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FIFTH ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE AT TNAU



The 5th Annual Agricultural Students Conference (AASGC-2017) on “Transforming Agriculture for the future” was organized on 4th and 5th May 2017 at TNAU under four thematic areas viz., (1) Genes for Gains, (2) Smart Crop Management, (3) Crop health, Safe Food and Sustainable Environment (4) Digital Agriculture and Market Economics. The event was a platform with unique opportunity for graduate students to present their research work and interact with many eminent scholars in their field of interest. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore inaugurated, Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Chennai, presided and released the conference book. Ms. K. Nisha Pradeepa, student representative, welcomed and Dr. D. Sudhakar, Dean (i/c) SPGS delivered the introduction speech. Dr.S. Mahimairaja, Dean(i/c), AC & RI, Coimbatore, Dr. C. Divakar Durairaj, Dean (i/c) AEC & RI, Coimbatore, Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean (i/c), HC & RI, Coimbatore and Dr.K.Ilamurugu, Controller of Examinations, Coimbatore,felicitated. The valedictory function was organized on 05.05.2017. Dr. C. R. Anandakumar, Registrar (i/c), Coimbatore delivered Valedictory Address. Certificates were distributed for best oral and poster presentations. About 300 Agricultural Graduates from different Universities participated in the conference. Mr.V.Guhan, student representative,proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

Career Planning Workshop - 2017



A Career Planning Workshop “*Ignite Your Mind*” was organized by the Placement Cell of the Students Club, FC & RI, Mettupalayam on 3rd & 4th May, 2017. The final year students of Forestry and Sericulture participated. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr.A.Vijayakumar, Director (*i/c*), Students welfare and Dr.K.K.Suresh, Dean *i/c*,(Forestry) presided. The students were trained on developing leadership traits, personality grooming, resume preparation, interview and group discussion skills from Get Set Go Training Solutions, Coimbatore. *Chindhanai Kavinghar* Dr.Kavidasan delivered a motivational talk on “*Success at your Reach*”. Mr.S.Ramasubramanian, IFS, DFO, Coimbatore was the Chief Guest and distributed certificates for the participants .

‘Farewell to Students’ at Home Science College, Madurai



The 34th farewell function for the outgoing students of the year 2017-2018 was organized on 4th May 2017 by Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai. Dr. C.R. Ananda Kumar, Registrar (*i/c*), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore lighted the lamp and delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. A. Susheela Thirumaran, the first Dean of the Home Science College and the former Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University and Dr. Saraswathy Eswaran, Retd. Professor (Food Science and Nutrition) spoke. Dr. S. Parvathi, Dean (*i/c*), Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai and Dr.S. Suresh, Dean (*i/c*), Agricultural College and Research Institute,

Madurai delivered the Special Addresses. Dr. P. Vennila, Professor and Head (HEX) and Staff Advisor welcomed. Dr. S. Kamalasundari, Assistant Professor (Food Science and Nutrition) and final year Co-ordinator proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

OPEN DAY- 2017 Celebration at Trichy



Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute & Horticultural College and Research Institute for Women, Tiruchirappalli jointly organized Open Day - 2017 celebration on 15.05.2017 at the college premises. About 450 candidates along with their parents visited both the campuses. Dr. C.Sekar, Staff Advisor (Agri.) welcomed the gathering and also made a presentation about the facilities and opportunities available for farm graduates across the globe. Dr.D.Saraladevi, Dean(*i/c*), HC & RI (W), high lighted the scope, importance and job opportunities for horticultural degree programmes. Dr.P.Pandiyarajan, Dean (*i/c*), ADAC&RI, explained the importance of agricultural education and the inter-relationship with the welfare of the farming community.

‘Annual Group Meeting’ on Castor



The “Annual Group Meeting on Castor” was conducted during 18-20 May, 2017. The event was organized by Tapioca and Castor Research Station, Yethapur, TNAU and Indian Institute of Oil Seeds Research (IIOR) Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The annual group meeting was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ramasamy, the Vice-Chancellor TNAU, Coimbatore, attended by 60 participants from different parts of the country. Dr.M.Maheswaran, Director of Research (*i/c*),

TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. A.Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Director, IIOR presented the AICRP- Research Highlights in detail. The Vice-Chancellor released a book and CD on hybrid castor cultivation technologies. Dr.S.Manickam, Professor and Head, TCRS, Yethapur proposed formal Vote of Thanks. The Plenary session was chaired by Dr. S.K.Chaturvedi, Asst. Director General (OP) ICAR, New Delhi on 20.05.2017. The Rapporteurs presented the recommendations and highlights of the technical sessions held in the meet.

