



## NEWS LETTER



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### VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The valedictory function of Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal was held on 26.02.2011. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal, welcomed the gathering. Thiru. V.P. Duraisamy, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly released the Silver Jubilee compendium and delivered special address. Tmt. S. Madumathi, I.A.S., District Collector, Namakkal, Dr. K.P. Ramalingam, Member of Parliament, Thiru. LGP. R. Selvaraj, Chairman, Namakkal Municipality, Dr. P. Selvaraj, Member, Board of Management, Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, and Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, Centre for Animal Health Studies felicitated. Thiru. Pongalur N. Palanisamy, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries and Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-chancellor of the university laid the foundation stone for the Silver Jubilee Memorial Building (₹1.15 crores), opened the Silver Jubilee Memorial Pillar (₹3.67 lakhs) and other buildings (₹212.82 lakhs) and also delivered special address. Thiru. S. Gandhiselvan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India inaugurated the Ethno-veterinary Herbal Research Centre for Poultry and delivered special address. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, delivered presidential address. Dr. A. Manicavasaka Dinakaran, Professor & Head, Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, VC&RI, Namakkal proposed vote of thanks.

### PET THERAPEUTIC SPA



A Hydrotherapy and Medicated Bath Unit (Pet Therapeutic Spa) to treat and prevent various skin disorders of dogs and cats was inaugurated at Madras Veterinary College Teaching Hospital by Tmt. M.P. Nirmala, I.A.S., Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department on 25.01.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function. The programme was organized by Dr. S. Prathaban, Director of Clinics, TANUVAS and Dr. R.C. Rajasundaram, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Clinics, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai. Dr. J.P. Gurbuxani, Proprietor, M/s. Pets Will, sponsored the equipment.

### MoU FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY OF BLUETONGUE MULTIVALENT INACTIVATED VACCINE



Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in collaboration with Indian Veterinary Research Institute (Izatnagar), Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University (Andhra Pradesh), Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (Karnataka) and Hisar Agricultural University (Haryana) developed a multivalent inactivated vaccine against Bluetongue through All India Network Programme on Bluetongue funded by the ICAR. TANUVAS and ICAR jointly signed MoU with Indian Immunologicals Limited, Hyderabad and Biovet Private Limited, Bangalore for the large scale production of the vaccine on 15.02.2011 in a programme held at Madras Veterinary College. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS, Dr. Gaya Prasad, Assistant Director General (Animal Health), Thiru. K.V. Balasubramaniam, Managing Director, Indian Immunologicals Limited and Dr. S.N. Singh, Managing Director, Biovet Private Limited were the signatories to MoU. The programme was presided over by Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS. Chief guest of the programme, Dr. Gaya Prasad, Assistant Director General (Animal Health) said that ICAR would continue to support the research on bluetongue with special reference to the disease in sheep and the role of culicoides vector. Dr. V. Purushothaman, Director of Research, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering. Dr. Rishendra Verma, Project Co-ordinator, All India Network Programme on Bluetongue offered the opening remarks. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, Centre for Animal Health Studies, TANUVAS proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Y. Krishnamohan Reddy, Professor and Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, Centre for Animal Health Studies, were involved in the development of Bluetongue vaccine at TANUVAS.

### INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME



An International training programme sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, under "Indo-African Forum Summit" entitled "Smallholder livestock and commercial poultry farming" was organized by KVK, Namakkal from 07.02.2011 to 20.02.2011. A total of



13 participants representing eight countries in African continent viz., Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zambia, Mali, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia and Sudan attended. The participants were exposed to various aspects of dairy cattle production including fodder production, use of equipments, utilization of crop residues and functioning of milk co-operative societies and sheep and goat production. Visits to commercial broiler farms, layer farm, Animal Feed Analytical and Quality Assurance Laboratory, Poultry Disease Diagnosis and Surveillance Laboratory and VC & RI Veterinary Teaching Hospital were arranged. An exposure visit to Palladam and Kangeyam in Tamil Nadu and Thrissur in Kerala was also organised. Dr. K. Senthilkumar and Dr. S. Aanand, Assistant Professors of the Kendra accompanied the participants. On 19.02.2011, the valedictory function was conducted. Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Assistant Director General (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. S. Prabhukumar, Zonal Project Director, Bangalore gave special address. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, Chennai released the training manual and distributed the participation certificates to the trainees. Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS, Chennai welcomed the gathering and Dr. B. Mohan, programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Namakkal presented the training report. Dr. D. Thirunavukkarasu, Co-coordinator of the programme coordinated the activities.



**FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR VETERINARIANS**

A meeting was conducted on 07.02.2011 regarding FAO (India) Regional Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV) at Madras Veterinary College to detect, respond and to control diseases early in a sustainable way under the chairmanship of TANUVAS Vice-chancellor Dr. R. Prabakaran. Dr. Leo Loth, Chief Technical Advisor, Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases-India-FAO, New Delhi, Dr. David M. Castellan, Senior Veterinary Epidemiologist, Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD), Thailand and Dr. Subba Rao, FAO consultant elaborated about the programme. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar of TANUVAS, Dr. V. Purushothaman, Director of Research, Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, CAHS, Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Dean i/c., MVC, and HoDs of Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Microbiology and PDDSL., participated in the meeting.



**DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**

Contact class programme for the distance education certificate course on "Animal feed mill management" was conducted by the Distance Education Cell, Directorate of Extension Education, TANUVAS at KVK Namakkal on 18.02.2011 & 19.02.2011. Dr. S. Prabhukumar, Zonal Project Director, Zone VIII, ICAR participated in the valedictory programme, interacted with the participants and distributed the certificates. Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Assistant Director General, ICAR offered felicitation. Dr. D. Kathiresan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering. 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 programme. Twenty-six farmers attended the programme. The Directorate also conducted the contact class programme for the courses on "Fodder Production" and "Japanese quail production" at the university headquarters from 01.02.2011 to 04.02.2011.



**COLLEGE AND HOSTEL DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The College and Hostel day were celebrated at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal on 11.02.2011. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal, presented the college annual

report. Dr. V.V.Kulkarni, Warden, and Dr. T.J. Hari Krishnan, Research Co-ordinator, VC&RI, Namakkal presented the hostel report and research reports respectively. Dr. P. Selvaraj, Member, Board of Management, TANUVAS delivered felicitation address. In his address, he insisted that the students should inculcate entrepreneurial quality to improve their living standards. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS was the chief guest, distributed prizes to meritorious students and delivered special address. In his address he advised the students that the life is like mathematics, so add the talents, subtract the mistakes, multiply the work force, and divide the time for management to excel in their career. Earlier Dr. A. Manicavasaka Dinakaran, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, welcomed the gathering and Selvan Ganesan, final year student, proposed the vote of thanks.



**ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COMMISSIONER'S VISIT**

VUTRC, Karur and Department of Animal Husbandry, have jointly organized an animal health camp cum exhibition at Ammapatti village of Aravakuruchi block, Karur district on 17.02.2011. Thiru. M.R. Mohan, I.A.S., Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Tamil Nadu inaugurated the camp, visited the exhibition and interacted with the farmers.



**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S VISIT**

Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, Chennai visited VUTRC, Madurai on 28.02.2011. During the visit, the Vice-chancellor reviewed the various activities of the centre. Dr. B. Muruganandan, Professor and Head explained the activities of the centre. The Vice-chancellor also interacted with the farmers attending the on-campus training programme on "Intensive system of goat farming" and delivered a special address. A total of 64 farmers, SHG women attended the training programme.



