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REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The 62nd Republic Day was celebrated at the TANUVAS headquarters on 26.01.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS unfurled the National Flag at the plaza of the university headquarters in the presence of University Officers and delivered the Republic Day speech. Also the Vice-chancellor presented the best worker awards to the Group C & D employees of the University in recognition of their performance during the year 2010. The Dean, MVC, Chennai, the Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal and the Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi unfurled the National Flag in their respective campuses. The staff and students of the respective colleges attended the celebration in large numbers and graced the occasion.



INAUGURATION OF NEW BUILDINGS AT TANUVAS

New buildings viz., Central University Laboratory, Administrative building of Directorate of Clinics and TANUVAS Cafeteria at TANUVAS headquarters, Centenary Memorial building of MVC and Student's Hostel of Institute of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduvalli were declared open on 20.01.2011 during the *Pongal Vizha* celebration of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Minister for Rural Industries and Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the new Central University Laboratory building along with other buildings financed by Government of Tamil Nadu and delivered the chief guest's address. Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu declared open the *Pongal Vizha* celebrations of TANUVAS and inaugurated training on ornamental fish rearing and delivered the special address. Tmt. M.P. Nirmala, I.A.S., Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department inaugurated a Distance Education course on "*Nattukkozhi Valarppu*" and delivered the special address. Thiru.M. Malik Feroze Khan, I.A.S., Commissioner of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services inaugurated a symposium on modern

technology in fodder production. Col. Sunil Sharma, Commander, N.C.C and Thiru. T. Shanmugam, Chairman, Madhavaram Municipality, Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, Centre for Animal Health Studies and Dr. D.Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS felicitated. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS, welcomed the gathering and Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director, Centre for Animal Production Studies proposed vote of thanks. More than 200 farmers in addition to staff and students of TANUVAS participated in the function. In the beginning, Hon'ble Thiru. Pongalur N. Palanisamy, Minister for Rural Industries and Animal Husbandry inaugurated an animal health camp organized by Directorate of Clinics. He also inaugurated the training ground for horse riding at University headquarters. The N.C.C. Cadets of MVC, Chennai gave guard of honour to the Hon'ble Minister during the occasion.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR ZOO VETERINARIANS

Central Zoo Authority of India and Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University organized a National Workshop on "Protocol for the veterinary care and safety of wild animals during transportation with special reference to deer species" from 24th to 28th January 2011 for zoo veterinarians, in collaboration with Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai. Dr. S.R.Srinivasan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, MVC welcomed the gathering. Thiru. B.S.Bonal, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority of India released the compendium and Dr.V.Irai Anbu, I.A.S., Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the workshop and released a CD about "Digital-field guide for vets on important avian species". Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function. Twenty-seven veterinarians from all over India participated and were benefited. Dr. Carlos Sanchez, Associate Veterinarian, Brookfield Zoo, USA, Dr. Kevin Lazarus's, Director Zoo Taiping and Night Safari, Malaysia and national resource personnel's interacted with the participants. During the valedictory function, Thiru. R. Sundaraju, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai distributed the certificates. Dr. M.G. Jayathangaraj, organizing secretary and Professor and Head, Department of Wildlife Science and Dr. R. Sridhar, co-organizing secretary and Professor and Head, Dept. of Pathology, MVC conducted the workshop. Recommendations with regard to protocol for wild animals associated with transport especially for deer were arrived at to have overall adoption throughout India.



MoU WITH REMOUNT VETERINARY CORPS

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) and Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) of the Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 15.12.2010 at RVC Centre and College, Meerut to train Remount Veterinary Officers in various specialities to keep abreast about the





newer technologies and technical skills to serve the animals maintained by army and to benefit the veterinary students of the TANUVAS to get first hand knowledge about breeding and management of horses and dogs at various stud depots and breeding farms. The MoU was signed by Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS and Lt.Gen.J.K.Srivastava, Director General, Remount Veterinary Services. Maj. Gen.S.S.Thakral, Additional DGRVS, Maj. Gen.S.K.Sharma, Commandant, RVC centre and college, Dr.V.Purushothaman, Director of Research, Dr.C.Balachandran, Registrar, Dr.S.Prathaban, Director of Clinics and Dr.Capt.G.Dhanan Jaya Rao, Resident Veterinary Officer, MVC and other senior officers of the RVC, also participated.

