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A GRAND VALEDICTORY TO WORLD VETERINARY YEAR 2011

HIS EXCELLENCY'S PRESENCE MARKS IT AS MOST MEMORABLE EVENT



The Valedictory function to conclude the year long celebrations for World Veterinary Year – 2011 was organized by TANUVAS on 12.12.2011. His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the University, Dr. K. Rosaiah graced the function and delivered the Chief Guest address. Thiru T.K.M. Chinnayya, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu and Thiru V. Moorthy, Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development, Government of Tamil Nadu participated and delivered Special Addresses. Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu felicitated. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presented the report on World Veterinary Year Celebrations.



block) for sheep and goat, Detection of adulteration of fish meal with leather meal, n-3 fatty acids enriched chicken eggs and meat and Software on formulating TANUVAS - SMART mineral mixture were released by His Excellency and the scientists involved in the development of these technologies were honoured. The stake holders comprising of farmers and industry representatives received the released technologies from His Excellency. Three books, the first on "World Veterinary Year Celebrations 2011", the second, "Technology Release - 2011" and the third on "Package of Practices on Livestock and Poultry" were released by His Excellency and the Chancellor. His Excellency The Governor honoured 13 outstanding livestock farmers / entrepreneurs trained by the University. His Excellency



A total of sixteen technologies developed by TANUVAS viz. Nandanam Guinea Fowl – 1, Namakkal Chicken – 1, Nandanam Turkey – II, CDV Check – Canine distemper virus

antibody test kit, PCR kit for diagnosis of Monodon baculovirus in shrimp, Agar Gel Immuno Diffusion (AGID) test kit for serological assessment of Anthrax Vaccine, Chicken Anemia Virus antibody screening by a rapid latex agglutination test kit, Flow through technique for diagnosis of Hydatidosis, Development of pet food incorporating dry rendered spent hen meal, Disposal and utilization of dead birds by aerobic composting, SIS-LIVESTAN, Symbiotic whey drink cultured with bifidobacteria, Anthelmintic Incorporated Mineral block (AIM

also honoured the Best Faculty of TANUVAS in five different categories and 47 faculty members who have completed 30 years of service. Dr. J. John Kirubakaran,



Professor, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, MVC, Dr. V. Ramesh Saravanakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Livestock Production Management, VC&RI, Namakkal and Dr. B. Ahilan, Professor, Department of Fisheries Biotechnology, FC&RI, Thoothukudi received the Best Teacher Awards, Dr. G. Dhinakar Raj, Professor, Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC received the TANUVAS Best Research Scientist Award, Dr. B. Mohan, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Namakkal received the TANUVAS Best Extension Worker Award, Dr. M. Iyue, Professor and Head, Sheep Breeding



Research Station, Sandynallah received the TANUVAS Best Farm Scientist Award and Dr. P. Sridevi, Associate Professor, Department of Clinics, MVC received the TANUVAS Best Clinician Award.



In the valedictory address, His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu expressed immense pleasure and satisfaction in attending the valedictory of World Veterinary Year 2011 organized by the TANUVAS and recollected the vital contributions of Indians towards the development of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine from time

immemorial. He reminded that veterinary scientists have a responsibility to protect human health and well-being by ensuring food security and safety, preventing and controlling emerging infectious zoonoses, protecting environments and ecosystems, assisting in bioterrorism and agro terrorism preparedness, advancing treatment and controls for non zoonotic diseases (such as vaccine-preventable illnesses and chronic diseases), contributing to public health, and engaging in medical research. The members of the veterinary profession have played a pioneering role in ushering developments in animal husbandry and fishery in India through their research and technology development that has enabled the country to increase the production of fish by 9 times (marine 5 times and inland 17 times), milk 6 times and eggs 27 times since 1950-51, thus making a visible impact on the national food and nutritional security. While congratulating the scientists involved in the development of the new technologies, His Excellency requested the farming community to come forward to make effective and efficient use of the newer technologies to ensure sustainable development. His Excellency congratulated the Vice-chancellor and other authorities of TANUVAS for having successfully conducted a series of events and introduction of newer courses and training programmes and establishment of new departments such as Livestock Business Management and Veterinary Public Health, during the World Veterinary Year for the benefit of the rural poor, underprivileged and other stakeholders. Earlier, His Excellency was kind enough to make his presence at the stalls showcasing the details on the new technologies that were released by the University to benefit the livestock farming community.

