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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ALGAE IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION



In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of AC&RI, Madurai, the Department of Agricultural Microbiology and Seed Science and Technology in collaboration with the Seaweed Research and Utilization Association (SRAU), Tuticorin jointly organized a National Seminar on the Role of Algae for Sustainable Agricultural Production on 29th and 30th of September 2014 at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU in his Presidential Address insisted the young researchers to explore the conventional ideas of our nation and study the unknown research and try to unravel new things. He also indicated that the present scenario on nitrogen fertilizer, prevailing tropical condition of India and sunlight available have to be explored as well with the use of the algal system to enhance the agricultural production and productivity in India and further suggested to explore the isolation of enzymes from algae.

Dr.S.Edison, Former Director, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum in his Inaugural Address mentioned algae as a class of organisms having multifarious uses in food, feed, fertilizer, industry as well as reclamation of alkaline soils. Sea weeds are floating masses and are easily harvested and processed for myriad uses in the preparation of iodine and spirullina capsules, diatoms in use of the

solar panels, substituting the costly titanium oxide use in forensic research.

Dr.M.Maheswaran, Director of Research (i/c) Dr.M.Balusamy, Chairman, Sea Weed Research and Utilization Association, Dr.C.Chinnusamy, Dean (i/c), AC&RI, Madurai and Dr.G.Pushpa, Dean (i/c), HSC&RI, Madurai offered felicitations.

Dr.K.Sujatha, Organizing Secretary presented a brief note on the seminar. More than 200 participants consisting of Scientists, Entrepreneurs, Industrialists, and Research Scholars participated in this two days event. Dr.N.O.Gopal, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Microbiology welcomed the gathering and Dr.K.Balakrishnan, Professor and Head, Department of Seed Science & Technology proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

GOLDEN JUBILEE STUDENTS CLUB INAUGURATION



Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore inaugurated the Golden Jubilee Students Club 2014-15 on the 29th of September 2014 at AC & RI, Madurai. While appreciating the performance of the TNAU students in ICAR, ASRB and other Competitive Examinations, the Vice-Chancellor advised the students to make use of the fellowships available from ICAR for higher education in foreign countries. Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research (i/c), TNAU in his felicitations indicated that the Students Club should serve as a medium for better interaction between Teachers and Students. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Dean (i/c),

in his Presidential Address emphasized development of the leadership qualities among the students and advised them to go for out of box thinking in a positive way for the overall development. Dr. G. Pushpa, Dean (i/c), HSC&RI, Madurai in her felicitation address stated that academic activities combined with extracurricular activities improve the team work. Dr. C.Vanniarajan, Staff Advisor, AC&RI, Madurai welcomed the gathering and Miss. V. Monisha Abirami, Secretary, English Debating Club, proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

SEED PRODUCTION AND STORAGE AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Two training cum awareness programmes on “Seed Production and Storage” were organized under ICAR – NSP (Crops) Tribal sub plan programme through ARS / KVK Virinjipuram to the tribal farmers at Nilavoor and Kottaiyur villages of Yelagiri hills in Vellore District on 16th and 17th September, 2014, respectively. Lectures and demonstrations on seed production and storage of millets, advantages of raising vegetable nursery using pro-tray method, importance of insect trap in stored grains, management of root rot diseases in beans, management of ranikhet disease in poultry and preventing gastritis in milch animals using micronutrient tonic and value added products like biscuit making from small millets and curry leaf powder were given.

Demonstrations were also conducted on seed treatment with fungicides and biocontrol agents, besides seed priming procedures. They were also taught the importance of

pre sowing and pre storage seed treatments including chemical and biological agents. A technical book on the cultivation of cereals for hilly areas was released. Vegetable seed packets of tomato, brinjal, bhendi, chilli and gourds for kitchen gardening, citrus seedlings and sprayers were distributed to the farmers during the training.

