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Inauguration of AC&RI, Kudumiyamalai



The Academic Block of Agricultural College and Research Institute was declared open by Hon. Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswamy on 04.03.2019 at Secretariat, Chennai in the presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. N. Kumar, Chief Secretary Mrs Girija Vaidyanathan, Agricultural Production Commissioner Th. Gagan Deep Singh Bedi IAS, Hon. Minister for Agriculture Th. R. Doraikkannu and Hon. Minister for Health & Social Welfare Dr. C. Vijaya Baskar. and Dr. K. Sivasubramaniam, Dean, AC&RI, Kudumiyamalai.



Training Programme on New Dimensions in Agricultural Marketing

A capacity building programme on “New Dimensions in Agricultural Marketing” was organized for the officials of the Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agribusiness by the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore in collaboration with CCS, National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur for three days from 11. 03. 2019 to 13. 03. 2019. Thirty officials from the Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agribusiness from all over the state participated.



The training was inaugurated by Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, the Registrar, TNAU on 11. 03. 2019. The Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Dr. N. Kumar, delivered the valedictory address and emphasized the need to ensure remunerative price for agricultural produces. Also he stressed the need to minimise the post harvest losses through innovative marketing strategies.

A one day Sensitization Workshop on In pursuit of Enhancing TNAU's Global Visibility and Eminence

At Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore a one day sensitization workshop to progress on the Global ranking of University was conducted on 14th March 2019 by the Directorate of Planning and Monitoring. Dr. N. Kumar,



Vice-Chancellor presided over the inaugural function. Mr. Ritin Malhotra, Director, Times Higher Education, Asian Region from Singapore narrated on THE ranking procedure. Mr. Sivakumar Natrajan, Chief Executive Officer, Accendere explained on the National Institutional Ranking framework (NIRF). Mr. Ashwin Fernandes QS ranking spoke on the QS Asia, QS BRICS and QS India ranking procedure. Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University presided over the valedictory function. Dr. S. Murali Krishnasamy, Professor (Agronomy) gave the welcome address. Dr. C. Velavan, Associate Professor (ARM) proposed a formal vote of thanks. University Officers, Deans and Professors participated.

Grantsmanship Workshop to empower young faculty

The Directorate of Research organized a three day “Grantsmanship Workshop” during 19.03.2019 to 21.03.2019 to empower young faculty of TNAU to write winning research proposals to fetch grants through externally funded projects. The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor and presided over by Dr. N.K. Krishnakumar, Former DDG (Horticulture), ICAR, New Delhi.



The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the importance of research grants in augmenting financial support to undertake high quality research. DDG (Horticulture) narrated the need for winning over the competitive research grants. Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore presented the overview of getting a winning proposal.

Precision Farming Development Centre

Skill Development Programme for “Greenhouse Operator” was conducted from 25.02.2019 to 25.03.2019 by Precision Farming Development Centre, Agricultural Engineering College & Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore as per the Agricultural Skill Council of India (ASCI) norms.



The programme was funded by National Committee on Plasticulture Application in Horticulture (NCPAH), Ministry of Agriculture,

Government of India. Twenty-three trainees from various districts of Tamil Nadu participated. The valedictory session was held on 25th March, 2019. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. N. Kumar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore presided over the function and released a book entitled Protected Cultivation and Precision Farming Technologies.

Bioconcorrenza 2019

The pursuit for Bioconcorrenza 2019 and PG biotechnology seminar was initiated on 29th December 2018. On 1st March 2019, the inauguration ceremony of Bioconcorrenza 2019 and PG Biotechnology Seminar began with lighting of kuthuvilakku by the dignitaries. The welcome note was given by Mr. V. Nandha kumar, organizing secretary, B.Tech(Biotechnology). Following this, the introductory remarks was given by the Director, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. Felicitations were given by Dean, School of Post graduate studies, Dean (Agri.) and Dean (Students welfare).



The Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Prof. Dr. N. Kumar shared his experiences and highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship skills for today's youth. The key note address was delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University

Prof. Dr. R. Chandra Babu. Vote of thanks was given by Ms. M.Indhumathi, Organizing Secretary, B.Tech (Bioinformatics).

Students' plot cultivation inaugurated in TNAU

The inaugural function of student transplantation connected to the practical course AGR 301. Crop Production, popularly called student plot cultivation of rice was kick started on 15.03.2019 at the Wetlands of Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.



