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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS'



The Department of Medicinal & Aromatic Crops, Horticultural College & Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore organized National Conference on “Agro-technology and Profitable marketing of Tropical Medicinal and Aromatic plants” on 16.02.2017 and 17.02.2017 at TNAU, Coimbatore in association with the Society for Conservation and Resource Development of Medicinal plants, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Dr.G.P.Dubey, Emeritus Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi was the Guest of Honour and was honoured with Life Time Achievement Award. Padmashri Dr. P. Krishnakumar, Managing Director of Arya Vaidya Pharmacy and the Chancellor, Avinashilingam University delivered Special Address. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University delivered Presidential Address. Dr.M.Jawaharlal, Dean (Hort) i/c, Dr.Lalit Narayan, Deputy Director, National Medicinal Plants Board, New Delhi and Dr.G.P.Rao, Secretary, Society for Medicinal Plants, New Delhi felicitated. An one day National Workshop and Stakeholders Meet on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Production with Market Linkage was also organized on 18.2.2017. The progressive farmers, delegates from phyto-chemical companies and NGO's participated in the meet. About 300 delegates participated in both the events.

**'Field Day' on Redgram Crop
- Variety CO 8**



Front Line Demonstrations were conducted for Redgram crop-variety CO 8(CRG10-01) at farmer's field in Periyanaickenpalayam, S.S.Kulam, Annur and Karamadai blocks in Coimbatore District. A Field day was organized on 07.02.2016 at the farmers' field of Thiru Ranganathan at Idikarai village, S.S.Kulam Block, Coimbatore District.

Dr.J. R.Kannan Babu, Professor and Head, Department of Pulses, TNAU welcomed. Dr.K.Ganesamoorthy, Director CPBG (i/c), TNAU, Coimbatore and Thiru. Safi Ahmed, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Periyanaicken palayam spoke. Dr.A.Thanga Hemavathy and other Scientist's from Department of Pulses participated. Forty farmers including Self Help Groups participated and got benefitted.

**'National Productivity Week' Celebration
at AC & RI, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur**



The National Productivity Week was celebrated at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur from 11.02.2017 to 18.02.2017. Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Professor (Education) and Dr. P. Sivakumar,

NSS Programme Officer conducted various student activities like essay writing, drawing and slogan competitions. The NSS volunteers were involved in collection of degradable and non-degradable waste materials in the college premises.

**Awareness on 'Point of Sale machine'
use at KVK, Villupuram**



To encourage cashless transaction, KVK - Villupuram introduced Point of Sale machine (POS) for the farmers, scientists, officials and other stakeholders on 15.02.2017. Dr.S. Sheeba, Programme Co-ordinator of KVK, Tindivanam welcomed the gathering. The Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Tindivanam, inaugurated and delivered the Special Address on " Cashless transaction and use of POS machine".

Dr. R. Vaidyanathan, Professor and Head, Oilseeds Research Station, Tindivanam delivered Felicitation Address. Totally 113 farmers of Villupuram District attended the programme and were benefitted.

Tree Planting Programme at TNAU

Under "One Student - One Tree growing" programme, the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, HC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore organized tree planting programme at TNAU campus. Around 150 seedlings of Jamun, West Indian Cherry, Sapota, Guava, Malayan apple, Singapore cherry, medicinal trees, (*Melia dubia*, *Terminalia bellarica*), ornamental trees (Pungam, Cordia, Ficus sp., *Pisonia alba*) and flowering shrubs (Hibiscus and *Nandhiyavattai*) were planted on 24.02.2017. The second year B.Tech (Hort.) students would maintain these plants. Dr. M.Jawaharlal, Dean (i/c) Horticulture.,



Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (*i/c*) Agriculture., Dr. V. Udayasuriyan, Director (*i/c*) Student's Welfare., Dr. M. Kannan, Professor and Head, Department of Floriculture and Landscaping., Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Warden participated in the programme. Dr.P.Aruna and Dr.M. Prabhu, Assistant Professors and all scientists in Department of Floriculture and Landscaping participated in the planting programme.

Awareness Programme on 'Value Addition of Palmyrah and Kavuni Rice'

A two day awareness programme *cum* hands-on training on value addition in *Palmyrah* palm tuber and *Kavuni* Rice was conducted on 15.02.2017 and 16.02.2017 at Dryland Agricultural Research Station, Chettinad, Sivagangai district. A total of 115 women students from Seethalakshmi Aachi Arts and Science College for Women, Pallathur participated in the programme. Dr. T. Myrtle Grace, Project Director & Professor and Head, Centre of Excellence in Dry Farming, Dryland Agricultural Research Station, Chettinad, inaugurated. Dr. K. R. Ramesh, Assistant Professor (Forestry) explained the different stages and development of palmyrah palm tuber. Dr. R. Sasikala, Assistant Professor (Plant Breeding & Genetics) highlighted the significance of *Kavuni* rice and its therapeutic importance.



Dr. V. Thirupathi, Professor, spoke on processing and storage of *kavuni* rice and palmyrah palm tuber. Dr. E. Tamilselvi, Assistant Professor (Food Science & Nutrition) demonstrated on value added bakery food products and nutritious ready-to-eat foods from *Kavuni* rice and processed *Palmyrah* palm tubers.

'Training on Cocoa Cultivation' at Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam



The Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development, Kochi sponsored three day farmers' training on "Cocoa Cultivation" at Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam from 22.02.2017 to 24.02.2017. Dr.D.Saraladevi, Dean (*i/c*), Horticultural College & Research Institute (W), Trichy inaugurated.

