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SCIENTIFIC WORKERS' CONFERENCE



The combined Scientific Workers' Conference was held on 20th & 21st July, 2007 at Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore. The conference was presided over by Prof.C.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. Thiru.Surjit K.Chaudhary, I.A.S., Agricultural Production Commissioner & Secretary to Govt., Agriculture Department, Chennai delivered the

inaugural address and released booklets & CDs prepared by TNAU. Thiru.C.Kosalaraman, I.A.S. Director of Agriculture, Chennai, Thiru.P.Subramanian, I.F.S. Chief Conservator of Forests (Extn.), Chennai, Er.S.D.Sabarathinam, Chief Engineer, Agrl. Engineering, Chennai, Thiru.C.Perumal, Director of Seed Certification (i/c), Coimbatore, Thiru.A.Sankaran,

Joint Director of Horticulture (Scheme) and Thiru.S.Venkatraman, Deputy Director, Agrl. Marketing, were delivered special address. The University Officers, Scientists of TNAU, Development Executives from various sister departments of Tamil Nadu have actively participated in the conference. The new varieties, implements and management technologies approved for release during 2007 were displayed in the exhibition for the benefit of Department Officials and visiting dignitaries. The current research focus of TNAU and Research Highlights were presented by concerned Directors of TNAU. Group discussions on Agriculture / Horticulture / Agrl.Engineering / Seed Production / Agrl. Marketing / Plant Protection / Sericulture / Forestry were held and action plan drawn. Dr.B.Chandrasekaran, Director of Research TNAU, welcomed the gathering and Dr.V.Muralidharan, Director, TRRI, Aduthurai, proposed vote of thanks.

ADG's VISIT TO AC&RI, MADURAI



The Assistant Director General (Education), ICAR, New Delhi Dr. H.S. Nainawatee visited Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai on 25.7.07. He appreciated the efforts made by our Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. Ramasamy, in bringing TNAU as a forerunner in the

National as well as International arena. He appreciated the ongoing work on 'e-learning' and praised video-conferencing facilities. He was taken to the hostels and shown the newly created internet and networking facility and wireless receiver / data transmitter installed

there. In his address to teachers and students, he underlined the importance of curricular delivery through 'e-learning' in the present day education system and insisted that 'e-contents' and 'e-learning' should go hand in hand so that the students have an access not only for lessons but also information about higher studies and placement opportunities.

SPECIAL LECTURES ON CARRIER PROSPECTUS

A special lecture on "Career Prospects for Home Science Graduates" was organized by Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai on 12.7.07. Dr. A. Andal, Dean, Home Science College and Research Institute, welcomed the gathering. Mr.Y.Prabakaran, State Head, Food and Beverage, Reliance Industries Limited, Chennai, stressed

on the need for communication skills, behavioral attitudes and ambition to succeed in career. He also highlighted the growth of the agro and food processing industries and the career prospects for Home Science graduates in various fields – such as supply chain management, retail management, food processing units of several multinational companies. An interaction session with the students was also arranged. Students realized the need to groom themselves to cater to expectations of the corporate sector.

BOOK EXHIBITION

Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai has organized a Book Exhibition exclusively for students on 4-5, July, 2007. Six book companies across the country exhibited books on various subjects including books for competitive and

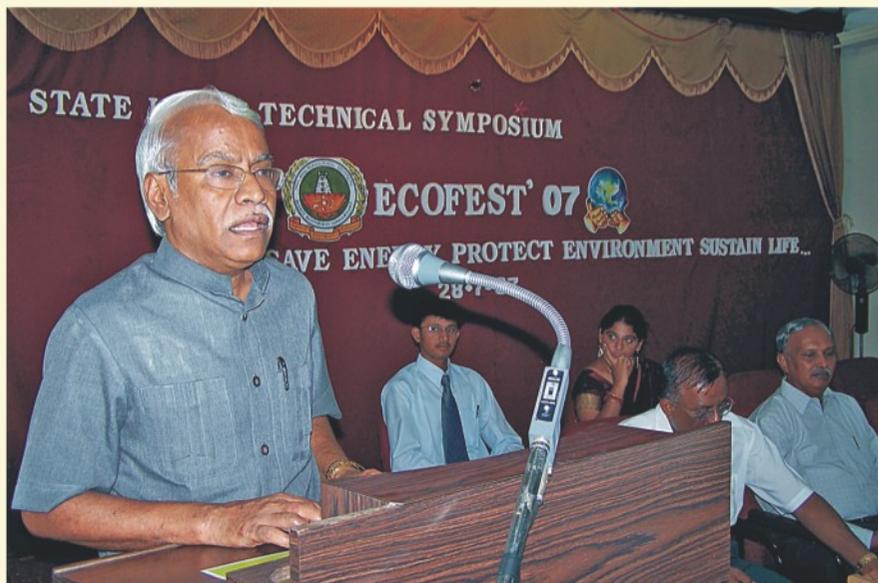
civil service examinations. The students were keen on selecting books mainly on competitive examination and communications.

