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## NATIONAL EVENT ON 'NEW CHALLENGES AND ADVANCES IN SUSTAINABLE MICRO IRRIGATION'



A National congress on 'New challenges and advances in sustainable micro irrigation' was organized at TNAU, Coimbatore during March 1-3, 2017. The three day National event was organized by the Water Technology Centre with the objective to find out a solution for area expansion under micro irrigation across the country. Dr.A.K.Singh, Vice-Chancellor of RVSKVV, Bhopal inaugurated. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore in his presidential address, elucidated the important milestones in irrigation sector. Six publications and two Compact Discs (CD's) on various aspects of micro irrigation were released. Dr.V.Theivendran, Chief Engineer, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Govt. of Tamil Nadu Chennai, Shri.Naresh Modi, Project Director, National Centre for Plasticulture in Agriculture and Horticulture, New Delhi, Shri.R.K.Sugoor, IFS, Joint Managing Director, Gujarat Green Revolution Company, Vadodara and Dr.S.Bhaskar, Assistant Director General of ICAR, New Delhi felicitated the function.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Prof.R.K.Sivanappan, Former Dean, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute and Founder Director of Water Technology Centre, Coimbatore for his research experience in micro irrigation. Dr.K.Palanisami, Emeritus Professor, International Water Management Institute, Dr.S.Raman, Advisor, Gujarat Green Revolution Company, Vadodara, Dr.R.Sakthivadivel, Emeritus Professor, Anna University, Dr.E.J.James, Director, Water Institute, Karunya University and Dr.Megh R.Goyal, Former Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, USA were also honoured. Thiru. M.Parthasarathy of Govindapuram Village, Tirupur district and Thiru. P.Vetrivelan of Thondamuthur, Coimbatore district were awarded 'Best Micro Irrigation Farmer'. The Congress was concluded with the valedictory address delivered by Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Deemed University. Dr.B.J.Pandian, Director and Organizing Chairman narrated the progress made and Dr.SP.Ramanathan, Professor of Agronomy and Organizing Secretary proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

## National Integration Camp - 2017



The National Integration Camp “Youth for Nation Building” 2017 was held at National Service Scheme Cell, College of Agriculture, Hassan for seven days from 27.02.2017 to 05.03.2017. A total of seventeen colleges all over India from various states, participated. The NSS volunteers of Agricultural College & Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore bagged the first prize for their performance and active participation.

## Training programme on ‘Production technology of Garlic’



The Horticultural Research Station (HRS), Ooty organised an one day farmers’ training programme on “**Production technology of Garlic**” on 06.03.2017. The programme was organized in association with Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Kozhikode under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture. Dr. B. Anita, Professor & Head, Horticultural Research Station, Ooty welcomed, Thiru. N. Mani, Joint Director of Horticulture, Ooty, delivered the Inaugural Address.

Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (*i/c*) Horticulture, presided and Dr. K.N. Selvaraj, Professor (Agriculture Economics) spoke on the trade benefits and market eventualities in garlic. The programme was broadcasted in All India Radio - Ooty FM, for the benefit of the farmers.

Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. Around 75 farmers from Nilgiris district participated in the training programme.

## ‘Training on Pulses’ at RRS, Vridhachalam



Under NADP, an one day training on “Enhancing Pulses Production” was conducted on 8.3.2017 at KVK, Regional Research Station, Vridhachalam. Shri. T.P.Rajesh, I.A.S., District Collector, Cuddalore presided. Dr.V.Ravi Director (*i/c*), Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai welcomed. **Shri Gagandeep Singh Bedi I.A.S.**, Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Agricultural Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, delivered the Special Address and distributed the inputs to the farmers. Dr.C.R.Ananda Kumar, Registrar (*i/c*), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore felicitated. A book-let on ‘Strategies for enhancing pulses production in Cauvery Delta Region’ was released. Thiru V.T. Kalaiselvan, MLA, Vridhachalam constituency; Thiru R.S.Manokaran, JDA, Cuddalore and Thiru. Vettaivalam Manikandan, State Level Farmer's representative spoke during the programme.

Tree planting programme was also arranged at Regional Research Station, where Jack fruit grafts of Palur-1 variety and gumless type of Jack fruit trees were planted by the VIPs and progressive farmers.