TRAINING ON EDIBLE MUSHROOM CULTIVATION



A three days training programme on edible mushroom cultivation was organized by Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai with funding from Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Chennai on 23-25th September, 2014. Dr.R. Rajendran Director (i/c), TRRI in his Inaugural Address stressed the importance of mushrooms and its value addition, and marketing. Sessions on demand and supply of mushroom and its cultivation requirement, the difference between the edible and non edible mushrooms, marketing of mushrooms, spawn production technology, the cultivation, marketing and cost economics of milky, oyster and other mushrooms and pure culture technology of mushrooms were organized. Dr. M. Jeyabharathi, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Microbiology). Dr.A.Karthikeyan, Dr.K.Rajappan, Dr.M.K.Shiva, Dr.M.karthikeyan, Dr.T.Anand, Dr.R.Thilagavathi, Dr.P.Ahila Devi and Dr.S.Thangeswari served as resource persons. Thiru. B.Akbar, Mushroom entrepreneur showcased the value added products of mushroom and explained about value addition and marketing to the farmers. A demonstration was conducted on mushroom

bed preparation. A pre and post evaluation of training was conducted. Inputs for mushroom bed preparation was distributed. Dr. M. Jeyabharathi, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Microbiology) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

SCIENCE CLUB MEETING



Science club meeting of Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai was held on 19.09.2014. Dr. R. Rajendran, Director (i/c) and President of TRRI Science Club inaugurated the meeting. Dr. T. Arumugam, Dean i/c., Imayam Institute of Agricultural Technology delivered a lecture on Diabetics and Horticultural Crops. Scientists of TRRI, Aduthurai participated in the meeting.

PROGRAMME ON “MANAGEMENT OF MARKETING OF CROP PROTECTION CHEMICALS”



Three day certificate program on “Management of Marketing of Crop Protection Chemicals” for personnel working in Agrochemicals Industry in Tamil Nadu and Kerala was jointly organized by Interface Agricultural Technologies Pvt.Ltd, Hyderabad and Directorate of Agribusiness Development, TNAU, Coimbatore on 18-20th September, 2014. Dr.R.Murugesan, Director

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(i/c) welcomed the gathering and inaugurated the programme. Participants from various private agricultural companies in Tamil Nadu and Kerala participated. Scientists from the directorates of crop management and plant protection of TNAU delivered the lectures. Dr.K.N.Selvaraj, Professor (ABD) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks and issued the certificates to all participants.

LEGAL EDUCATION MUST FOR ALL STUDENTS



A legal literacy awareness campaign was organized by District legal services authority in association with NSS unit of TNAU, Coimbatore on 15.9.2014. Three hundred NSS volunteers from TNAU participated in the programme. Ms.Reshma, II B.Sc(Agriculture) welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor during his Presidential Address called upon the students to be aware of the fundamental rights of citizens. Mr.Jagannathan, Senior Civil Judge and Secretary, Coimbatore district legal services Authority explained the hierarchy of court at District, State and National level, writ jurisdiction, important acts like registration of birth and death acts, Motor vehicle accident prevention act, acts for women protection, evidence act, Consumer protection act, Indian Penal code section 302 for murder punishment, 304 A for rash and negligible driving and causing accidents and 306 to charging for inducing to commit suicide, First Information Report, Articles 32, 39 A, 45,141, making Public Interest Litigation for common causes etc. Ms. Harini, II B.Tech (Food Process Engineering) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

Dr.S.Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture) (i/c), Dr.N.Ragupathy, Director (Students Welfare) (i/c) and Dr.J.Venkataprabhu, Public Relations Officer participated in the programme. Arrangements for the programme were made by Dr.R.Krishnan, Professor (Education) in association with NSS programme coordinator Dr. K.Kumutha and NSS programme officers, Dr.M.R.Latha. Dr.K.Hemaprabha, Dr.R.Paavendan, Dr.G.Guru and Year coordinators, Dr.J. Balamurugan, Dr.V.P.Santhanakrishnan and Dr.N.Bharathi.

