

## Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Coimbatore – 641 003

Dr. M. Jegadeesan, Ph.D., Assistant Public Relations Officer

Mobile: 94890 56730

Phone: 0422 - 6611302 Fax: 0422 - 2431821

E-mail: pro@tnau.ac.in

To Date: 31-12-2015

The Editor,

Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

## State Government sponsored training on Landscaping and Floriculture in TNAU

The Department of Floriculture and Landscaping of the Horticultural College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore organized a Training Programme on 'Landscaping and Floriculture' for a duration of 21 days from **8-12-2015 to 31-12-2015**. The training was sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Chennai, Government of Tamil Nadu with the objective of encouraging entrepreneurship in the areas of commercial floriculture and landscaping.

The above training programme was inaugurated on 8-12-2015 by the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Coimbatore **Th. A. Ramakrishnan**. Thirty participants with diverse backgrounds including housewives, degree holders, diploma holders, college students, an Assistant Professor from a Govt. Institute, landscape enthusiasts, and nursery people participated in the Training Programme. During the training programme, the trainees were exposed to the various avenues in the Floriculture Industry including production of cut flowers, loose flowers, planting materials, seeds and bulbs, landscaping, micropropagation of flower and ornamental plants, potted plants and value addition.

Hands-on-training was given on nursery technology of commercial flower and ornamental crops, production technology of jasmine, marigold, scented rose, cut rose, carnation, tuberose, gladiolus, anthurium, orchids, chrysanthemum and gerbera, greenhouse construction and maintenance, principles and styles of gardening, garden components, lawn making and maintenance, mechanization in floriculture and landscaping, dry flower

technology, plant protection in flower and ornamental crops and value addition with flowers.

Exposure visits were arranged for the trainees to private nurseries and landscape units. The trainees were also guided in preparation of bankable projects with the help of resource persons from financial institutions namely, MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) and Bank of India.

The valedictory programme of this training was conducted at the Horticultural College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore on 31.12.2015 which was presided by Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education of TNAU. Dr. R.M. Vijayakumar, Dean (Hort.) in-charge welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Kannan, HOD of Floriculture appraised on various training components. At the end, the participants were distributed with training CD's and Certificates.

Dr. M. Ganga, Asst. Professor (Hort.) proposed the vote of thanks.

Asst. Public Relations Officer