MARINE FINFISH FARMING TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF FISHERMEN



A workshop on "Marine finfish farming with focus on cobia to improve the livelihood of fishermen" was held at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi on 11.01.2011 and 12.01.2011. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, Chennai. The Vice-chancellor stressed the need for mariculture as an alternative livelihood for fisher folk and released the workshop manual during the occasion. Dr. M. Sakthivel, President, Aquaculture Foundation of India and Chairman, Consortium Advisory Committee, NAIP Cobia project delivered the special address. Dr. A.R.T. Arasu, Principal Investigator, CIBA and Dr. V.K. Venkataramani, Director of Research and Extension (Fisheries) offered felicitation address. Dr. N. Felix, Consortium Principal Investigator of the NAIP Cobia project and the organizing secretary of the workshop explained the objectives and salient findings of the project. Dr. M. C. Nandeesha, Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi and the Chairman of the workshop welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. J. Prince Jeyaseelan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Aquaculture, FC&RI, proposed vote of thanks. Sixty-five participants viz., farmers, line department officials, college teachers, scientists, research scholars, Assistant Directors and Project Directors of Central and State Government organizations from different states of the country including West Bengal, Karnataka and Kerala participated. As a part of practical session, the participants were taken to floating net cage installed one kilometer inside the sea at Maritech Research Centre, Tharuvaikulam. Dr. M. Sakthivel, Consortium Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairman distributed the certificates and offered valedictory address. Dr. M. Nagoor Meeran, Dr. K. Veerabhadran, Dr. K. Rathnakumar and Dr. R. Jayashakila co-ordinated the workshop.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The third Technical Advisory Committee meeting (Industry-Institute Linkage Meet) with poultry entrepreneurs was conducted on 21.01.2011 at VC&RI, Namakkal. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the meeting. Poultry entrepreneurs of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry Department officials, representatives of



pharmaceutical companies, poultry consultants and experts from VC&RI, Namakkal have participated and discussed about the occurrence of IB, fly control in poultry farms, common vaccination schedule for poultry, skill development courses in poultry and inauguration of ethno veterinary medicine centre at VC&RI, Namakkal. Totally 45 participants attended the meeting.

WINTER SCHOOL

The inaugural function of the ICAR sponsored winter school entitled "Livestock Business and Market Intelligence" organized by the Department of Animal Husbandry Economics, MVC, Chennai was held on 28.01.2011. A total of 25 participants from various ICAR institutes, SAUs and other universities participated in this programme. Thiru. R. Narayan, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Tamil Nadu Regional Office, Chennai inaugurated the winter school, released the training manual and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, MVC offered felicitation address. Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Director – ICAR Winter School and Professor and Head, Department of Animal Husbandry Economics, MVC welcomed the gathering and Dr. S. Selvam, Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Winter School proposed the vote of thanks.



SEMINAR ON MILK PRODUCTION MARKETING TECHNOLOGIES

Dr. R. Parabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the *Pongal Vizha* and released the training manual for the beneficiaries of the Community Cattle Care Centre. The Vice-chancellor also inaugurated a one day seminar on "Milk Production Marketing Technologies" at IFDT, Koduvalli on 13.01.2011. Dr. D. Thyagaraian, Dean i/c, Institute of Food and Dairy Technology and Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS felicitated the gathering, Dr. D. Ramasamy, Professor and Head, IFDT welcomed the gathering and Dr. A. Manoharan, Assistant Professor, proposed the vote of thanks. Machine milking and chaff cutter operations were demonstrated. More than three hundred self help group members were benefited from this programme. The seminar was organized in connection with the *Pongal Vizha* celebrations of the institute.



WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED LIVESTOCK AND FISH FARMING

Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor of TANUVAS presided over the workshop on "Integrated livestock and fish farming" suitable for Thanjavur district held by Ethno Veterinary Herbal Training and Research Centre of VUTRC, Thanjavur during the *Pongal Vizha* week celebrations of TANUVAS at Rotary hall of Thanjavur South on 12.01.2011. The Vice-chancellor stressed on the importance of conservation and protection of native cattle germplasm. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, Centre for Animal Health Studies, TANUVAS inaugurated the programme and emphasized on the livestock and fish rearing involving organic farming. Dr. R. Jayakumar, Regional Joint Director of Animal Husbandry of Thanjavur, Thiru. S. P. Ravikumar, Assistant General Manager, NABARD and Prof. M. Durairaj, President, Rotary Club felicitated the programme. Dr. N. Punniamurthy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Thanjavur welcomed the gathering. About 60 farmers from Thanjavur and other districts participated and interacted.





VICE - CHANCELLOR STOCKED THE DEMO FISH CULTURE POND AND CAGE

The Vice-chancellor Dr.R.Prabakaran introduced seeds of freshwater cat fish, *Pangasious suchi* in the earthen demo fish culture pond maintained at the university campus, meant for dissemination of fish farming techniques to the local farmers and trainees on 05.01.2011.



