, Chief Agronomist (AICRP-CS), TNAU welcomed the gathering and Dr.P.Muthukrishnan, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy proposed vote of thanks. About 150 participants from 69 centres of the project have attended.

and their family members to encourage the value added product preparation. In this training programme Dr. V. Ponnuswami, Professor (Hort.) & Principal Investigator of the scheme delivered a lecture to the participants about the need for identifying the high neera yielding early bearing dwarf elite types, standardization protocols for tissue culture and other vegetative propagation techniques for mass multiplication. During this training, he explained the preparation of value added delicacies from *neera* and *nungu*. These edible and non edible products can be effectively produced and marketed by self help group approach. This would in turn enhance the rural economy and improve their livelihood. A video film on Demonstration on palmyrah tree climber was also flashed during the training programme. All the queries raised relating to palmyrah and its byproducts including tree climbing device and marketing of products were clarified.

on 17.09.08 at Kattuthottam, Thanjavur. This workshop was organized to enlighten the officers in the Department of agriculture and farmers of delta districts viz., Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam about SRI and its benefits.

The workshop was presided over by Dr.E.Vadivel, Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore. The gathering was welcomed by Dr.S.Jebaraj, Director, TRRI, Aduthurai. The Director of Water

Technology Centre, Dr.M.V.Ranghaswami gave introductory lecture about SRI and the technical lectures by Dr.T.M.Thiyagarajan, Retd. Professor (SS&AC), Dr.B.J.Pandian, Professor(Agronomy), TNAU, Coimbatore, Dr.R.Rajendran, Professor(Agronomy), TRRI, Aduthurai, and Dr.K.Rangasamy, Dean, Agricultural Engineering College, Kumalur also spoke on the occasion. The progressive farmers shared their experiences on SRI during the workshop.

SRI workshop at Thanjavur

One day workshop on 'System of Rice Intensification' (SRI) was held



The officials of state Department of Agriculture and farmers of Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam districts and scientists of TRRI, Aduthurai; Soil and Water Management Research Institute, Thanjavur, Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam; KVK, Sikkal; KVK, Needamangalam; Agricultural Research Station, Pattukottai; KVK, Vamban and KVK, Sirugamani have participated in the workshop.



An exhibition on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) was also arranged for the benefit of the participants. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr.K.Thiyagarajan, professor (PB&G), TRRI, Aduthurai.

Social service activities by NCC cadets

Under the direction of Col. D. N. Gupta, commanding officer, 5 TNBN NCC, Tirunelveli and Dr. P.

Vivekanandan, Dean, Agriculture College and Research Institute, Killikulam, Fifty two NCC Cadets and Company Commander Capt Dr. R. Ravindran carried out one day social work at Sundaraja Perumal Kovil at Seevalapperi recently. Cleaning inner and outer compound

walls of the temple, removal of bushes and thorns around the temple and pillars was taken up.

The one day programme was highly appreciated by the public. Under officer Dinesh Kumar III B.Sc thanked the participants profusely.

NAIP on value chain on flowers



A project entitled 'Value chain on flowers for domestic and export markets' has been sanctioned by the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) of the ICAR to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. The project was launched by Dr. C.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU on 27.08.2008 in the presence of Dr. J. P. Mittal, National Coordinator, NAIP.

Addressing the participants, Dr. J.P. Mittal, highlighted the importance of the project in relevance to the core issues and missing links in the various levels of the value chain of the important flower crops of Tamil Nadu. The project to be executed with a budget outlay of Rs.353.29 lakhs in a time frame of four years (2008 - 2012), aims at optimizing cost effective and improved production, post harvest and

value addition technologies; imparting training to growers and entrepreneurs, besides creating a floriculture data base and facilitating market linkage along with supply chain management for domestic and export trade. Jasmine, marigold, carnation and dry flowers are the focus crops of this project.

Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director of Research and Nodal Officer of NAIP, TNAU indicated that the development of improved and scientific production, post-production and value addition technologies for the targeted flower crops for the benefit of flower growers and entrepreneurs will be the major outcomes of this project.

Dr. E. Vadivel, Dean (Hort) i/c & Director of Extension Education, TNAU emphasized the importance of the project in the changing floriculture scenario of the country.

Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Professor and Head of the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, TNAU is the Principal Investigator of the project.

NEW SCHEMES

Name of the Scheme	PI	Amount (lakh Rs.)	Funding Agency
Value chain on flowers for domestic and export markets	Dr. M. Jawaharlal Prof. & Head (F&L)	353.29	NAIP
Strengthening of quality seed production in Tamil Nadu	Special Officer (Seeds)	319.20	Govt. of TN
National Horticulture Mission	Dean (Horticulture)	233.00	TANHODA
Standardization of seed enhancement and storage technique, seed certification standards for Jatropha and Pungam and standardization of seed handling techniques in Jatropha and other TBO's	Dr.P.Srimathi Prof. & Head (SS&T)	18.21	NOVOD
AICTE-MODROBS Modernization of food packaging laboratory	Dr.R.Kailappan, Prof. (FAP)	10.00	AICTE New Delhi
Wireless sensor based forecasting for disease management and water use efficiency in banana	Dr.T.N.Balamohan Prof. & Head (Fruits)	7.34	Cypress Inc., USA.
Bioefficacy testing of SmartFresh SM (1- MCP) on mango fruits	Dr.T.N.Balamohan Prof. & Head (Fruits)	3.31	Global Agri Systems, New Delhi.

IMPORTANT VISITORS

- Dr.Kiran Sharma, ICRISAT between 4.10.08 and 5.10.08.
- Dr.R.P.Tewari, Director, National Research Centre for Mushroom, Solan between 4.10.08 and 8.10.08.
- Dr.Jana. Janakiraman, Guelph University, Canada between 5.10.08 and 8.10.08.
- Dr.Bhagirath Choudhary, National Coordinator, ISSAA, New Delhi between 6.10.08 and 7.10.08.
- Dr.Hamida Abdi, Advisor, GOI, Ministry of Science & Technology, New Delhi between 7.10.08 and 8.10.08.
- Dr.Mishra, Director, NACG, Junagrath, Gujarat between 6.10.08 and 7.10.08.
- Yong Pyorim, Gonsup Kim, Hyo Yeon Lee, Tal-Jin Yang, Professors and T.S.Min, Advisor Kosee, Korea between 10.10.08 and 17.10.08.
- Dr.Peter Gregory, Director of Biotechnology, Cornel University between 13.10.08 and 14.10.2008.
- Dr.M.Bhaskaran, Director, NSRTC, Varanasi between 22.10.08 and 23.10.08.
- Mr.V.V.Ganeshan, Assistant Vice President, National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Ltd., Mumbai on 31.10.08.

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