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ANNUAL GROUP MEET - 2017 ON COTTON



The Annual Group Meet on cotton was conducted in the Golden Jubilee Year of AICRP on Cotton, at TNAU, Coimbatore from 08.04.2017 to 10.04.2017. About 250 Agricultural scientists from ICAR, SAUs and Private Companies participated in the meet jointly organized by Department of Cotton, CPBG, TNAU and CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore.

Dr.M.Maheswaran, Director of Research (i/c), TNAU, welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU presided and delivered the Presidential Address. Dr.V.Santhanam, Eminent Cotton scientist delivered the Keynote Address. Dr.R.K.Singh, ADG (CC), ICAR and Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former ASRB Chairman and former Director, CICR, Nagpur delivered the Special address. A book on “A decade analysis of Alternaria leaf blight in cotton” and two leaflets were released. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director (i/c), CPBG, TNAU, delivered the formal Vote of Thanks.

The plenary session of the meet was chaired by Dr. R.K. Singh, ADG. Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Former ADG and Dr. Khairone, Former Director, CICR participated during the Annual Group Meet, 2017.

'Farmers Mela' on Mango cultivation



Regional Research Station, Paiyur and the Centre for Plant Protection Studies (CPPS) jointly organized a 'Farmers' Mela on Mango cultivation' on 28.03.2017 at RRS, Paiyur for the mango growers of Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts under Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative (TANII) project. The Farmers' Mela was inaugurated by Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU. Thiru.C. Kathiravan, I.A.S., District Collector, Krishnagiri, Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research (i/c) and Dr. K. Ramaraju, Director (i/c), CPPS spoke. During this occasion, a book on "Mango cultivation technology" was released. A status report on horsegram, research highlights - 2015-2016, Annual report (2016-2017) and highlights of MOU - Sun Agro Biotech Research Centre, Chennai and TNAU, Eco - friendly insect pest management were also released. About 800 mango growers participated.

Dr.S.Mohamed Jalaluddin, Professor and Head, RRS, Paiyur, welcomed. Thiru.G.Srinivasan, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Thiru. P.Sankaran, Joint Director of Agriculture, Krishnagiri district and Dr. S.Sithanantham, Director, Sun Agro Biotech felicitated. Exhibition on genotypes of mango, hitech production practices, fruit fly traps and the varieties released by Regional Research Station, Paiyur were displayed in the mela. Dr.N.Natarajan, Professor and Head, Department of Entomology, Coimbatore proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

NSS Programme

The National Service Scheme volunteers of II B.Sc. (Agriculture), AC & RI, Coimbatore organized Tree planting program at Sokkanur village on 01.04.2017. Forty NSS volunteers participated. Lecture on water conservation to school students, cleaning and polythene removal, literacy programme, distribution of pamphlets on soil sampling, mushroom production, farm machinery and apiculture, cleaning of temple and school premises were the



major events. The NSS volunteers visited the night shelter orphanage. Volunteers also explained the importance of water conservation to the residents of TNAU quarters. Dr.M.R. Latha, NSS Programme Officer co-ordinated.

Awareness Programme on Agriculture Courses in TNAU



Dr. M.R. Latha, NSS Program Co-ordinator and Dr. M.Kathiravan, Assistant Professor (SS&T), KVK, Vamban, participated in a career guidance programme organized by the Directorate of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu on 07.04.2017 at MNSK Engineering College, Kathakkurichi, Pudukkottai. About 250 students from Government higher secondary school attended the program. Dr. M.R. Latha, spoke on the Agriculture and related courses being offered by TNAU, eligibility requirements, mode of entry, fee details and job opportunity in the Government sector. Dr. M. Kathiravan delivered a lecture on "Opportunities in private industries and Entrepreneurship development."

Driving License Mela - 2017

With the motive of issuing driving license to the students and Faculty "Driving license Mela 2017" was organized on 10.04.2017 at AEC& RI, Kumulur. Amman Driving School, Lalgudi assisted. Dr.P.Dhananchezhian, NSS Programme officer welcomed, followed by felicitation address by Dr.I. Muthusamy, Dean (i/c), AEC&RI, Kumulur and Dr. R.Kavimani, Principal, Institute of Agriculture, Kumulur.



Selvan D.Naveen, the NSS secretary, proposed Vote of Thanks.

Tribal Sub-Plan Program in Jawadhu Hills



At Centre of Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal, Thiruvannamalai District, Small Millets Tribal Sub-Plan scheme under AICRP entitled “Productivity enhancement in small millets and net profit uplifting of tribal farmers of Tamil Nadu” is operated with the objective of popularizing high yielding varieties and improved cultivation techniques for small millets yield maximization in hilly tribal areas of Tamil Nadu. Essential inputs such as quality seeds, bio-fertilizers, bio-control agents, MN mixture, fertilizers and small farm implements were distributed to farmers. The Farmers feedback was recorded as a film by the scientists and displayed during the inaugural function of 28th Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Small Millets held at Bengaluru on 14.04.2017 in the presence of Dr. Prabhakar, Project Co-ordinator (Small Millets), Dr.A. Seetharam, Ex-PC (Small Millets), Dr.H.Shivanna, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru, Dr.T.N.Prakash, Chairman, Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission, Bengaluru and Dr.V.A.Tonapi, Director, IIMR, Hyderabad.

