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GREETINGS TO THE HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER



Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai extends warm greetings to the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Selvi. J Jayalalitha on assuming the Chief Ministership for the third time on 16th May 2011.

VISIT OF HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY



Thiru. C. Karuppaswamy, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu visited the breeding units of Sheep and Goat, Cattle and Buffalo, Rabbit and Ostrich of LRS,

Kattupakkam on 06.06.2011 along with Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, I.A.S., Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director, CAPS, TANUVAS explained the activities and the schemes of the farm. The Hon'ble Minister evinced keen interest in the selection, breeding management, nutrition and health management of Madras Red Sheep as well as other breeds of Tamil Nadu. The Minister also visited goat section and was elaborated about goat rearing. The Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Tamil Nadu stressed the importance of sheep and goat rearing in rural economy.

EXPERT CONSULTATION FOR REVITALISING INDIAN FISHERIES EDUCATION

An expert consultation on "Revitalising Indian fisheries education to meet the 21st century aspirations" was organised at FC&RI, Thoothukudi from 8th to 10th May, 2011 with a



view to generate new fisheries educational policy for the country, to upgrade the standard of Indian Fisheries Education and to meet the fish farmer's and industry's requirements as well as to bring the education standard on par with the developed countries. Over 100 delegates from India and abroad including China, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Australia, Spain and USA participated. While inaugurating, Dr.R.Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS stressed the need to improve the quality of education by improving the course contents and by inclusion of new courses to meet the requirements of the industry. Dr.Madan Mohan, Assistant Director General (Marine Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi was the chief guest and Dr. Mohana Kumaran Nair, Pro Vice-chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies was the guest of honour. Earlier Dr.M.C.Nandeesh, Dean, FC&RI welcomed the gathering and Dr.S.A.Shanmugam, Co-Convenor of the event proposed the vote of thanks.

During the valedictory held on 10.05.2011, TANUVAS signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with four institutions, namely, Guangdong Ocean University, Guangdong, China, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh and Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Nepal for mutual exchange of students and faculty, transfer of technology, carrying out research projects and training. Dr.V.K.Venkataramani, Director of Research and Extension (Fisheries) offered felicitation. Tmt.M.P.Nirmala, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Dr.R.Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS participated.



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S VISIT

◆ Dr.R.Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS visited VUTRC, Erode on 18.05.2011 and reviewed the activities of the centre. The Vice-chancellor instructed to collect block-wise data base on livestock and poultry, take the centre activities to the common public through media, make periodical visits to farms, ascertain disease occurrence and offer technical help to the farmers. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, CAHS, visited the centre and reviewed the activities on 17.05.2011.



◆ The Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, Chennai visited and inspected the new building of VUTRC, Vellore on 24.05.2011 and had discussion with the staff on the various activities of the centre. Dr. R. Annal Villi, Associate Professor and Head, VUTRC, Vellore explained the activities of the centre. During the visit, the Vice-chancellor emphasized the need for strengthening the market linkage for rabbit farmers and also advised the staff to motivate the farmers to establish breeder units / farms.



◆ Dr.R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS reviewed the activities of VUTRC, Dharmapuri on 24.05.2011 and visited the fodder farm at the centre. He also visited the site allotted for establishment of VUTRC at Krishnagiri.

WORLD VETERINARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

◆ VUTRC, Tirupur organised a camp and vaccinated 15 dogs with anti-rabies vaccine, neutered 5 male dogs and vaccinated 124 desi fowls with Ranikhet disease vaccine in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Tirupur and Tirupur Knit City Lion's Club on 19.05.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor inaugurated the programme and distributed female goats to ST women hailing from Kopaneri village of Karamadai taluk in collaboration with Tirupur Central Lion's Club and to SC women of Subramaniapuram Adi Dravidar Colony, Muthur under Part-II scheme on "Empowerment of rural women through rotational goat and desi fowl rearing". While appreciating the Rotational Goat Rearing Scheme, the Vice-chancellor informed to use the pellet Ranikhet disease vaccine released by TANUVAS for the desi chicken scheme. Dr.V.N.K. Kesavan, Superintendent, Govt. Headquarters Hospital, Tirupur, Dr.M.Muthugoplakrishnan, RJDAH, Dr.K.Ramachandran, ADAH, Tirupur, Lion R.Murugasamy, Lion C.Subramaniam of Central Lion's Club, Tirupur and Lion S.Jayabalakrishnan, MJF, President, Tirupur Knit City Lion's Club participated. Dr.R.Selvaraj, Professor and Head and Dr.R.Mathivanan, Associate Professor, VUTRC, Tirupur organised the programme.