The Vice-chancellor also stocked the 'Floating FRP inland cage' installed in the pond with gold fish seeds to develop them into brood stocks. Dr. B.Murali Manohar, Director, CAHS, TANUVAS was also present on the occasion. Dr. S.Felix, Professor and Dr. K. Ravaneswaran, Associate Professor made arrangements for the event.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COMMISSIONER'S VISIT

Thiru. M.R. Mohan, I.A.S., Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Govt. of Tamil Nadu visited a goat farm on 30.01.2011 owned by Tmt. P. Kalaiselvi at Rengasampatti, Madurai district. She had established the farm with 20 ewes and a buck after having undergone a training on "Intensive system of goat farming" at VUTRC, Madurai. Dr. B. Muruganandan, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Madurai, Regional Joint Director and Assistant Directors of Animal Husbandry, Madurai accompanied the Commissioner.



MoU SIGNED WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai has signed "MoU" with the Auburn University, University of Arizona, and Virginia Tech University of USA. The broad objectives of this MoU include exchange of staff and students for collaborative research, education and training, developing collaborative international research and extension programmes, organizing collaborative workshops and conferences and exchange of research outputs in fisheries.



TRAINING CUM WORKSHOP

A two day training cum workshop on "Strengthening Gender Perspective in Agricultural Research and Extension" was organized by the Directorate of Research on Women in Agriculture (DRWA), Bhubaneswar in collaboration with the Directorate of Extension Education, TANUVAS on 24.01.2011 and 25.01.2011 at the University Headquarters, Madhavaram. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Krishna Srinath, Director, Directorate of Research on Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar. Dr. D. Kathiresan, DEE, TANUVAS, highlighted the gender mainstreaming and gender related activities carried out at TANUVAS. A total of 38 participants from various KVKs of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry participated in the training programme. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director, CAPS, TANUVAS distributed the certificates to the participants on 25.01.2011. Dr. H.K. Dash and Dr. K. Ponnuswamy, Principal Scientists, DRWA, Bhubaneswar co-ordinated the training programme.



NAMAKKAL FIESTA - 2011

Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal and KVK, Namakkal participated in the 'Namakkal Fiesta 2011' an exhibition organised

by the Rotary Club of Namakkal Poultry Town from 28.01.2011 to 30.01.2011 aimed at providing a "metro exposure" through transport and poultry show. Thiru. S. Gandhiselvan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India along with the District Collector, Tmt. Madhumathi, Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal and the Chairman of TVS Motors visited the stall.



DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

Contact class programmes for the distance education certificate courses on "Livestock and Poultry Farm Manager", "Livestock Product Technology" and "Turkey farming" were conducted by the Distance Education Cell, Directorate of Extension Education, TANUVAS at the Farmers Hostel, TANUVAS Headquarters from 18.01.2011 to 20.01.2011, 24.01.2011 to 25.01.2011 and 27.01.2011 to 28.01.2011 respectively. A total of 88 candidates attended and completed the programmes. Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS distributed certificates to the participants on successful completion of the programme. Dr. N. K. Sudeep Kumar, Professor and Head, University Publication Division, Dr. S. Ezhilvalavan, Assistant Professor, Distance Education Cell, made arrangements for the successful conduct of the programmes.



NSS PROGRAMME

NSS unit of FC&RI, Thoothukudi organized a "Campus Cleaning Programme" at the institute for six days from 05.01.2011 to 10.01.2011. Thirty-three students from the II B.F.Sc., participated in the camp. As part of the camp, the volunteers cleaned the college and hostel premises. On the day of conclusion i.e., 10.01.2011, the Vice-chancellor Dr. R. Prabakaran delivered a special address and distributed certificates to the students. Dr. D. Sukumar, NSS Programme Officer, co-ordinated the programme.



FARMERS – SCIENTISTS – EXTENSION PERSONNEL MEET

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kattupakkam organized Farmers – Scientists – Extension Personnel meet on goat farming and integrated farming systems through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) on 07.01.2011 at DRDA, Kancheepuram.

TRAINING TO EXTENSION FUNCTIONARIES

KVK, Kattupakkam organized a training programme for extension functionaries on "Fish quality management, conservation and sustainable fishing" on 27.01.2011 and 28.01.2011 sponsored by NETFISH – MPEDA, Chennai. A total of 24 participants from various NGOs, Department of Fisheries and NETFISH-MPEDA working in Tamil Nadu participated. The trainees were taken to a shrimp farm at Sadhurangapattinam for hands-on learning on various farm activities. Dr. Nammalvar Rajan, Project Leader, INCOIS, Chennai inaugurated the training programme and the certificates were issued to the participants by Dr. H. Mohamed Kasim, Principal Scientist (Retired), CMFRI, Chennai.