Thiru T.K.M. Chinnayya, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu in his Special Address stated that recognizing the potential of the livestock and animal husbandry sector in increasing the rural economy and per capita income of the rural poor of the state the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is giving extraordinary importance to the animal husbandry and livestock sector by launching several new schemes. He stated that the Hon'ble Chief Minister had rewarded the veterinary fraternity by announcing the establishment of two new veterinary colleges at Tirunelveli and Orathanadu in Thanjavur district and one Institute of Poultry Production and

Management on par with International standards at Hosur, Krishnagiri district. He said that the Hon'ble Chief Minister after launching the free distribution of milch cattle and goats to the poor farmers in the state had ordered the creation of employment for 843 veterinary graduates and upgraded 385 sub-centres as Rural Veterinary Dispensaries.



Hence, he proudly claimed that this is "A golden era in the annals of livestock and animal husbandry sector" under the dynamic leadership of The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.



Thiru V. Moorthy, Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development, Govt. of Tamil Nadu stated that under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu funds were obtained from NADP to augment fodder production for increasing the milk production and revenue to the rural poor. He talked in detail on the role of veterinarians in augmenting milk production and acknowledged their efforts. He called the graduates of the prestigious institute to play a vital role in implementing the welfare schemes announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and promote the dairy sector which is the need of the hour.

Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu in his felicitation address complemented that no other university in the world celebrated the World Veterinary Year-2011 in the manner in which TANUVAS celebrated. He said that the government had allotted a sizable sum for fodder cultivation for upgrading the infrastructure at the veterinary dispensaries. He narrated the contributions of veterinarians in augmenting rural income.

Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS in his presentation of the Report on World Veterinary Year Celebrations stated that throughout the year 2011, the University celebrated the World Veterinary Year in a befitting manner by organising "Kalnadai Matrum Meenvala Vara Vizha" during Pongal festival in which a total of 213 programmes were conducted benefiting 34,539 farmers, a "Science Exhibition" to show case the recent advances in Veterinary and Animal Sciences at MVC which attracted over 65,000 visitors including school and college students and public, an All India Inter Veterinary University Sports Meet in which students from eight Veterinary Universities participated and national and international scientific conferences, symposia, workshops and seminars numbering over 35. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering and Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC, Chennai proposed the vote of thanks.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND SELF EMPLOYMENT COURSES LAUNCHED



The launching of Skill Development and Self Employment Courses for school drop outs and unemployed youth to get gainful employment in growing livestock and poultry sectors was held at VC&RI, Namakkal on 02.12.2011. Thiru. T.K.M. Chinnayya, Honourable Minister for Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of the University participated as chief guest, launched the courses, released the course materials, distributed goats to the rural farmers and delivered the inaugural address. In his address, the Honb'le Minister requested the livestock farmers to utilize the skill development and self employment courses offered at TANUVAS for improving their livelihood. Thiru. P. Dhanapal, Deputy Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly delivered the special address and distributed chicken and quail chicks to the progressive farmers. In the address he expressed the importance of starting the two new veterinary colleges at Tirunelveli and Orathanad. Thiru. P. Thangamani, Honb'le Minister for Revenue, Govt. of Tamil Nadu in his special address detailed about the government initiatives to bring down the dropout rates from school and also distributed broiler rabbits to progressive farmers. Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran, District Collector, Namakkal released a CD on "Scientific Pig Rearing". Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS delivered the presidential address in which he highlighted the importance of skilled manpower required for the livestock and poultry industry in the state. Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS briefed about the skill development and self employment courses Thiru. K.P.P. Baskar, MLA, Namakkal constituency distributed the profit dividend to the students of experiential learning project. Earlier, Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal, welcomed the gathering and at the end Dr. V. Ramesh Saravana Kumar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Livestock Production and Management proposed vote of thanks.