◆ A Dog show was organised at Veterinary hospital campus, VC&RI, Namakkal on 27.05.2011. Thirty-eight dogs including Alsatian, Doberman, Rottweiler, Labrador, Great Dane, Lhasa apso, Spitz, Miniature pinscher and Kanni breeds took part in the show. Namakkal Police Dog Squad team with their sniffers demonstrated the intelligence, obedience and detective ability of dogs. Tmt. Kannammal, Additional Superintendent of Police, Namakkal participated as chief guest and distributed prizes to the participants of the show. Dr.C.Chandrasekaran, Dean, VC & RI, Namakkal, presided over the programme and Dr.V.Purushothaman, Director of Research, TANUVAS and Dr.A.Shanmuga Bharathy, RJDAH, Namakkal felicitated. Dr.R.Ezakial Napoleon, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics welcomed the gathering and Dr. M.Selvaraju, Associate Professor proposed the vote of thanks. An Animal Birth Control programme was also organised and a total of 49 dogs and 2 cats were neutered. The programme was inaugurated by Dr.C.Chandrasekaran, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal. Staff of the Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology participated.



◆ VUTRC, Coimbatore organised a free anti-Rabies Vaccination Camp at Thudiyalur, Coimbatore on 22.05.2011. Dr. A.Rajendran, ADAH, Cattle Breeding and Fodder Development, Coimbatore inaugurated the camp. A total of 44 dogs were vaccinated and pamphlets on "Prevention of Rabies and Care and Management of Pets" were distributed.



TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY OF BLUE TONGUE VACCINE

Dr.A. Thirunavukkarasu, Manager (Quality Control) and Dr. Brajesh Singh, Manager (Production), Indian Immunologicals Limited, Hyderabad handed over a Demand Draft for Rs. 10 lakhs to Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS on 12.05.2011 towards the payment for the Transfer of Technology of Bluetongue multivalent inactivated vaccine. Dr.C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS was also present on the occasion. M/s. Biovet Private Limited, Bangalore has also paid Rs. 10 lakhs to TANUVAS for the Transfer of Technology of Bluetongue multivalent inactivated vaccine. Dr.B. Murali Manohar, Director, CAHS and Dr.Y. Krishnamohan Reddy, Professor, Vaccine Research Centre – Viral Vaccines were the scientists involved in the development of Bluetongue vaccine at TANUVAS Centre of the All India Network programme on Bluetongue.





NILE RIVER BASIN WATER EXPERTS VISIT TO KVK

As a part of the Nile River Initiative Workshop a team consisting of 19 delegates from 11 African countries visited KVK, Namakkal on 19.05.2011. The delegates were briefed about the activities of KVK and services offered to livestock and pets in Veterinary hospital campus and also in VC & RI, Namakkal. The delegates had interaction with Cauvery river basin family members at Mohanur about the present status of utilizing Cauvery river water for agriculture and animal husbandry activities and evinced keen interest on the development of commercial poultry industry and goat rearing in Namakkal district. As a part of their study programme, a group discussion was convened through convergence of all agricultural and allied departments of the district in which 40 progressive farmers participated. The existing extension system in African continent and the prevailing system in Namakkal district were discussed. The delegates appreciated the development of livestock and poultry sector in Namakkal district and showed interest to adopt the same in their country. Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS and Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal participated and interacted with the team. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr.B. Mohan, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Namakkal.