Training on ‘Small millets production’

Training on various agro techniques to increase small millets production was organized in KrishiVigyan Kendra, Vamban, Pudukkottai on



19.04.2017. About 40 farmers from nearby villages viz., Avvayarpati, Karapattu, Naripatti and Neerpazhani participated. Dr. M.R. Latha, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, inaugurated, Dr. G. Prabukumar, Assistant Professor, Agronomy explained about TNAU varieties, the yield potential and agro techniques to increase the production of sorghum, cumbu, ragi, tenai, samai, varagu and kudiraivali. The processing machinery and agencies involved in value addition were also discussed. Dr. M. Kathiravan, Assistant Professor (SS&T), Dr. R. Manimekalai, Assistant Professor, (Agrl. Extension) and Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi, Assistant Professor (Hort.) attended the programme.

Annual Sports Meet



Annual Sports Meet - 2017 was organized at ADAC&RI and HC&RI (W), Trichy on 05.04.2017. Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean (*i/c*), ADAC&RI presided over the function. Mr. Francis Sahayarajan, Central Excise Department, Trichy was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners. Dr.R.Saraladevi, Dean (*i/c*), HC&RI (W) delivered the Special Address. The “Green House” of the college bagged the over all Championship.

The First Annual sports meet of Institute of Agriculture (IOA), Kumulur was conducted on 26.04.2017. Dr.G.Kathiresan, the Staff Advisor welcomed the gathering. Dr.I.Muthuchamy, Dean (*i/c*), AEC&RI, Kumulur declared open the sports meet. Dr.Vincent De Paul, Principal, District Institute Teacher for Education and Training (DIET) graced the occasion as special guest and also delivered the sports day address. Dr.R.Kavimani, Principal, Institute of Agriculture presided over the function and distributed the prizes to the winners of various events.



Dr.S.Daisy, Deputy Director, Physical Education, AEC&RI, Kumulur proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

The “Student’s Club” activities at Trichy.

The ADAC&RI and HC&RI (W), Trichy jointly celebrated the College Day, Club Day & Hostel Day functions on 27.04.2017. Dr.C.Sekar, the Staff Advisor, ADAC& RI, welcomed; Dr.Govindaraju, Professor (Education) presented the Annual Day report; Dr.L.Arul, Warden, presented the Hostel report and Selvan. S.L.B Mohapatra, the Club Secretary presented the Annual club report. Cinthanai kavingar Dr. Kavidasan, the Managing Director, Roots India, Coimbatore was the Chief Guest and distributed medals to the winners.

Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean (i/c), ADAC&RI delivered the Presidential Address and Dr.D.Saraladevi, Dean (i/c), HC&RI (W) delivered the Special Address. Dr.S. Jeeva, Staff Advisor, HC & RI(W), Trichy proposed Vote of Thanks.

Award

The Department of Forage Crops, TNAU, Coimbatore, is adjudged as the ‘Best performing AICRP centre’ in India. Dr. C.Babu, Professor and Head and In-charge of AICRP - Forage



Crops and Dr. S.D. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) received certificate of appreciation and a memento from Dr.I.S. Solanki, Assistant Director General (FFC), ICAR, New Delhi in the presence of Dr.A.K. Roy, Project Co-ordinator, AICRP on FC&U, IGRI, Jhansi during the National Group Meet- Kharif 2017 held at CSK HPKV, H.P from 18.04.2017 to 19.04.2017. The award was conferred to the centre for the significant contribution in the evolution of Cumbu Napier hybrids and also in the development of forage resources for the year 2016-17.

New schemes obtained

| Project Title | Principal Investigator | Amount (in lakhs) | Funding Agency | Duration (Years) |
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| DST/CPPS/ATL/P AT/2016/R003 - Population biology of Magnaporthe oryzae and analysis of host plant resistance in foxtail millet against blast disease. | Dr. G. Senthilraja, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology), Centre of Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal - 606 603. | Rs. 37.79 | DST-SERB (ECRA; Early Career Research Award) | 3 years (01.04.2017 to 31.03.2020) |
| Network project on “Development of consensus genetic linkage map for Gossypium L.ssp. with SNP markers and QTL analysis for fibre traits” | Dr. N. Premalatha Assistant Professor (PBG), Department of Cotton, CPBG, TNAU, Coimbatore-3 | Rs. 34.09 | GOI- DBT (from 01.04.2017) | 3 years (21.02.2017 to 20.02.2020) |

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