TANUVAS SIGNS MOU WITH CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between TANUVAS and Chennai Snake Park Trust on 30.11.2011 for the benefit of the veterinary students to acquire knowledge on snakes and to offer assistance to the Chennai Snake Park continuously. On behalf of TANUVAS, Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director of Research and on



behalf of Chennai Snake Park, Thiru. B. Vijayaraghavan, Executive Chairman signed the MoU in the presence of Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS and Dr. S.A. Asokan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, TANUVAS.

TANUVAS SIGNS MOU WITH HITIDE SEA FARM

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Hitide Seafarm, Sirkali and TANUVAS on 17.11.2011 in Chennai on the occasion of the Chennai Aquaculture Technology Meet held at MVC to provide opportunity for the students to work on the farm as interns and gain work experience on the practical aspects of shrimp farming and to undertake research in partnership with the Hitide Seafarm. The MoU was signed on behalf of the University by Dr. V.K. Venkataramani, DRE(F), and Thiru. Suryakumar on behalf of Hitide Seafarm in the presence of Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice Chancellor, TANUVAS. The Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS pointed out that this MoU being the first of its kind in the fisheries sector of the University, provides an opportunity for staff and students to work with the private farm running scientifically and contribute for evolving sustainable farming practices, besides acquiring practical skills.



NATIONAL SEMINARS

- ◆ A National Seminar on "Food safety standards, establishment of modern abattoir and role of public health veterinarians" was jointly organized by the Departments of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology and Meat Science and Technology, MVC, on 10.11.2011 and 11.11.2011. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS inaugurated the seminar, released the souvenir and delivered the presidential address. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC and Dr. Baktha, Managing Director, M/s. Chennai Abattoir Pvt. Ltd., & Former Board Member, TANUVAS, felicitated. Scientists and faculty from both veterinary and medical fields, Veterinary officers and Meat industrialists have delivered keynote addresses on topics complying with the theme of the seminar. There were 118 delegates from all over the country. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the delegates during the valedictory function held on 11.11.2011. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Organizing Secretary & Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, MVC welcomed the gathering and Dr. Robinson. J.J. Abraham, Joint Organizing Secretary & Professor and Head, Department of Meat Science and Technology, MVC proposed the vote of thanks.
- ◆ A National seminar on "Promotion of Fisheries and Alternative Livelihood in Fisheries" was conducted by the Directorate of Research and Extension (Fisheries) at





FC&RI, Thoothukudi on 10.11.2011 and 11.11.2011. Dr. D.K. Dilipkumar, Chairman, Working Group (Fisheries) XII Plan, Govt. of India, New Delhi inaugurated the programme and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided and inaugurated the exhibition, released the souvenir and delivered the presidential address. Dr. T. Arasu, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, Dr. L. Krishnan, MSSRF, Poompuhar, Thiru. K. Ranganathan, President, INFAC, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. M. Venkatasamy, Dean i/c, FC&RI, Thoothukudi felicitated. A total of 100 participants which included fishermen, fish farmers, bank officials and entrepreneurs from all over Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka participated. Dr. B. Sundaramoorthy and Dr. M. Nagoor Meeran, Organizing Secretaries made all arrangements for the programme.



◆ A National seminar on “Status and scope of pig farming in India: An appraisal” was organized at PGRIAS, Kattupakkam, Kancheepuram district on 17.11.2011 and 18.11.2011.



Dr. K. Ramasamy, Member (Agriculture and Irrigation), State Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the programme. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director of Research i/c., felicitated. Earlier, Dr. M. Babu, Director, CAPS welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Kumarasamy, Professor and Head, PGRIAS, Kattupakkam proposed vote of thanks. A total of 25 leading scientists from across the country presented papers on the scientific pig farming practices. A tripartite meet comprising of leading scientists in pig farming, industrialists associated with pig industry, progressive farmers and scientists from TANUVAS. An interactive session with 50 farmers was also organized. In the valedictory function held on 18.11.2011, Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS distributed certificates to the participants and delivered the presidential address. Dr. M. Murugan, Associate Professor, PGRIAS proposed vote of thanks.