INAUGURATION OF STUDENTS' CLUB



The inauguration of Students Club 2007-08 was grandly organized at ADAC&RI, Trichy on 13.7.2007. Dr.S.Jebaraj, Dean in his presidential address, highlighted the achievements of Student's Club during 2006-2007 and encouraged the students to improve their talents in the years to come. Dr.L.Nadarajan,

ECOFEST 07



A State Level Technical Symposium 'ECOFEST '07' with a theme 'Save Energy, Product Environment,

Sustain Life' was organized at Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Coimbatore

on 28th July 2007. The symposium which is an annual event conducted on the eve of World Nature Conservation Day, was inaugurated by Dr.C.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU. He released the proceedings of the symposium and appreciated the students' initiative for organizing such a technical symposium. The symposium encompassed two sessions (energy and environment) which included 30 oral and 50 poster presentations by 250 students from 20 colleges across the state. Eco-quiz, a quiz on current energy and environmental issues was the major attraction of the symposium with enthusiastic participation from 15 different teams.

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO WTC



Thiru. Vibhu Nayar, Project Director, TN - IAMWARM project, Chennai visited Water Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

on 25.7.2007. He made a detailed review of TNAU activities of nine sub-basins. He stressed that, TNAU should actively involve in large scale adoption of water saving technologies in the World Bank project. Dr. M.V. Ranghaswami, Nodal Officer, TN - IAMWARM project explained the action taken on this project. Dr.A.Sampath Rajan , Dean, (Agriculture Engineering), Dr.K.Palanisami, Director (CARDS) attended the meeting. Scientist of nine sub basins, District level officials of Horticulture, PWD, AED, Agriculture Department of Coimbatore took part in the meeting.

Dean, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture & Research Institute, Karaikal, inaugurated the Students' Club 2007-2008 and felicitated the students. The students entertained the mass with cultural programmes and the function ended with National Anthem.



STUDENTS PLACEMENT

Two final year B. Tech. Engineering students (Ms.C.Priyadharsini and Ms.N.Umasaraswathy) have been selected in the campus interview conducted by M/s. John deere tractors on 26.7.2007 at AEC&RI, Kumular. The salary proposed for the selected candidates was 3.25 lakh per annum which is a milestone in the history of TNAU for an entry cadre.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME

National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur sponsored

“Sensitization Programme on Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure” organized by the Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute, Trichy were conducted in Trichy, Karur, Pudikkottai Districts on 3rd, 26th and 27th July respectively.

More than fifty officials from various development departments of the concerned districts have participated in the programme. The scheme reports were presented by Dr.N.Raveendaran and Dr.K.Mani, Professors of Agricultural Economics. Special lectures were also delivered during this programme

by eminent personalities.

FARMERS' INTERACTIONS ON VEGETABLE CULTIVATION

One day seminar on 'Recent technologies in vegetable cultivation' was organized by Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd., Coimbatore in collaboration with Regional Research Station (TNAU), Paiyur on 9.7.2007 at Hosur. Mr.Lingam, Senior Area Marketing Manager Coimbatore welcomed the gathering. Mr.H.M.Kshetrapalaih Senior Vice President, Marketing Division MCF Bangalore inaugurated the seminar.



Prof.V.Asok Metha, delivered special lecture on vegetable cultivation though integrated approach. Dr.M.N.Budhar, Professor of Agronomy, emphasized and highlighted the role of humic acid in Agri-Hort crop production. Mr.Srikantha, Deputy General Manager (INM), MCF, Hassan, briefed about the organic products of MCF. Mr.Srikanth, Marketing Executive, Salem proposed the vole of thanks. About 150 farmers were participated and benefited.

CONFERENCE ON "BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR HUMAN WELFARE"

Coimbatore Institute of Technology in collaboration with Centre for Plant Molecular Biology, TNAU organized a two day National level Conference on "**Biotechnology for Human Welfare**" during 20-21 July 2007. Dr.P.Balasubramanian, Director (CPMB), TNAU was the Co-Chairman of the Conference and he delivered the Special Address during the inaugural function on 20.7.07. He also delivered a technical lecture "**Transgenic Crops for Human Welfare**" on 21.7.07. About 100 students and young researchers benefited by the lecture.

TRAININGS ON RICE PRODUCTION

Two one day trainings were organized at Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai on 04.07.07 and 25.07.07 for the Tsunami affected farmers of Nagapattinam District. "**Modern practices in paddy crop production**" and "**Organic practices in rice production**" were the titles of the training. The trainings were sponsored by Nagapattinam based NGOs '**PREPARE**' and '**BEST**' (*Bharat Environment Seva Team*). Fifty farmers benefited from the training. The Director, TRRI inaugurated the training.

TRAINING ON VERMICOMPOSTING

One day training programme on '**Vermicomposting**' was organized in the Dept. of Environmental Sciences on 17.7.07. One hundred and forty seven members from different places of Tamil Nadu were participated. The participants were engaged in skill oriented training followed by an interactive session. The Head of the Department, Environmental Sciences distributed the certificates to the trainees at the end of the function.

TRAINING ON AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFRASTRUCTURE



The training on development / strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure for department officials of Theni and Dindigul districts were organized on 25th and 30th July 2007 respectively at Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam. The training was sponsored by National Institute of Agricultural marketing, Jaipur. Dr.S.Natarajan, Dean, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam, presided over the function and delivered the inaugural address. In his inaugural address, the Dean (Hort.) explained to the participants regarding the importance of the scheme. Around 50 officials of the Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, Department of Co-operation and Block Development Officers benefited from the training.

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