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'Important to Identify Delta Rice Varieties'

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Thanjavur: The need for identification of rice varieties suitable for Cauvery Delta zone was stressed during the 31st Cauvery Delta Zone Research and Extension Advisory Council (REAC) meeting held in Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute (TRRI) in Aduthurai on Monday.

K Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) and chairman of REAC who participated in the meeting said the TNAU and the state agriculture department would extend a helping hand for successful agriculture.

P N Vedanarayanan, Chairman, State Pulses Production High Level Committee emphasized the need for forming farmers groups to market their produce. He also stressed the need to increase the pulses production for which a separate Centre of Excellence in pulses would have to be started in the Cauvery Delta Zone.

The discussions focused on various issues including cropping strategies for Cauvery Delta Zone and integrating farmers on farm mechanisation.