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## The 47<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day at TNAU



The 47<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and the Open and Distance Learning Graduation Day Celebrations were held on 1.07.2017 at Coimbatore. Dr. S.Ayyappan, Former Director-General, ICAR & Secretary (DARE) was the Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day Address. He appreciated the TNAU's achievements in setting an example to all other agricultural institutions in the country and the legacy of the University will continue to exist even beyond 100 years. He complimented the B. F (Tech) for its uniqueness in empowering the farmers. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University delivered Keynote Address. Dr. P. Santhi, Director (i/c), Open and Distance Learning briefed about the features of B.F (Tech) course offered to farmers. During the ceremony, the Staff who have put up 25 years and drivers who have put more than 10 years of unblemished service were honored. The "Best Researchers", "Best Teachers" and "Best Extension workers", "Best Women Scientist", "Best Research Stations", "Krishi Vigyan Kendra", "NSS Programme Officer" and students Selvan Raaghul, AC&RI, Eachankottai and Selvi T. Nandhini, HC&RI, Periyakulam received the best NSS volunteer awards. Dr. C.R. Ananda Kumar, the Registrar (i/c), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research (i/c), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

## Field day on "Blackgram for Summer Irrigated Season"



A field day on high yielding blackgram variety for summer irrigated season was organized at Therkukottai village, Thiruvonam block, Thanjavur district on 06.07.2017 to popularize VBN 6 blackgram variety as replacement for ADT 5 blackgram variety in Cauvery delta region under summer irrigated condition. Dr.V.Ravi, Director (i/c), TRRI delivered the Welcome Address. Dr. K. Ramasamy Vice-Chancellor TNAU, in his Presidential Address requested the farmers to cultivate high yielding yellow mosaic disease resistant varieties and use solar powered pumping system for irrigation.

Thiru. P. N. Vedanarayanan, I.A.S., (Retd.) and Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director, i/c (CPBG) delivered Special Addresses. Dr. K. Samiyyan, Dean (i/c), AC&RI, Eachankottai, Thanjavur and Thiru. R. Krishnakumar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Thanjavur District spoke. Thiru. Rathinevel, President, ATMA of Thiruvonam block and Thiru. Chandran, progressive farmer gave feedback on VBN 6 Blackgram variety. Dr.N. Manivannan, Professor and Head, National Pulses Research Centre (NPRC), Vamban, Scientists from NPRC, Vamban and ARS, Pattukkottai, Officials from Department of Agriculture, Thanjavur were present. A field visit was arranged and the participants visited the field of Thiru. K. Dhandayuthapani, Progressive farmer at Therkukottai. Thiru. Rathinevel, proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. More than 100 farmers actively participated in the field day organized by NPRC, Vamban.

**'AGRI INTEX' 2017**



The seventeenth edition of AGRI INTEX was held during July 14-17, 2017 at CODISSIA fair grounds, Coimbatore. The AGRI INTEX 2017 was inaugurated by Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Thiru. Shunchonngam Jatak Chiru I.A.S., Commissioner, Directorate of Agricultural Marketing and Agri-business Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, Dr.S.Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai, Thiru S.N.A.Jinnah, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Chennai, Thiru. V.Sundaram, President, CODISSIA and Thiru. R.Soundararajan, Chairman, AGRI INTEX 2017 were the dignitaries in the inaugural event. The AGRI INTEX has earned the distinction of being a premier agricultural trade fair which is organized continuously during the last 17 years. The number of public and private institutions from agricultural and allied sectors participating in the event has increased tremendously over the years. More than three lakh farmers visited the fair and benefitted from modern technologies and equipments in agriculture and allied sectors. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and its research stations and KVKs have put up 25 stalls. Apart from these indoor stalls, outdoor live demonstration of micro-irrigation, integrated farming system, vegetable crops, medicinal plant garden and protected cultivation technologies were done to showcase the latest technologies. Apart from stalls and exhibitions, seminars on important themes were held on all the four days in order to explain the modern agro-technologies to the farming community.

**Motivational talk on 'Born to Win'**

Under Soft Skill Workshop, a motivation



speech on "Born to Win" (*Vella Piranthen*) was delivered on 19.07.2017 by the renowned inspirational speaker, Thiru. Ilango. Music and motivation 'Musivation' as Thiru. Ilango calls, was the highlight of the speech centred around positivity and mind set. He instilled confidence in the minds of students to face any type situation by narrating his experiences in life, the challenges he had encountered as a visually challenged person and how he overcame these situations, to become a winner as a voice artist. A total of 1200 students participated in the program organized by the Directorate of Student's Welfare.

**Interactive Workshop on 'Engineering interventions on Soil and Water Conservation Measures'**



M/s Kothari Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Trichy sponsored an one-day interactive workshop on "Engineering interventions on Soil and Water Conservation Measures – Challenges for their Eco-friendly Adoption" at AEC & RI, Kumulur, Trichy on 19.07.17. Dr. I. Muthuchamy, Dean (*i/c*), AEC & RI, Kumulur delivered Presidential address. Dr.D.Jawahar, Special Officer, NRM, TNAU delivered the Inaugural Address. Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean (*i/c*), ADAC&RI., Trichy and Dr.R.Kavimani, Principal, IOA, Kumulur felicitated. Thiru. Anna Arasu, Senior Manager (Cane) and Thiru. Senthil Vel, Deputy Cane Manager, Kothari Sugars, Trichy, spoke. Resource persons from National

Institute of Technology, Trichy and Bharathidasan University, Trichy delivered lectures on various issues on soil and water conservation measures. Dr.T.Sherene Jenita Rajammal, Assistant Professor (SS & AC) and the Organizing Secretary of the event welcomed the gathering. Dr. Aruna Devi, Assistant Professor (SWCE) proposed Vote of Thanks. Around 55 participants (including research scholars and faculty) attended and were benefitted.