◆ A National Seminar on “Innovations in Farming System Research and Extension for Inclusive Development” was jointly organized by the Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension and Entrepreneurship, MVC and Society of Extension Education, Coimbatore on 24.11.2011 and 25.11.2011 in commemoration of the world Veterinary Year Celebrations. Dr. M. Ravi, Additional



Commissioner, Aavin inaugurated the seminar. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function and released the seminar compendium. Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS, Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education and Dr. J. Vasanthakumar, President, Society of Extension Education felicitated. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Mathialagan, Organising Secretary and Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension and Entrepreneurship proposed vote of thanks. A total of 83 Social Scientists from various National Institutes, State Agricultural Universities and State Veterinary Universities, 31 field extension personnel and 50 research scholars participated in the seminar. In valedictory function, Thiru. Sandeep Saxena, Secretary and Agricultural Production Commissioner, Govt. of India delivered the valedictory address and distributed the awards. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS, presided over the function, Dr. T. Radhrakrishnan, Secretary, Society of Extension Education welcomed the gathering and Dr. P.R. Nisha, Member, Organizing Committee proposed vote of thanks.

CHENNAI AQUACULTURE TECHNOLOGY MEET

The FREC, TANUVAS, Chennai organized the “Chennai Aquaculture Technology Meet 2011 (CATEET’11) at MVC on 17.11.2011 and 18.11.2011. A total of 150 participants including scientists, teachers, students, scholars, entrepreneurs and farmers from all over the country participated. The recommendations were presented to the Government for inclusion in the XII Five Year Plan. In the valedictory function Dr. M.C. Nandeesh, Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi delivered the valedictory address and Dr. S. Felix, Convenor, CATEET’11 and Professor, FREC proposed the vote of thanks.



TRAINING ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

The Directorate of Extension Education TANUVAS organized the one month basic training on “Artificial Insemination in cattle” funded by the Livestock Development Agency through the University Centres to rural youth of Tamil Nadu. The trainings were conducted at VUTRCs in Vellore, Dindigul, Tiruchirapalli, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode and Cuddalore, KVKs in Kundrakudi and Namakkal and FTC, Theni between 31.10.2011 and 13.12.2011. A total of 158 rural youth and their rural villages will get benefitted. The trainees will undergo two more months field training under Department of Animal Husbandry and will be doing doorstep artificial insemination in their respective village areas under the support and supervision of TNLDA.





ALL INDIA INTER VETERINARY UNIVERSITY SPORTS AND GAMES MEET – 2011



TANUVAS hosted the first ever “All India Inter Veterinary University Sports and Games Meet – 2011” in commemoration of World Veterinary Year – 2011 to showcase the sporting talents of students in Veterinary Universities all over the country at Chennai from 08.11.2011 to 11.11.2011. Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Meet and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided, delivered the presidential address and honoured the former Sports Secretaries of the University, Dr. P. Mahalingam and Dr. Natarajan, Former Deans, MVC, Dr. N. Raghavan and Dr. J. Ramakrishna, Former Professors, MVC and Dr. S. Prathaban, Director of Clinics, TANUVAS. Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol, Vice-chancellor, KVAFSU participated and delivered the special address. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC felicitated. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal welcomed the gathering and Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Member Secretary, University Advisory Committee for Sports and Organizing Secretary of the Meet proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 388 students (310 boys and 78 girls) from 8 of 12 Veterinary Universities of India participated in various events viz. table tennis, shuttle badminton, cricket, football, kabaddi, volleyball and basketball. Teams from KVAFSU won the TANUVAS Cups for table tennis (both men and women), shuttle badminton (both men and women) and for volleyball (women), TANUVAS-Stree Seva Mandir Cup for basketball