**NATIONAL WORKSHOP**

A national workshop sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India on "Research Advances in Fish Vaccines and Prophylactics" was conducted at FC&RI, Thoothukudi on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The workshop was part of the ongoing international Indo-Norwegian collaborative project involving FC&RI. The programme was inaugurated by Dr.C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal and presided over by Dr. M.C. Nandeesha, Dean, FCRI. Dr. Espen Rimstad and Professor K. Sankaran, Director, CBT, Anna University were the guests of honour and Dr. V.K. Venkataramani, Director of Research and Extension delivered felicitation address. Dr. Rosalind George, organising secretary introduced the chief guest and the guests of honour. Dr. Prince Jeyaseelan, Professor and Head, Department of Aquaculture welcomed the gathering and Dr. Riji John, Professor and convener proposed the vote of thanks. The workshop brought out five recommendations in the areas of surveillance and improved fish vaccine development from the deliberations held. The





workshop was attended by over 70 delegates from different states of India apart from Norway. Dr. Sunil Lal, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Bio-technology, New Delhi, Dr. Somasundaram, Annamalai University, Dr. T.C. Santiago, CIBA, Dr. G. Dhinakarraj, MVC, Dr. Dinakaran Michael, Vels Institute, Dr. Sahul Hameed, Abdul Hakeem College and Dr. P. Krishnan, CARI delivered lectures on the current thrust areas in fish vaccine development.

### TRAINING ON SEAWEED FARMING

Maritech Research Centre (MRC), Tharuvaikulam had conducted training programme on 'Seaweed farming' for two batches (each batch consist of 30 trainees) which was sponsored by National Fisheries Development Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, Hyderabad. The first and second batch of training



programme was conducted from 07.02.2011 to 11.02.2011 and 21.02.2011 to 25.02.2011 respectively. A total of 59 trainees benefited. In the valedictory function Dr.S.Athithan, Associate Professor and Head, MRC, welcomed the chief guest and farmers. Dr.V.K. Venkatramani, Director of Research and Extension (Fisheries), TANUVAS delivered the key note address and interacted with the trainees. Mr. P. Pradeepkumar, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thoothukudi, in his special address, highlighted the role of Fisheries Department on promoting seaweed farming. Thiru. A.A. Jeyapal, Panchayat President, Tharuvaikulam, participated in the function and distributed certificates to the trainees. Th.V.Lamek Jayakumar, Dr. S. Athithan and Dr. A. Gopalakannan made arrangements.

### TRAINING

- VUTRC, Melmaruvathur conducted an on-campus training on "Desi chicken rearing" on 21.02.2011 and off-campus training on "Quail farming" on 24.02.2011 at Mangalam village. An exhibition was also conducted on 26.02..2011 at Kadamalaiputthur. Tmt. Sankari Narayanan, MLA, visited the exhibition and appreciated the activities of the centre. A total of 45 farmers attended the training and 300 farmers visited the exhibition.

- VUTRC, Nagercoil in co-ordination with ATMA, Thiruvattar block, Nagercoil, conducted off-campus training programmes on "Backyard poultry farming" on 07.02.2011 and 12.02.2011 and a training programme on "Dairy farming" on 22.02.2011 for the beneficiaries of Farm School established at Andoor village. A total of 63 self- help group women and farmers attended the programmes.

- VUTRC, Vellore conducted six off-campus training programmes in association with District Watershed Development Agency (DWDA) on "Livestock and Poultry Farming and Fish Farming" from 14.02.2011 to 21.02.2011 at various villages of Kaveripakkam block, Vellore district. A total of 225 SHG members attended the training programmes. The centre also conducted off-campus training programme along with *Vazhndu Kattuvom Thittam*, Vellore on "Sheep and Goat Farming" on 24.02.2011 at Pudur Nadu village, Vellore district in which a total of 65 female beneficiaries attended and were benefited.



- ADL, Thalaivasal conducted four off-campus training programmes for the benefit of 115 farmers under TNIAMWARM project in Aragalur, Navakurichi, Navallur and Thalaivasal on 15.02.2011, 18.02.2011, 19.02.2011 and 28.02.2011 on quail farming, dairy farming, backyard poultry farming and diseases management.

- KVK, Kattupakkam, in collaboration with NABARD, organized a training programme on dairy products for 55 NABARD club farmers of

Kancheepuram district on 15.02.2011. Dr. P. Kumaravel, Associate Professor and Head, KVK, Kattupakkam inaugurated the seminar and Dr. S. Gnanalakshmi delivered lectures on preparation of dairy products. Thiru. M.K. Sudhakar, AGM, NABARD, Kancheepuram delivered special address and released the book on "Value added dairy products". Thiru. G. Senthil Kumar, Joint Registrar and Thiru. Elango, Assistant Registrar, TN Co-operative Society, and Thiru. R. Sethu Pandian, Deputy Registrar, Aavin offered felicitation.