ATMA SCHEME

Thiru. Sanjay Gupta, IAS, Joint Secretary, ATMA Programme, Government of India, New Delhi and Thiru. Vijayakumar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Kancheepuram visited KVK, Kattupakkam on 05.05.2011 and reviewed the ATMA, OFT trial programmes. Dr. K. Velmurugan and Thiru. P. Murugan, Assistant Professors explained about the various activities of KVK and presented the ATMA and OFT results. The Joint Secretary appreciated the activities of KVK.



ON-CAMPUS TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- ◆ A training programme on Japanese quail farming was organised at VUTRC, Dharmapuri on 24.05.2011. A total of 19 farmers participated. Dr.R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS addressed the trainees and distributed certificates.
- ◆ VUTRC, Vellore has conducted two on-campus training programmes on 'Agriculture / Fisheries / Animal Husbandry Development' on 26.05.2011 and 31.05.2011 under the sponsorship of Tamil Nadu Forest Department, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) and Vellore Forest Development Agency. A total of 110 farmers from Tribal villages of Thongumalai and Beenchamandhai, Vellore district benefited. Thiru. A.V. Venkatachalam, I.F.S., Conservator of Forest, Vellore region, presided over the



inauguration of training programme. Thiru.T.V. Manjunatha, I.F.S., District Forest Officer explained the importance of the scheme to the farmers. Dr. R. Annal Villi, Associate Professor and Head, VUTRC, Vellore co-ordinated the training.

MONOGRAPH ON MAREK'S DISEASE

A Monograph on "Marek's Disease" prepared under the Niche area of Excellence in Animal Biotechnology programme on "Molecular Diagnostics for Emerging Avian Viral Diseases and their Immunopathogenesis" implemented at the Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC, was released by Dr.Arvind Kumar, Deputy Director General (Edu), ICAR, New Delhi during the fifth annual review meeting of ICAR Niche area of Excellence Programme held on 27.05.2011 and 28.05.2011 at CSK HPKV, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh. The annual review meeting was also attended by Dr.C.Devakumar, Assistant Director General (EPD), ICAR. The monograph, authored by Dr.A.Raja, Dr.M.Parthiban, Dr.T.M.A.Senthil Kumar and Dr.K.Kumanan contains information and works carried out at TANUVAS pertaining to Marek's disease virus, its pathogenicity, different diagnostic and pathotyping techniques used for its detection and characterization.



VISIT OF CHINESE FISHERIES SCIENTISTS TO TANUVAS

A team of 11 scientists led by Prof. David Li, Director and Prof. Chen Gang, Associate Dean of Fisheries College, Guangdong Ocean University, China, visited the University Headquarters and Fisheries Research and Extension Centre (FREC), at Madhavaram on 08.05.2011. The Scientists were also taken to Leptospirosis Laboratory, Central University Laboratory and Pharmacovigilance Laboratory for Animal Feed and Food Safety. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS, Dr. P. Thangaraju, former Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS and Dr.A.G.Ponniah, Director, CIBA interacted with the team. Dr.S.Felix, Professor, FREC, Madhavaram and Dr. K.Manikandavelu, LRS, Kattupakkam co-ordinated the programme.

FARMERS FIELD SCHOOL

Farmers Field School (FFS) entitled "Integrated Farming Systems" was conducted by KVK, Kattupakkam from 21.03.2011 to 11.05.2011. A field visit was arranged for the FFS trainees to 3 integrated farms located at Thammanur, Anjur and Panapakkam village on 11.05.2011. A total of 30 beneficiaries from Kancheepuram district participated. Dr.P. Kumaravel, Associate Professor and Head, KVK, Kattupakkam elaborated on various integrated farming system models. Dr. K. Devaki and Thiru.P. Murugan, Assistant Professors explained the importance of integrated farming system and SRI paddy mat nursery preparation. Progressive farmers, Thiru. Hari Prasad, Thiru. Damodhiran and Thiru. Karunakaran explained their IFS activities and shared experience with trainees.