Dr.M.S.Aneesa Rani, Professor and Head, Regional Research Station, Vridhachalam organized the training programme and also delivered the formal Vote of Thanks. Scientists from Regional Research Station, Vridhachalam, Vegetable Research Station, Palur and Sugarcane Research Station, Cuddalore along with Extension Officials from Department of Agriculture, Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering participated. Around 250 farmers from Cuddalore district attended the training programme.

### 'International Women's Day' celebration at TNAU



The NSS students of TNAU celebrated the "International Women's Day" for the year 2017 on 08.03.2017. Selvi. R. Kiruthiga, NSS volunteer, TNAU welcomed the gathering.

Ms. J. Bhuvaneshwary, IRS., Asst. Commissioner of Income Tax and former alumni of TNAU was the Chief Guest. Dr.K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, delivered the Presidential Address, distributed prizes and also released a book titled "Celebrate being a Women" co-authored by Dr. K. Poornima, Professor, Nematology, TNAU. Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (i/c), Agriculture, TNAU delivered Special Address. Dr. P. Santhi, Director (i/c), Open and Distance Learning, Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director(i/c), Crop Management, Dr. P. Malarvizhi, Deputy Registrar (Affiliation), Dr. G.J. Janavi, Staff Advisor offered felicitations. Selvi. Simhi Samyukta, NSS volunteer, TNAU proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. The University officers, faculty members and 700 volunteers participated in the function.



The "International Women's Day" was celebrated at ADAC&RI, Trichy on 08.03.2017 to mark the importance of women's role in day-to-day affairs of the home as well as the society. Dr.C.Sekar, Professor & Head, Social Sciences, ADAC&RI, Trichy highlighted and stressed the women's role in the society. Dr.S.Geetha, the Project Director emphasized the importance of women education in shaping the society. The meeting was organized by Dr.R.Radhika, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) and NSS Co-ordinator with active participation of NSS volunteers and students.

### Third Annual Seed Workshop, 2017 at TNAU



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seed Workshop was conducted in TNAU on 14.03.2017 by the Seed Centre Unit, Coimbatore. Dr.P.Selvaraju, Special Officer (Seeds), Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered the Welcome Address. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, delivered Presidential Address. The workshop manual was also released. Dr.M.Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University; Dr.M.Maheswaran(i/c), Director of Research;

Dr.K.Ganesamurthy, Director (*i/c*) CPBG, Th.C.Kalidas, Secretary (TNSPA) and Th.R.Pandiyaraj, Joint Director of Agriculture falcitated. Dr.R.Umarani, Professor and Head, Dept. of Seed Science and Technology, TNAU, Coimbatore, proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

### 'Muthamizh Vizha' 2017



“Muthamizh Vizha 2017” was celebrated by “Tamil Ilakiya Mandram” students club at Trichy on 16.03.2017 and 17.03.2017. The function was inaugurated by Dr. Lena Tamil Vanan, with poetry recited by Mrs. Revathi Kirubakaran. A “pattimandram” was organized with eminent speakers, moderated by Dr. Shanmuga Selva Ganapathy and his team. Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean(*i/c*), ADAC&RI and Dr.D.Saraladevi, Dean(*i/c*), HC&RI(W) were present. The function was ornamented by Mrs. Girija Ramanujam's Nattapura Kalai vizha, Swaralaya's Orchestra and adorned by Mrs. Revathi Muthusamy and her Bharathanatyam team. Kavirangam was organized by Mr. Pirai Soodan and Innisai mandram by Mrs. Vasuki Manoharan. Student's cultural programme was also organized.

### 'World Forest Day' at ADAC&RI, Trichy

The World Forest Day was celebrated at ADAC&RI, Trichy on 21.03.2017. Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean(*i/c*), ADAC&RI spoke on afforestation, forest conservation and global warming.

The celebrations and tree planting programme were organized by NSS unit of ADAC&RI, Trichy.