It was inaugurated by the Vice - Chancellor Dr. N. Kumar along with Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Director (Crop Management), and Dr. M. Kalyanasundaram, Dean (Agriculture). Dr. C.R. Chinnamuthu, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy, Course teachers, Dr. N. Thavaprakash, Dr. R. Karthikeyan and Dr. S.K. Natarajan were involved in organizing the inaugural function of planting at the Wetland farm.

Vice - Chancellor's visit to Cotton Research Station, Srivilliputtur

Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore visited Cotton Research Station, Srivilliputhur on 21. 03. 2019. The Vice-Chancellor inspected the field experiments and seed production plots in the new farm. Vice-Chancellor also visited Citrus Research

Station, Sankarankoil, Floriculture Research Station, Thoivalai, Horticultural Research Station, Pechiparai, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thirupathisaram, Regional Research Station, Ambasamudram, Coastal Salinity Research Station, Ramanathapuram, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramanathapuram, Agricultural Research Station, Paramakudi, Agricultural Research Station, Thirupathisaram and Agricultural Research Station, Bhavanisagar during March 2019.

World Water Day 2019 and International Day of Forests 2019

Forest college and Research Institute and Water Technology Centre jointly organized the tree planting programme in commemoration of World Water Day on 22.03.2019 with the theme 'Leaving no one behind' and International Day of Forest on 21. 03. 2019 with the theme 'Forests and Education'. All students and faculties of Forest College and Research Institute participated.



The International day of Forests was presided over by Dr. K.K. Suresh, Dean (Forestry), and Dr. S. Paneerselvam, Director, Water Technology Centre, TNAU. Dr. Megh R. Goyal, Scientist from USA and Dr. B J. Pandian, former Director, Water Technology Centre, TNAU participated and graced the occasion. The programme was organized by Dr. A. Balasubramanian, Professor and Head, Department of Silviculture and NRM, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Associate Professor and Dr. M. Sivaprakash, Assistant Professor.

Training to Nova Scotia student of Canada

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Dalhousie University, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada signed an MoU for students' exchange programme coordinated by Dr. Raguchander, Director (Students Welfare). With the expertise of the faculty members of the department, a training programme was organized by Dr. K. Prabakar, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies.



Under the guidance of Dr. K. Poornima, Ms. Hannah Arseneault, I M.Sc student of Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, Nova Scotia, Canada was familiarized with all the Nematological techniques from 11th to 22nd March 2019.

Buyers – Sellers enterprise platform meeting

Buyers – Sellers enterprise platform meeting was conducted at Thoppupatty village, Thiruvankulam block of Pudukkottai on 08.03.2019 for the benefit of farm women involved in agro input production.



Dr. M.R. Latha, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Vamban presided over the meeting and explained the marketing avenues of value added products of agriculture. Dr. K.C. Sivabalan, Training Assistant, Agrl. Extension delivered the vote of thanks.

Career Guidance Workshop

The Career Guidance Workshop – 2019 was organized by Placement Cell of the Students' Club, FC & RI, Mettupalayam on 21 - 22 March, 2019 for the benefit of final year students of Forestry and Sericulture. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. T. Raguchander, Dean (Students' welfare).



The inaugural address was given by Dr. K.K. Suresh, Dean (Forestry) and Dr. M.K. Shiva, Professor (HRD) welcomed the gathering. Students were trained by the trainers from GetSetGo Training Solutions, Coimbatore. Motivational talk was by Mr. Ganesh P. Arumugam, Head – Training & Development, NGM College, Pollachi and Mr. K. Venkatesh, Bankedge, Coimbatore.

**KVK, Villupuram farmer bagged
Krishi Yuva Samman Regional
award for South India**



The progressive farmer of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Villupuram, Thiru. R. Chandrabrabhu of Pangulathur village, Olakkur block, Villupuram district received Krishi Yuva Samman Regional award for South India with a cash prize of Rs. 51000/- (Rupees fifty one thousand) under Youth farmer category from Executive Chairman, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., during Mahindra Samridhi India Agri awards 2019 held at New Delhi on 18.03.2019.

**Awareness programme on Fluoride
contamination in groundwater**



A farmers training cum awareness programme on “Fluoride in ground water- causes and mitigation measures” was organized by Water Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore for the farmers of Reddiyarchatram block, at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul district on 30th March 2019 under the ICAR Agri-Consortia Research Platform on water scheme. Dr. Senthilkumar Scientist (Horticulture) welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Panneerselvam, Director (WTC) delivered the inaugural address. Professors, Dr. A. Velayutham, Dr. B.J. Pandian and Dr. V. Eyarkai Nambi, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK explained about water management.

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