SUMMER VOCATIONAL CAMP FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

KVK, Namakkal in order to create interest in agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and fisheries enterprises for school children organised 11 summer camps during the month of May 2011 in homestead mushroom cultivation, wholesome meat and milk food preparation as an enterprise, medicinal plants and home



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remedies, backyard poultry keeping as an income generating enterprise, small scale establishment of kitchen garden, home gardening, establishment and maintenance of ornamental fishes, composting of kitchen waste and recycling, soil and water conservation, pet animal management and household fruit plant management. Students from Namakkal and Salem districts studying in various schools in the age group of 13 to 18 attended the programmes.



REFRESHER TRAINING ON "IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION UNDER FIELD CONDITION"

A refresher training on the "Impact of Artificial Insemination by KVK trained inseminators under field condition" was conducted on 30.05.2011 for the inseminators trained under RSVY Scheme. A total of 18 inseminators attended and expressed their views and thoughts towards artificial insemination under field condition and the constraints towards achieving the targets. The programme was organised by Dr.V.Palanichamy, Associate Professor and Head and Dr.R.Thangathurai, Assistant Professor, KVK, Kundrakudi.



SPECIAL MEETING FOR PIG FARMERS









A Special meeting on "Advanced techniques in Pig farming" was conducted for the benefit of pig farmers in Kanyakumari district on 24.05.2011 at VUTRC, Nagercoil. A total of 23 white pig rearing farmers participated. Lectures were delivered on advanced techniques in breeding, system of rearing, feeding, housing and disease control of pig farming. In order to establish pig breeding units among farmers, five pig farmers were selected and breeding policies were explained to them.

TRAINING CUM DEMONSTRATION UNDER ATMA PROJECT

VUTRC, Coimbatore conducted a one day training cum demonstration on the use of Milking Machine and Probiotic culture in the feed of dairy cows under the ATMA Project at Kottaipalayam Village, S.S.Kulam block, Coimbatore on 25.05.2011. Dr.K.M.Chandrasekaran, ADAH, Coimbatore Division and Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of Idigarai, Saravanampatty and Kalappatty participated. A total of 11 farmers were benefited.



SUPERANNUATION

- ◆ Thiru. M. Justin Durai, Executive Engineer and Estate Officer (i/c), Estate Office, TANUVAS, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 15.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 31 years and 05 months. 
- ◆ Dr. K. Karunanithi, Professor and Head, Mecheri Sheep Research Station, Pottaneri retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 09.05.1951, he had put in a total service of 29 years and 11 months. 
- ◆ Thiru. P. Ganesan Pillai, Administrative Officer, VC&RI, Namakkal retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 19.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 35 years and 06 months. 
- ◆ Thiru. G. Rajamuni, Accounts Officer, MVC, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 07.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 33 years and 07 months. 
- ◆ Thiru. C. Elumalai, Technician (Gr.II), Dept of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, MVC, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 07.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 35 years and 10 months. 
- ◆ Thiru. J. Chandrasekaran, Plumber, URF, MMC, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 20.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 27 years and 04 months. 
- ◆ Thiru. S. Joseph Hendry, Attender, URF, MMC, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 20.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 26 years and 02 months. 
- ◆ Thiru. N. Rangasamy, Attender, Dept of Poultry Science, VC&RI, Namakkal retired on superannuation on 31.05.2011. Born on 20.05.1953, he had put in a total service of 18 years and 06 months. 

TANUVAS ALUMNI MEET ANNOUNCEMENT WORLD VETERINARY YEAR -2011

A TANUVAS alumni meet is organised at Madras Veterinary College on 30.07.2011 (Saturday) as part of "World Veterinary Year, 2011" celebrations. Alumni of all constituent colleges viz., Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal, Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tuticorin and Institute of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduvalli are invited to participate. For registration details visit University website www.tanuv.ac.in or contact 044-2536 8702 / 09444231190.