(women), TANUVAS-Pedigree Cup for cricket and TANUVAS-Bank of India Cup for football whereas TANUVAS won the TANUVAS Cup for kabaddi, TANUVAS Cup for volleyball (men) and TANUVAS-Stree Seva Mandir Cup for basketball (men). The athletic events were conducted at the Nehru Stadium and Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS inaugurated the events and Selvan Sivamuthu, a final year student of TANUVAS ignited the flame. TANUVAS contingent bagged the TANUVAS-Pedigree athletic team championship. Selvi Teena Monisha of TANUVAS won the Thirumathi G. Manjula Devi Cup for individual women athletic championship and Selvan Rajkiran of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University won the Dr. Capt. G.D. Rao Cup for individual men athletic championship. Selvan P. Michael of TANUVAS won a special prize for clearing a height of 1.80 metres in high jump which was adjudged as the best individual performance. The valedictory was held at the Anna Auditorium, MVC on 11.11.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided, delivered the presidential address and distributed trophies and prizes to the winners and runners up in the events. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS felicitated. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC welcomed the gathering and Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Member Secretary, University Advisory Committee for Sports and Organizing Secretary of the Inter Veterinary University Sports and Games acknowledged the contributions of the entire organizing team towards the successful conduct of the event.





WORKSHOPS

- ❖ A scientific workshop on “Prospects of emu farming” was conducted to field veterinarians at TANUVAS - RRC, Pudukkottai on 03.11.2011 as a part of World Veterinary Year



Celebrations. Dr. M. Babu, Director, CAPS, TANUVAS, inaugurated the workshop and released the training manual. Dr. C. Palani, Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Tiruchirappalli Division felicitated and Dr. P.N. Richard Jagatheesan, Associate Professor & Head, TANUVAS-RRC presided. A total of 24 field veterinarians from Pudukkottai, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Sivagangai districts attended. The trainees were given hands on training about emu sexing, vaccination and administration of medicines, emu egg hatchery, sanitation and maintenance of the incubator, brooder guard arrangements etc. Dr. T. Lurthu Reetha and Dr. P. Senthilkumar, Assistant Professors of VC&RI, Namakkal and Dr. G. Rajarajan Assistant Professor, VUTRC, Trichy acted as resource persons.

- ❖ TANUVAS SRRC, Tirunelveli organized a one day workshop on “Scientific Sheep and Goat farming” for the benefit of sheep and goat farmers of Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts on 29.11.2011 as a part of World Veterinary year celebrations 2011.



Dr. P.S. Rahumathulla, Special Officer, VC&RI, Tirunelveli inaugurated the workshop, opened the exhibition, released the workshop manual and delivered the presidential address. Dr. S. Balachandran, Professor and Head, (Retd.) VUTRC, Tirunelveli released the guide on “Package of practices for profitable sheep and goat farming” and delivered the special address. Thiru. S. Nambirajan, Senior Manager and Director, Rural Self Employment Training Institute of Indian Overseas Bank Tirunelveli felicitated. A total of 30 farmers participated. On this occasion, five elite jamunapari bucks were distributed to the farmers to upgrade their local goats.

- ❖ The Department of Veterinary Pathology, MVC, in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) conducted a workshop on “Establishing a Model Stranding Network in South East India: Marine Mammal Necropsy and Stranding Response Training” at MVC from 08.11.2011 to 11.11.2011. The workshop was sponsored by NOAA/NMFS office of International Affairs and the US Marine Mammal Commission. A total of 66 participants attended the workshop.

WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATED

Wildlife Club of MVC celebrated the Wild Life Week from 02.10.2011 to 08.10.2011 to create awareness among the students about the conservation of wildlife and environment. Competitions on an essay writing for UG and PG students on “Human – animal conflict: causes & Prevention” on 03.10.2011, wildlife written quiz on 04.10.2011 and pencil drawing on “Wild Life conservation” were conducted. A function was organized by the Department of Wildlife Science at MVC on 10.10.2011. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC delivered the presidential address on “The role of student community in Wildlife conservation”. Dr. S.A. Asokan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, MVC released a Digital Guide (CD) for Vets on “Differentiation – Features in Wildlife” and distributed prizes and certificates to the students. The Chief Guest, Dr. A. Sha. Arun, Head, Veterinary Operations, Wildlife SOS, Bannerghatta Bear Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Bangalore delivered a guest lecture on “Health Care of Bears in Bear Rescue Centre”. Dr. M.G. Jayathangaraj, Professor and Head, Department of Wildlife Science, MVC welcomed the gathering and Dr. K. Senthil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Wildlife Science, MVC proposed the vote of thanks.