PROGRAMME ON PRODUCTION AND VALUE ADDITION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS



A District level seminar on 'Production and value addition of horticultural crops' under National Mission on Horticulture was organized on 24 and 25th September 2014. by NHRDF Coimbatore and Department of Horticulture, AC&RI, Madurai.

Dr.T.N.Balamohan Dean (i/c), Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam in his Inaugural Address highlighted the trade oriented production of Horticultural Crops. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Dean (i/c), AC&RI, Madurai stressed the need to improve the productivity by adopting latest techniques. Dr. G. Puspha Dean (i/c), HSC&RI, Madurai released a booklet containing the technique for horticulture production. Dr. V. Swaminathan, Professor and Head, Horticulture, Dr. P.Rengaraj, Program Coordinator, KVK, Madurai. Thiru.C.Moorthy DDA (Marketing), madurai offered felicitations and Thiru.C.Muthudurai

DDH (i/c), madurai proposed a formal Vote of Thanks. Six hundred farmers participated in the programme and faculties from HC&RI, Periyakulam, AC&RI Madurai and HSC&RI, Madurai trained the farmers on the latest technologies in horticultural crop production.

FIRST FOUNDATION DAY



The Centre of Excellence in Millets at Athiyandal, Thiruvannamalai district celebrated its First Foundation Day on 10.10.2014. The Director, Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai and the Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore presided over the function by lighting the lamp and welcoming all participants. The Special Officer, AC & RI, Vazhavachanur, the JDA, DDA and ADA of the Department of Agriculture, Thiruvannamalai District were also present. The Progress Report of the Centre was presented by Dr.M.Jayachandran, Professor and Head. Dignitaries who spoke during the felicitation emphasized the farmers to expand agricultural land area for millet cultivation in Thiruvannamalai District.

Dr.K.Ramaraju, Director (i/c), CPPS, TNAU, Coimbatore insisted the Centre to focus on training the farmers in value addition like biscuits making, etc., to make them into entrepreneurs. He also prompted that “proper monitoring in field to see pest and disease occurrence is important and requested farmers to utilize the Centre’s help by bringing the sample to get instant advice. He also requested farmers to utilize TNAU’s Agriportal and Kisan Call Centre for details related to agriculture.

Dr. R. Rajendran, Director (i/c) TRRI, indicated that the centre will develop advanced varieties in millets by laying field trials in the farmer’s field in near future. He also recommended the farmers to form millet growers association in each village of Thiruvannamalai District to boost millet area and production. The session concluded with an on-campus field trip, tree planting by the chief guests and National Anthem.

NSS DAY 2014 AND EYE DONATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME



The 45th National Service Scheme (NSS) day was celebrated in TNAU on 24.9.2014 along with eye donation awareness camp. Miss.Brindhi Hyacinth, NSS Volunteer welcomed the gathering. Miss.Aathira, NSS Volunteer presented the report on NSS activities of 2013-14.

Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor presided over the function and launched the official website of TNAU NSS (www.tnaunss.blogspot.in) and facebook page (NSS TNAU) and gave away the awards to best performers during 2013-14. He also gave away the certificates to 20 volunteers who completed the ten day adventure camp at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, High Altitude Trekking & Skiing Center, Narkanda, Shimla held from 14th to 24th September 2014.

Dr.Adithya, Ophthalmologist, Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore explained the importance of eye donation and indicated that Tamil Nadu tops the Indian states in eye donation and asked the students to register

their names and facilitate donation by people. Dr.S.Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture) (i/c), Dr.C.Divaker Durairaj, Dean (Engineering) (i/c), Dr.N.Raghupathi, Director (Students Welfare) (i/c), Dr.K.Kumutha NSS Programme Coordinator and NSS programme Officers and 600 NSS Volunteers participated in the function. The programme culminated with formal vote of thanks by Ms.S.Harini,NSS volunteer

LEARNING RESCUE OPERATIONS IS ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE SAVING DURING DISASTER



Fifty NSS volunteers from TNAU, Coimbatore belonging to final year B.Tech (Agricultural Information Technology) and B.Tech (Bioinformatics) participated in International Disaster Risk Reduction day rally and demonstration of Disaster rescue operations organised by District administration, Fire and Rescue services and Police Department on 13th October 2014. The rally was flagged off by Ms.Archana Patnaik, IAS, District Collector, Coimbatore and held from Collector Office to V.O.C Park. Students took pledge on reduction of earth quake, forest fire and fire accidents at home and villages and also to conserve water and plant trees.