SEMINAR - KVK KUNDRAKUDI

◆ KVK, Kundrakudi and Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar B.Ed. College for Women, Kundrakudi jointly organized a seminar with different disciplines



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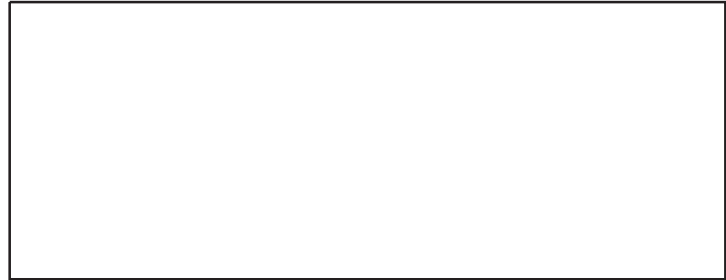
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and also awareness programme on naturally available agriculture, horticulture, veterinary, home care products and fish and fishery products on 04.01.2011. Around 300 students from different colleges of Sivagangai district participated and were benefited. Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar presided over the function and Dr. S. Sudalaimuthu, Vice-chancellor, Alagappa University, Karaikudi delivered a speech on global warming, Dr. V. Palanichamy, Associate Professor and Head and all Assistant Professors of KVK, Kundrakudi delivered lectures in their respective disciplines.



- ◆ KVK, Kundrakudi and Anandha College, Devakottai jointly organized "Science Mela - 2011" and an exhibition on 08.01.2011 and 09.01.2011 at Devakottai. Around 1000 youth entrepreneurs participated in the science mela. Nearly 1170 interested farmers, entrepreneurs and 3000 students from different schools and colleges of Sivagangai, Ramnad and Pudukottai district visited the stalls.

AGRI EXPO - 2011

VUTRC, Tiruchirappalli participated and arranged an exhibition stall at the "Agri Expo - 2011" organized by Dinamalar Daily at Tiruchirappalli from 28.01.2011 to 31.01.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS participated in the valedictory function and visited the exhibition stall arranged by VUTRC, Tiruchirappalli at the Expo. During the valedictory function held on 31.01.2011, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Govt. of Tamil Nadu felicitated and awarded Thiru. Thukili S. Subramaniam with Dinamalar Lifetime Achievement Award.



PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

VUTRC, Thanjavur conducted a one day workshop sponsored by NABARD on "Product (Green fodder) Development" on 04.01.2011. Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Professor and Head, Soil and Water Management and Research Institute, Thanjavur, Dr. M. Arul Mani, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Thanjavur and Dr. V. Suresh, Assistant Director, Department of Rural Development, Thanjavur felicitated the programme. 30 farmers participated in the workshop and a farmers' guide on "Green fodder production and ethno veterinary practices for primary health care" was also released.



NUTRITION GARDEN ESTABLISHED

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kattupakkam organized special programme on promotion of Nutrition garden for KVK *Vasantham Grama Vivasaya*

Sangam at Kattankulathur village on 10.01.2011. During the session, Dr. P. Kumaravel, Associate Professor and Head, KVK, Kattupakkam, Dr. M. Vimalarani and Thiru. P. Murugan Assistant Professors, KVK, Kattupakkam delivered special lectures. A total of 40 KVK *Vasantham* Group members and other farm women participated and were benefited.



GOAT REARERS CLUB

NABARD Farmers Club - Goat rearers club was inaugurated at Monjanur village of Namakkal district on 24.01.2011. In this programme, Thiru. T. Dharani, Project Officer, Vazhnthu Kattuvom Thittam, Namakkal, Thiru. S. Bhuvaragan, AGM, NABARD, Thiru. R. Arivazhagan, District Lead Bank Manager, Dr. K. Prakasam, ADAH, Tiruchengode, Thiru. S. Murali, Manager, Bank of India, Marapparai participated. Dr. B. Mohan, Programme Co-ordinator and Group Organiser Dr. D. Thirunavukkarasu of KVK, Namakkal organised the programme.



REPUBLIC DAY CAMP - 2011

Senior Under Officer U.S. Kalyan, Sgts. M. Srinivasan, S. Thangarasu, Senior Under Officer R. Gnanadevi and S.S. Sudha of 1(TN)R&V Sqn NCC, MVC participated in the prestigious Republic Day Camp-2011 at New Delhi from 26th December, 2010 to 2nd February, 2011. SUO R. Gnanadevi has won two silver medals - one each in 'hacks' and 'have a gamble' and Sgt. M. Srinivasan won a silver medal in hacks. Cadets also took active participation in Prime Minister Rally.



AWARD



Dr. V. Purushothaman, Director of Research, TANUVAS was awarded with the Fellow of ISVIB - 2010 in recognition of his long and meritorious service and contribution in the fields of Veterinary Immunology and Bio-technology.

SUPERANNUATION

- ◆ Thiru. V. Veerappan, Technician, Gr. II Dept. of Clinics, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.01.2011. Born on 15.01.1953, he had put in a total service of 36 years and 11 months.
- ◆ Thiru. K. Vedhagiri, Technician, Dept. of Animal Nutrition, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.01.2011. Born on 03.01.1953, he had put in a total service of 34 years and 08 months.