SPONSORED TRAINING

A three-day training on “Sheep and goat farming and fodder production” sponsored by NABARD, Salem was organized by MSRS, Pottaneri from 09.11.2011 to 11.11.2011. A total of 26 participants from thirteen districts of Tamil Nadu belonging to NABARD Farmers Club participated. The farmers were imparted knowledge on modern techniques in sheep and goat farming and also taken to fodder field, developed pasture land of this station and nearby private sheep and goat farm. Dr. K. Chinnamani and Dr. P. Ravi, Assistant Professors made necessary arrangements.

ETHNO VETERINARY HERBAL PRACTICES FOR POULTRY

The Ethno Veterinary Herbal Research Centre for Poultry, Namakkal conducted a one-day on-campus training programme on “Desi fowl rearing and Ethno Veterinary Herbal first-aid treatment measures for poultry” at Veterinary Hospital Campus, Namakkal on 09.11.2011. Dr. B. Mohan, Professor and Head of the Centre organized the training programme and explained about the objectives of the Centre to the farmers. Dr. N. Punniyamoorthy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Thanjavur delivered a detailed lecture on various ethno veterinary herbal practices for poultry. Sixty six farmers from Namakkal, Trichy, Salem and Erode district participated and benefited.



TRAINING TO THE BENEFICIARIES OF GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU SCHEME

- VUTRC, Melmaruvathur conducted a Veterinary Health Camp at Arumalai village, Thirukovilur taluk, Villupuram district on 26.11.2011. A total of 454 animals were treated. A training programme on “Dairy Cattle farming” was also conducted for 50 beneficiaries (15 ST and 35 others) of scheme on free distribution of Milch animals. The students undergoing TANUVAS Distance Education Skill development course on Dairy Farm Assistant also participated in the programme.



- VUTRC, Vellore conducted five one day off campus training programmes on Dairy / Sheep & Goat farming” to the beneficiaries of scheme on free distribution of Milch animals and Goat / Sheep on 01.11.2011, 03.11.2011, 04.11.2011, 05.11.2011 and 19.11.2011. A total of 118 farmers of Karanai, Alangaramangalam, Chithamoor villages in Tiruvannamalai district and 114 beneficiaries of Errampatti, Sowdekuppam and Echangal villages in Vellore district got benefited.



- VUTRC, Erode conducted a training programme on Management and feeding of Sheep and Goat at Goundachipalayam, Kalliankattuvalasu, Thasanaicken palayam and Nathakattupalayam villages on 09.11.2011 and a total of 106 farmers were benefited.



- VUTRC, Thanjavur conducted four training programmes on “Dairy, Sheep and goat farming and ethno veterinary practices for primary health care” scheme on free distribution of Milch animals and Goat / Sheep at Vallam and Orathanadu on 22.11.2011, Thanjavur on 23.11.2011 and at Thiruvonam on 24.11.2011, in which a total of 130 farmers were benefited.



- KVK, Kundrakudi conducted two off campus training programmes on “Scientific Dairy Cattle Rearing” and “Scientific Goat Rearing” in association with Department of Animal Husbandry at Aranmanaikarai and Seevalathi villages of Sivagangai district on 21.11.2011 and 22.11.2011

respectively as part of World Veterinary Year Celebrations. A total of 256 farmers were benefited.

- VUTRC, Tiruchirapalli conducted four training programmes on “Best practices” for the beneficiaries of the scheme on free distribution of Milch animals and Goat / Sheep at Panayapuram and Muthampatti villages of Tiruchirapalli district on 05.11.2011 and 24.11.2011, Karkudi and Naduvalur villages of Ariyalur district on 12.11.2011 and Arangoor village of Tiruchirapalli district on 24.11.2011. A total of 286 women were benefited.



ACADEMIC GUEST LECTURE

Dr. Vaibhav Nagpal, Director, South Asia, Novus Animal Nutrition (INDIA) Pvt. Ltd., Chennai delivered an academic guest lecture for III B.V.Sc. & A.H. students of MVC on “Changing expectations from new recruits to the profession and employers of Veterinarians and growing changes in corporate, client influence and changes in work ethics” on 14.11.2011 and Dr. S.P Vinil, Marketing Manager, South Asia, Novus Animal Nutrition (INDIA) Pvt. Ltd., an alumini of TANUVAS interacted with the students. The lecture was organized by the Department of Livestock Business Management, MVC.