A programme on rescue operations during disaster was organised by Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Personnel, district Administration and Police department at Mani Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore. Mr. C. Paul Princely Rajkumar, Deputy Collector welcomed the gathering and Mr.S.R.Chandran, Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue services

Divisional Officer, Coimbatore, participated in the programme. Mr.N.Kumaresan, officer TNFRS stated the importance of knowing rescue methods to avoid fatal accidents and also detailed description of each technique of rescue operation. There was demonstration of transport of casualty like pick up back, two,three, four hand seat, fore and after method, Fireman lift, Victim lift using belt, fire extinguishing using carbon dioxide, Sodium bicarbonate, Water and Foam. The student volunteers also performed the rescue operation like fire in huts and cracker manufacturing place. Mr.R.Santhosh Solomon and Miss. Vaishnavi Sekar, student volunteers gave feedback about the programme. The arrangements for the programme were made by the NSS programme Coordinator, Dr.K.Kumutha and NSS Programme Officer Dr.M.R.Latha who proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

CHANGE IN LIFESTYLE IMMINENT NEED OF THE HOUR



Three hundred NSS volunteers from TNAU, Coimbatore participated in "Vaiyiru" an anti obesity and Lifestyle change awareness cycle rally organised by GEM Hospital and Research Centre, Coimbatore on 11th October 2014. The rally was organised from Mettupalayam to Coimbatore. TNAU volunteers joined the rally from Mettupalayam Road to GEM hospital. Dr.S.Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture) (i/c) participated in the programme.

Dr.C.Sylendra Babu, alumnus of TNAU and ADGP, Coastal Security Group, Tamil Nadu in his formal inauguration of GEM

National gastro Expo 2014 addressed the volunteers and emphasized that body is the greatest property given to us by parents and the body alone can give the greatest happiness to us at any moment. About 30% of the school children under 15 years are said to be obese in India due to faulty food habits and changing life style. Exercising an hour daily and reading books help us to maintain good physique and mental health. Dr.D.R.Karthikeyan, former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (Retd) in his Inaugural Address stressed that health is the greatest wealth. Dr.C.Palanivelu and Dr.Praveen Raj, Directors, GEM hospital reiterated that obesity is the starting point for many diseases. Other diseases can be identified by symptoms but gastro diseases cannot be easily identified by outward symptoms and by the time of detection, it may be too late for correction. So prevention is better than cure for which change in lifestyle and food habits are essential. On behalf of TNAU, arrangements for the programme were made by the NSS programme Coordinator, Dr.K.Kumutha and NSS Programme Officers Dr.M.R.Latha, Dr.K.Hema Prabha, Dr.Valliammai, Dr.R.Pavendan, Dr.G.Guru, and Dr.S.Varadha Raj participated in the programme.

**TRAINING PROGRAMME ON
“MARKET-LED EXTENSION
ACTIVITIES”**



The Government of India Scheme on “Market - Led Extension Activities” under Marketing Research and Information Network (MRIN) was implemented successfully at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pudukkottai during September - October 2014. The four

batches of trainings were co-ordinated by Dr.R.P.Gnanamalar, Professor and Head, KVK, Pudukkottai on 11, 18 and 24 September and 9th October, 2014. The scientist-in-charge Dr.Noorjehan A.K.A.Hanif, Assistant Professor (Agrl.Extension) organized the trainings by inviting various categories of farmers, farm women, farm science club leaders, members, progressive farmers, conveners, opinion leaders, and women group leaders both in agriculture and allied fields.