'Annual Flower Show' at HRS, Ooty



The Horticultural Research Station, Ooty participated in the 121st Annual Flower Show - 2017 held at Government Botanical Garden, Ooty from 19.05.2017 to 21.05.2017. The show was inaugurated by Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palanisami. Thiru. R. Duraikannu, Hon. Minister for Agriculture, Thiru. S.P. Velumani, Hon.Minister for Municipal Administration, the Honorable Members of Parliament, Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi I.A.S., the Agricultural Production Commissioner; Tmt. Archana Patnaik I.A.S., the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, and Dr. P. Shankar I.A.S., District Collector and other dignitaries were present. The horticultural crop varieties released from the research station including Ooty-1 Butter pear, Ooty-1 Palak, Ooty -1 Chakravarthikeerai, Ooty-1 Garlic, Ooty-1 Celery, Ooty-1 Rosemary and Ooty-1 Thyme were exhibited in the stall. Information of the various technologies were disseminated to the viewers.

Training on 'Management of Sucking Pests of Cotton'

To create an awareness among the farmers on pests on cotton during summer, an off-campus training was conducted at Alangudi village of Valangaiman block on 23.05.2017.



Dr. A.Baskaran, Programme Co-Ordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Needamangalam, Thiruvavur, spoke on the activities of KVK and its role to improve the status of farmers and ICM practices followed in BT cotton crop. Dr.R. Ramesh, Assistant Professor (Agrl. Ento) explained the various Integrated Pest and Disease Management practices to be followed by the farmers for getting better quality without yield reduction. Demonstration of *Verticillium lecanii* for the bio-control management of sucking pests of cotton was conducted as a part of the training programme. Twenty seven participants from Alangudi village of Thiruvavur district participated in the training program.

Field day on 'Rice Fallow Cotton'



The Department of Cotton, TNAU, Coimbatore organized a field day on cotton crop at Vadugakudi village, Kudavasal block, Tiruvavur District on 26.05.2017. The cotton genotype TCH 1819 suitable for rice fallow condition was raised under Tamil Nadu Cotton Cultivation Mission (TNCCM) Scheme. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director (i/c), (CPBG) welcomed. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU presided. Dr. V. Ravi, Director (i/c), TRRI and Dr. B. J. Pandian, Director (i/c), WTC spoke. Fifty farmers from Vadugakudi, Gadagambadi, Eravancheri and Maruthuvancheri areas participated. The field day gave an exposure to the farmers on the availability of short duration uniform maturing compact cotton genotypes suitable for high density planting amidst the area generally planted with Bt hybrids. Thiru. Mayilvahanan JDA (Tiruvavur), ADA (Kudavasal), Professor and Heads (Department of Cotton,

CRS, Srivilliputtur and CRS, Veppanthattai), Scientists from Department of Cotton and TRRI, Aduthurai participated. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director (i/c), (CPBG) proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.

Building Program series at DABD, TNAU



The Directorate of Agribusiness Development (DABD), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and KCT Business School, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore jointly organized the capacity building program series 2016-17 from June 2016 to May 2017 to equip 175 TBI members, who ventured into different sectors of Agribusiness. GOI-DST sponsored Technology Business Incubator was established and registered in the name “Agribusiness Incubation Society” (ABIS) which extends its support to start-up firms and is engaged in handholding business support. About 200 participants got benefitted from the Capacity Building Programme. Dr.R.Murugesan, Director (i/c), ABD, Dr.Vijila Kennedy, Director KCT-Business School, staff from DABD, TNAU and KCT-Business School took part. The events conducted were released as a book during the valedictory function held on 31.05.2017.

Memorandum of Understanding with Central University of Tamil Nadu

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between TNAU and Central

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University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur on 26.05.2017 in the presence of Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU and Prof. A.P.Dash, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Tamil Nadu to offer certificate course on “Irrigation Water Management” for the rural youth at Central University of Tamil Nadu. Dr.B.J.Pandian, Director (i/c), WTC, Dr.V.Ravi, Director (i/c), Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai and Thiru.Mayilvahanan, JDA (i/c) of Tiruvarur District were also present.

Award



Ms. R. Shamugapriya, Senior Research Fellow from the Department of Nano Science & Technology, TNAU, Coimbatore, received the best poster award for the research paper “Development of Electrospun Fibre Matrix (Sticker) to extend the shelf-life of mango fruits”, in the International Conference on “Post-harvest Quality Management Practices” organized by the International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS) held during April 6 - 8, 2017 in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

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