Dr. M.Maheswaran, Director of Research (*i/c*) Dr. K.Ganesamurthy, Director, *i/c* (CPBG), TNAU, Coimbatore and Thiru M.Chandrasaran, Deputy Director (Hort.), Thanjavur offered Special Addresses.

Mr. Ananthagiri, Area Manager, M/s Mondalez India Pvt. Ltd., took part in the training and distributed the certificates. Dr. R. Rajendran, Professor and Head, Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam welcomed and Dr. S. Mohandas Professor (SS & AC) proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

National Workshop on 'Nutritional Security'



In collaboration with the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) Hyderabad, a three day National Workshop on "Agricultural and Nutritional Linkages: towards Nutrition Security and Better Health" was conducted at Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai from 27.02.2017 to 01.03.2017. Dr. G. Hemalatha, Professor (FSN) and the Course Director welcomed the participants. Dr. N. Regupathy, Dean (*i/c*), Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai felicitated, Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean, (*i/c*) Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai inaugurated. Dr. M. Chinnadurai, Director (*i/c*), Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered Presidential Address. Dr. A. Janaki Rani, Assistant Professor, (Agricultural Extension) and Assistant Course Director proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. Nearly 50 scientists from Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, Extension officials, Child Development Officers and other line Department officials and NGOs participated.

Stakeholders' Meet on Paddy Seed Production



An one day workshop on the Stakeholders' meet on paddy seed production techniques was held on 28.2.2017 at Agricultural Research Station, Bhavanisagar. Scientists from Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Seed Science and Technology, Assistant Directors of Extension and Seed Certification, Seed Certification Officers and State seed-farm Officers participated. Dr. N. K. Prabhakaran, Professor and Head, welcomed. Dr. J. Venkita Pirabu, the Principal Investigator facilitated. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy Director (*i/c*) CPBG delivered presidential address. Dr. P. Selvaraju, Special Officer (Seeds) and Dr. K. Umapathy, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Bhavanisagar delivered Special address. A Compendium on "Paddy seed production initiatives" was released. Dr. S. K. Natarajan (Agronomy) and Dr. D. Kavithamani (Plant Breeding and Genetics) Assistant Professors, co-ordinated the activities. Dr. R. Jerlin, Professor, (Seed science and Technology) proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

Personality Development Workshop

The Personality Development Workshop - 2017 was conducted on 21.02.2017 for final year students of TNAU by the Directorate of Students Welfare, TNAU.



The lead speakers were Mr. K. Murali Krishna, DGM HR - Training, Coromandel, Hyderabad and Mr.V. Ruthrapathy, State Manager, Yara Fertilizers, Pune. The topics on (1) Enhancing professional personality, (2) Power packed resume preparation, (3) Enhancing aptitude skills (Verbal and quantitative),(4) Knowing interview skills and (5) Guiding group discussion were covered.

Training to Veterinary Assistant Surgeons



Two days training on 'Forage seed production techniques and vermicomposting' was imparted to 120 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons (VAS) under State Fodder Development Scheme of Govt. of Tamil Nadu, from 10.1.2017 to 03.2.2017.

Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director (*i/c*), CPBG, TNAU, Coimbatore inaugurated the training programme. Dr. C. Babu, Professor and Head, Dept. of Forage Crops and Dr. S.D. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) organized the training programme.

Awards

Dr. K.Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was conferred 'Life time achievement award' from the Institute of Biological Sciences.



Dr. S. Kannan, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Vridhachalam, received the Best Performer of Cluster FLD on Oilseeds for the year 2015-2016 during "National review workshop on Cluster FLD on oilseeds" held at IGKV, Raipur from 17.02.2017 to 18.02.2017.

Dr. S.K. Patil, Vice-Chancellor of IGKV, Raipur delivered the award. Dr.A.K.Singh, DDG (Agrl. Extension), Dr.V.P.Chahal, ADG (Agrl. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education (*i/c*), TNAU and Scientists from Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Bengaluru, were present.



Mr. P. Sivaraj, Ph.D, Scholar, Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, TNAU, Coimbatore received "National Award - Student of the Year Award 2016" on 20.02.2017 for his outstanding contribution for undertaking Students Welfare Activities and Empowering the Youth in Agriculture in the State of Tamil Nadu



(Southern Zone) from Shri C.R. Chaudhary, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) during "2nd National Youth Convention of Agricultural Innovation in Sustainable Food Systems for Improving Rural livelihood: The Youth Perspective" jointly organized by Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) and All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA) at University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur (Karnataka).

Indian Council of Agricultural Research through the Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, adjudged TNAU All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Weed Management at Coimbatore as National Best Centre during



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2016-17 and the award was presented on 27.02.2017 during 24th Annual Review Meeting held at Maharana Pratap Agriculture University and Technology, Udaipur. Dr. Uma Shankar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, MPAUT, Udaipur presented the award. Dr.S.Bhaskar, Assistant Director General (Agronomy), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr.A.R.Sharma, Director, Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, were present. Along with the award, an additional grant of Rs 1.00 lakh was sanctioned to TNAU Centre for its outstanding contributions in the field of weed science research and extension by the team of scientists constituted by Dr.C.Chinnusamy, Dr.P.Murali Arthanari, Dr.P.Janaki and Dr.A.Ramalakshmi, Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.



Dr.A.Balasubramanian, Professor and Head, Department of Silviculture received Sir. J.C.Bose Memorial Award from Padma Vibhushan Dr.M.R.Srinivasan, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Chairman, Nuclear Power Corporation, Government of India on 28.02.2017 at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. The award was conferred recognizing his outstanding contribution in Forest Ecology and Environment.

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