The resource persons were drawn from the TNAU colleges and line departments of Government of Tamil Nadu, the Agricultural Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Council, Trichy covering the course content of market linked cropping system and cropping pattern, precision farming, organic seed certification, farm mechanization-community approach, role of institutions and CIGs for better marketing and dissemination of market intelligence. The trainees were exposed to latest technologies for augmenting yield and income and were motivated to form Commodity Interest Groups (CIGs) and develop linkages with institutions for efficient marketing.

**SEMINAR ON COCONUT
PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES**



A one day farmers’ seminar on coconut production and value addition was conducted jointly by Coconut Research Station (CRS), Veppankulam and Indian Council of Agricultural Research on 11.09.2014 at the CRS, Veppankulam. A total of 1500 famers from Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Pudukkottai and other parts of Tamil Nadu participated

in the event. Dr.S.Mariappan, Dean (i/c) (Hort.), HC&RI, Coimbatore welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered the Inaugural Address and stressed the importance of institutionalized cooperation among the coconut farmers in achieving sustainable production and marketing of coconut. He also emphasized the adoption of scientific cultivation practices of coconut for getting high copra and nut yield. A book entitled "Coconut Production Technologies" was released by Dr. N. Subbaiyan, IAS, District Collector, Thanjavur and the first copy was received by Th.Malalaiyyan, Former Vice Chairman, Coconut Welfare Board, Pattukkottai. The District Collector declared open the exhibition on coconut production and value addition. In his Special Address, he highlighted the importance of creating awareness among the public to know the health benefits of tender nut water, coconut milk, coconut oil and other value added products. Th.N.R.Rengarajan, M.L.A. Pattukkottai, Tmt.Amutha Durai Senthil, Madukkur Union Panchayat Chairman, Th.Jawaharbabu, Pattukkottai Municipal Chairman, Th.V.P.Singadurai, Veppankulam Panchayat President and Th.M.B.Muruganantham, Councillor Veppankulam felicitated the Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam for organizing such a seminar for the benefit of farmers. Th.R.Kalaiselvan, Former Vice Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Kochi highlighted the importance of formation of coconut producer's society in Pattukkottai and other areas in East Coast Region of Tamil Nadu. Th.Lungar Obeid, Director, Regional Office, Coconut Development Board, Chennai, emphasized the importance of effective utilization of various CDB sponsored schemes being implemented in Tamil Nadu. Th.J.Sekar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Thanjavur, narrated the schemes being operated by Department of Agriculture for the benefit of Coconut farmers in Thanjavur district. Dr.R.Rajendiran, Director (i/c), TRRI, Aduthurai stressed the importance of the timely application of inputs and INM practices to be followed in coconut cultivation.

Dr.K.Ramaraju, Director (i/c), CPPS, highlighted the importance of application of plant protection chemicals at the appropriate time, dose, interval and methods to control various pests damaging coconut palms. Scientists and farmers interactive sessions on the coconut varieties, INM, Intercropping, IPM, IDM and value addition in coconut were conducted. Dr.K.Ganesamurthy, Professor and Head, Dr.K.Rajamanickam, Professor (Entomology), Dr.R.Marimuthu, Professor (Agron.), SWMRI, Dr.S.Mohandas, Professor (SS&AC) served as resource persons. Dr.K.Ganesamurthy, Professor and Head, proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

WORLD COCONUT DAY CELEBRATION



World coconut day celebration sponsored by ICAR-AICRP on Palms scheme was organized by Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam at Mannangadu on 02.09.2014. Dr.K.S.Vijai Selvaraj, Assistant professor. (Hort.) welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Amutha Durai Senthil, Maddukkur Panchayat Union President presided over the function and delivered the Special Address and stressed the technological intervention required for the coconut farmers on management of drought and pest problems. Mrs. Shanmugavalli Chidambaram, Mannangadu Panchayat President, highlighted the importance of utilizing Government schemes effectively for the upliftment of livelihood of coconut farmers in the East Coast Region. Dr.K.Ganesamurthy, Professor and Head delivered the Presidential Address and highlighted the significance of adoption of scientific cultivation practices of coconut for