### Soft skill Workshop for UG Students



The III year UG students of TNAU main campus attended a two-day soft skill workshop on “Empowering Employability Skills” TNAU on 19.07.2017 and 20.09.2017. The “Silver Tongue”, a renowned organization, discussed topics and provided trainings in skill enhancement, communication for success, making a lasting impression, building a powerful resume, facing interviews and group discussion. The workshop also aimed at sharpening the employability of the students and to tune their ability to meet the expectation of the Job providers. Dr. C. R. Ananda Kumar, Registrar (*i/c*), TNAU inaugurated and Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Director (*i/c*), Students Welfare welcomed and Thiru. Periyasamy, IFS, DFO Tirupur, Alumni of TNAU enlightened the students on career planning. Thiru. M. Suresh, Assistant Professor (English) delivered the formal Vote of Thanks. A total of 400 students got benefitted.

### Centre of Innovation

The Hon’ble Ministers, Government of Tamil Nadu visited the Centre of Innovation at AC&RI, Madurai on 21.07.2017. Thiru. R. Doraikkannu, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, Thiru Dindigul C. Srinivasan, Hon’ble Minister for Forests, Thiru K.A. Sengottaiyan, Hon’ble Minister for School Education, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Thiru Sellur K. Raju, Hon’ble Minister for Co-operation, R. B. Udhayakumar, Hon’ble Minister for Revenue visited the centre. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU explained the activities of Center of Innovation to



the Hon’ble ministers of Tamil Nadu Government. Dr. S. Suresh, Dean (*i/c*), AC&RI, Madurai and Dr. N. Senthil, Project Director, Centre of Innovation and Professor & Head, Department of Bio-technology, AC&RI, Madurai explained the instrument facilities created under the project and their applications for small millets research work.

### Parent - Teacher Meet



Parent - Teacher meet was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at HC & RI, Periyakulam to discuss and to sensitize the academic requirements of the students. The first and second B.Sc., (Hort.) students along with their parents participated. Dr. R. Balakumbahan, Assistant Professor (Hort) and Dr. M.P. Kavitha, Assistant Professor (Agron) I year co-ordinators and Dr. R. Velusamy, Associate Professor (Agrl. Extn.) and Dr. A. Eswari, Assistant Professor (Maths) II year co-ordinators welcomed. Dr. Keiser Lourdhusamy, Associate Professor (Hort.) and Academic Co-ordinator spoke about the academic rules and regulation, attendance requirements, examination system and breaking system followed in UG program. Dr. Lakshmanan Professor (Hort.) and Staff Advisor, Dr.T. Thangaselvbai, Professor & Head, Department of Floriculture & Medicinal Crops and Student Warden, spoke. The parents and the students were explained to maintain the college and hostel premises clean and to make the campus a ragging free zone. Dr. L. Pugalendhi, Professor and Head, Department of Vegetable Crops, felicitated. Dr.P.Paramaguru, Professor

(Hort) & Research Co-ordinator briefed about the research career for the horticultural students. Dr.V. Swaminathan, Dean (i/c), HC & RI, Periyakulam summed up the meet.

**NABARD Chair at TNAU**



The Department of Nano Science and Technology, TNAU, Coimbatore, received the rare distinction of instituting a (NABARD Chair) Unit. Sri. M.V. Ashok, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Mumbai, formally launched the Chair Unit on 24.7.2017 in the presence of Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Thiru. S. S. Vaseeharan, Assistant General Manager, NABARD and Dr. M. Chinnadurai, Director i/c (CARDS). The guests also interacted with the students, researchers and scientists of the Department.

**NABARD Agri-Business Incubation Centre at AC&RI, Madurai**



The NABARD's Foundation Day was celebrated at Chennai on 26.07.17. During this occasion, NABARD sanctioned the "NABARD Agri Business Incubation Centre" (NABIC) at

Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai with a budget outlay of Rs.12.24 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, and Shri. S.N.A. Jinnah, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Chennai Region, graced the occasion.

**Curriculum Development Workshop on Ph.D. (Agri) Nano Sci & Tech Degree Program**



The Department of Nano -Science & Technology, Coimbatore, organized a three day Curriculum Development Workshop for designing the syllabi for Ph.D. (Agri) Nano Science & Technology from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. The experts from ICAR, CFTRI, Mysuru, and IIFPT, Thanjavur, shared the inputs. The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the need to promote nano-technology and to create opportunities for graduate students to excel in the cutting-edge technologies. Meanwhile, care should also be taken on the bio-safety and environmental concerns of nanotechnology. Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean, i/c (Agri), Dr. D. Sudhakar, Dean, i/c (SPGS) and Dr. D. Jawahar, Special Officer, i/c (DNRM) offered felicitation. Dr. G.J. Janavi, Professor & Head, welcomed the gathering and Dr. K.S. Subramanian, NABARD Chair Professor gave preamble to the curriculum development. Dr. Jeya Sundara Sharmila, PG Co-ordinator proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

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