### TNAU celebrated 'World Water Day'



The Water Technology Centre in TNAU, organized and celebrated the International World Water Day on 22.03.2017. Dr. B. J. Pandian, Director (*i/c*), WTC, delivered the Welcome Address; Mr.Gurunathan, Director, Tata Dhan Academy and Dr.S. Mahimairaja, Dean (*i/c*), Agriculture TNAU delivered the Special Address; Dr. Vasimalai, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation, Madurai and Dr.R.Sakthivadivel, Former Director, Anna University, Chennai spoke. Elocution, Essay writing and Painting competitions were conducted with the theme “Waste water” and prizes were distributed. Dr.A.Valliammai, Assistant Professor (SWCE), WTC, proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

### 'Job Fair 2017' at TNAU

The 'Job Fair 2017' was conducted for Under Graduate and Post Graduate students of all the



constituent colleges of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 23.03.2017 and 24.03.2017. The Coromandel International, T.Stanes and Company Ltd, Sundaram Finance, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, Rajashree Sugars & Chemicals Ltd, Hand in Hand India, Sathyam Bio Ltd., WIMWI Foods, DHAN Foundation, Perfura Technologies (India) Pvt Ltd., Tusker Berry Agri Ventures, EID Parry, CVRS Educational Services (India) Private Limited, HDFC, Snack experts, Angel Starch & Food Pvt. Ltd and Iyarkai Herbal Products participated in the job fair. Around 600 students attended the job fair and 81 students were placed.

### Seminar on 'Chithiraipattam Pulse Production'



Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai and Orathanadu Farmers Producers Company Limited, jointly organized an one day seminar on 'Chithiraipattam Pulse Production' on 30.03.2017 at Orathanadu. Dr.K.Samiayyan, Dean (i/c), Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai welcomed. Thiru. P.N.Vedanarayanan IAS (Retd. Agricultural Production Commissioner & Chief Vigilance Commissioner) delivered Key-note

Address and Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, delivered Special Address. Thiru. A.Annadurai, I.A.S. District Collector delivered Presidential Address. Dr.V.Ravi, Director (i/c), Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai and Dr.K.Ganesamurthy, Director (i/c), Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered Special Address. Thiru. K.Nedunchezhiyan, Assistant Director of Agriculture from Directorate of Agriculture, Chennai, Thiru.R.Krishnakumar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Thanjavur, felicitated.

Dr.J.R.Kannan Babu, Professor and Head, Department of Pulses, TNAU, Coimbatore proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. Nearly 300 farmers of Orathanadu block participated.

### Tribal sub - plan training programme



Three training programmes for tribal farmers on 'Seed Production and Storage' under Tribal Sub Plan was conducted by the NSP (National Seed Programme) unit of Seed Centre of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and Directorate of Seed Research (ICAR), Uttar Pradesh during the year 2016-17. Trainings were conducted at the tribal villages viz., Thiruchikadi in Ooty block on 23.03.2017, Erumadu in Gudalur block of Nilgiris District on 24.03.2017 and at Pazhakadu village in Yercaud of Salem District on 28.03.2017. More than 100 tribal farmers participated in each training. The technical bulletin on 'Seed production and high yielding technologies in horticultural crops of hilly region' was released and distributed to the farmers in the training programme.

## Training on 'Importance of non-wood forest products'



An one day training on 'Importance of non-wood forest products' was conducted on 30.3.2017 by the Department of Forest Products and Utilization, Forest College and Research Institute (FC & RI), Mettupalayam. Dr. R. Revathi, Professor and Head, Department of Forest Products and Utilization & Co-ordinator welcomed the participants. Dr. K. K. Suresh, Dean (i/c) FC & RI and Thiru. V. Balasubramanian, Former Director, JSS, Avinashilingam Deemed University, Coimbatore, spoke. A book, entitled, "சிறு வனப் பொருட்கள் - ஓர் அறிமுகம்" was released by Thiru. V. Balasubramanian. Ninety two tribals as participants from Uliyur, Palamalai, Kovanur, Ansur, Aravankombai, Periyankombai, Kallar Pudur, Keelpillur, Gandhavayal, Poochi Maruthur, Sengallur, Keelsengallur, Thondai and Nelli Maruthur region of Coimbatore District participated.

## Awards

Ms. S. Uma Maheshwari, Ph.D scholar, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai, received Bursary Award and cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- on 08.03.2017 at the Vivanta-Taj,

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Dwarka, New Delhi under Processed Indian Traditional Foods Research Promotion programme, sponsored by Nestle Research and TATA Trusts for the research on "Development of starter culture for production of quality panchamirtham: A Southern ethnic fermented fruit mix".



Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi awards every year, the best performing KVK for each zone with "*Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Protshahan Puraskar*". The KVK, Vellore received Best KVK Zonal Award for Zone VIII. Dr. Joshua Davidson, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK Vellore, received the award certificate and a cash prize of Rs.2.25 lakh on 15.03.2017 from Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India during *Krishi Unnati Mela* function held at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi.

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