getting high nut yield. He also emphasized the selection and planting of good quality coconut seedlings. Dr.K.Rajamanickam, Professor of Entomology delivered the well defined IPDM practices for managing the emerging pests and diseases in East Coast tract of Tamil Nadu. He also highlighted the importance of using aggregation pheromone traps and bio-agents for managing pests and diseases. Dr. S.Mohandas, Professor (SS&AC) explained the INM practices and cropping system approaches in coconut. He also stressed the importance of administering the root feeding of coconut tonic for arresting the button shedding in coconut. Totally 100 coconut farmers attended the programme. An exhibition on coconut varieties, coconut based cropping system, nutrient management, pest and disease control was arranged for the benefit of the farmers. Dr.A.Selvarani, Assistant professor . (Agronomy) proposed a formal Vote of Thanks.

ODL COURSE CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION



The Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, offered the certificate courses on Mushroom Production (101 students) and organic farming (12 students) during 2013-14, to the students of Sri Vidya Mandir Arts and Science college, Uthangarai, Krishnagiri (Dt). After the completion of the programme, certificates were distributed in a function organized at Sri Vidya Mandir Arts and Science College, Uthangarai, on 12th August 2014. Dr.P.Santhy, Director (ODL) (i/c) distributed the certificates to the college students. Faculty members from ODL, TNAU and Sri Vidya Mandir, Arts and Science College participated.

KVK, MADURAI FARMERS RECEIVED TWO NATIONAL AWARDS



Mr. A. Ganesan, Sukkappatti village, Allanganallur Block, Vadipatti Taluk, and Smt. P.Chandra, member of a Self Help Group, Thirumangalam Taluk, Madurai District were given the National Award along with one lakh cash prize in each category viz., Horticulture-Sapota crop cultivation and Women Farmers Group-engaged in vegetable cultivation, respectively. The awards were presented by Dr. Sanjaya Rajaram, Award Winner of World Food Prize 2014, International Maize & Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico and sponsored by ASPEE, Agricultural Research and Development Foundation, Malad (W), Mumbai on 13th September, 2014. Dr. C.Ravindran helped in identification of the above two progressive farmers sending nomination form, video documentation, beside educating and encouraging the farming community. Previous winners of World Food Prize, Professor Dr. M.S.Swaminathan and Dr. Badrinarayan Barwale were also present during the award ceremony who appreciated the farmers.

NATIONAL AGRI SCIENTIST AWARD-2014

Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Dean (i/c), Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai was conferred with Crystal National Agri Scientist Award-2014 by Krishi Anusandhan and Kisan Vikas Foundation (KAKVF), New Delhi on 27.08.2014 in recognition of the contributions made by him to the agricultural sector, particularly in the field of Weed Science Agronomy. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Transport and



Rural Development, Government of India gave away the award in the presence of Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME TO TNOU – COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai entered into a MoU on 4th July 2014 at TNOU, Chennai for launching the



certificate courses of DODL through TNOU community colleges from July 2014. In continuation with the MoU signed, the TNAU conducted one day orientation programme on Implementation of Agriculture related programmes through Tamil Nadu Open University community colleges to the coordinators of community colleges of TNOU on 8th August 2014. Nearly 120 community college coordinators representing the entire state of Tamil Nadu participated in this programme and received the certificates.

Important visitors

- ◀ Prof. G.Y.Kanyama - Phiri, Lilongwe, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Bunda College Campus, Malawi visited Seed Centre, TNAU on 09.09.2014.
- ◀ Dr.G.S.Varaprasad, Principal Scientist, Crop Improvement, Dr.G.S.Laha, Principal Scientist, Plant Pathology and Dr.K.Suneetha, Scientist, Crop Improvement visited TRRI, Aduthurai on 18.10.2014 to monitor the ongoing AICRP-Rice experiments.

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