FC&RI NSS UNIT CELEBRATES NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

NSS volunteers of FC& RI, Thoothukudi celebrated the National Education Day as ‘Green Education Day’ on 11.11.2011 by sowing seeds of trees like mahogany, kumil teak, cymeruba, vagai etc. to produce 10,000 saplings. The First batch of seeds were sown by Dr. V.K. Venkatramani, DRE (Fisheries) in the mother bed. This project was undertaken in collaboration with Isha foundation of Coimbatore as part of their ‘Project Green Hand’ project. Dr. D. Sukumar, NSS Programme officer made all arrangements for the event.



CONTACT CLASS PROGRAMME ON “NATTU KOZHI VALARPPU”

The two-day contact class programme for the distance education course on “Nattu Kozhi valarppu” was conducted at the Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS, Chennai, VC&RI, Namakkal, TANUVAS-RRC, Pudukottai, TANUVAS SRRC, Tirunelveli between 28.10.2011 and 15.11.2011. A total of 399 candidates attended the contact class programmes. Dr. S. R. Srinivasan, Director of Distance Education inaugurated the programme on 28.10.2011. Dr. D.Thyagarajan, Dean, IFDT, Koduvalli distributed certificates to the successful candidates on 29.10.2011. Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education and Dr. M. Babu, Director, CAPS have felicitated



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and Head, TANUVAS RRC, Pudukottai and Dr.V. Thanaseelan, Associate Professor and Head, TANUVAS SRRC, Tirunelveli made arrangements for the contact class programmes in their respective centers. Dr. A. Manivannan, Associate Professor, Dr. S. Ezhilvalavan and Dr. B. Madukesvaran Assistant Professors, Directorate of Distance Education organized the programmes.

RURAL MART INAUGURATED



A Rural Mart "Amudha Surabhi" managed by the farmers to facilitate marketing of agriculture, livestock and value added produce of KVK farmers and self help groups was established at KVK, Kattupakkam which is the first of its kind in KVKs of Tamil Nadu. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the Rural Mart on 17.11.2011. NABARD, Chennai sponsored an amount of Rs. 90,000/- for maintenance. Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS and Dr. M. Babu, Director, Centre for Animal Production Studies, TANUVAS participated. Milk products, fruit products, vegetables, fish, ornamental flowers, bouquets and other items produced by farmers are available for sale. Dr. P. Kumaravel and Dr. M. Vimalarani were instrumental in the establishment of "Amudha Surabhi".

AWARD

Dr. J. Muralidharan, Assistant Professor, MSRS, Pottaneri was awarded with "Best oral presentation award" for his paper on "Effect of rearing system and supplementation on carcass characteristics of Mecheri lambs" in the National symposium on "Emerging Management Concepts for sustainable Livestock and Poultry Production" held at Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana from 02.11.2011 to 04.11.2011.



Dr. M. Rosalind George, Associate Professor, Department of Aquaculture, FC&RI, Thoothukudi has won Best Poster Award for her paper entitled "Assessment of infectivity potential of Indian white spot syndrome virus isolates" presented in the 8th Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture held at Mangalore.



Dr. P.R. Nisha, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension and Entrepreneurship, MVC & Dr. C. Manivannan, Assistant Professor, Scheme on VASISC, DEE, TANUVAS received the Best Paper Presentation Award, Dr. P. Thilakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary and Animal



Husbandry Extension and Entrepreneurship, MVC received the Young Scientist Award and Dr. A. Manivannan, Associate Professor, Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS, received the Best Oral Presentation award during the National Seminar on "Innovations in Farming System Research and Extension for Inclusive Development" held at MVC on 24.11.2011 and 25.11.2011.

SUPERANNUATION

Dr. S. Sukumar, Professor and Head, Department of Centralised Instrumentation Laboratory, MVC retired on superannuation on 30.11.2011. Born on 01.12.1951, he has put in a total service of 36 years and 10 months.