### FISH PRODUCTS PREPARATION

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kundrakudi conducted a training programme on "Fish Products Preparation" from 23.02.2011. A total of seven participants from in and around Sivagangai district participated in the training programme. The trainees were trained to prepare more than 25 types of fish products. Dr.V.Palanichamy, Associate Professor and Head and Thiru. P. Ganesan, Assistant Professor, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kundrakudi organized the programme.



### SCIENTIFIC METHOD OF SHEEP AND GOAT REARING

KVK, Kundrakudi organized a one day training programme on "Scientific method of sheep and goat rearing" on 28.02.2011. A total of 48 farmers from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka participated in the training programme. Farm visit to District Livestock Farm, Chettinad was organized for the benefit of participants. Dr. Rajasekar, Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry, Dr.Arun, and Dr. Sajayan, Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, explained the various farm activities and details on cultivation of fodder crops to the participants.



### ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP

VUTRC, Coimbatore participated in the Animal Health Camps at Pachapalayam on 08.02.2011 and Pungagoundenpudur on 10.02.2011 and offered technical advise on livestock rearing. A total of 1693 animals of Pachapalayam and 1605 animals of Pungagoundenpudur were benefited through the programme. The Animal Husbandry Department arranged the health camps under Kalnadai pathukappu thittam. Assistant Directors of Animal Husbandry, Dr. K.M. Chandrasekar, Dr. V.Varadarajan and Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, Dr. V. Devika, Dr. V.Archana and Dr.B.K Satheesh organised and participated in the camps.



### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF TANUVAS

TANUVAS has established a new "Department of Livestock Business Management" at Madras Veterinary College campus, Vepery, Chennai. Apart from teaching and research, the other mandates of the department includes, Identification of potential areas of entrepreneurial activity in livestock / livestock based industries, strengthening of industry – institute linkage and offering consultancy services to aspiring entrepreneurs.



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**FIZZOREE 2011 – INTER COLLEGIATE CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

Students Association of the FC&RI, Thoothukudi organized an inter-collegiate quiz competition called FIZZOREE on 10.02.2011. State level quiz master Thiru. S. Manova Raja conducted the quiz programme. Eleven colleges participated in this event. G.V.N. College, Kovilpatti won the "Delphinus ever rolling cup" as they stood first while the second prize was bagged by Kamaraj College of Engineering, Virudhunagar. Dr. C.B.T. Rajagopalsamy, Vice-president welcomed the gathering. Tmt. G. Rajakavitha, Branch Manager, Union Bank of India, Ganeshnagar, Thoothukudi distributed the prizes. Dr. M.C. Nandeeshha, Dean presided over the function. Thiru. P. Prabhakaran, Literary Association Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.



**FISFEST 2011**

Students Association of FC&RI, Thoothukudi organized an inter-collegiate cultural programme called FISFEST 2011 on 11.02.2011. Fifteen colleges from all over Tamil Nadu participated in the cultural competitions. V.O.C. College Thoothukudi scored the highest overall points and was declared the winner of ever rolling "Fisfest Trophy". While the runner shield was won by the Kamaraj College of Engineering, Virudhunagar. Dr. C.B.T. Rajagopalsamy welcomed the gathering during the prize distribution ceremony. Thiru. R. Rajasekarapandy, CSR, Sterlite Industries (India) Limited, delivered the chief guest address and distributed the prizes. Dean Dr. M.C. Nandeeshha presided over the award distribution ceremony. Thiru. P. Prabhakaran, Literary Association Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.



**YOGA FOR STUDENTS**

Yoga class was organized for the students of VC&RI, Namakkal on 03.02.2011. Trainers from Esha Yoga Centre, Coimbatore stressed the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being. A short film on yoga was also screened to create awareness among students.



**MUTHAMIZH VIZHA**

Muthamizh vizha was celebrated at VC&RI, Namakkal on 10.02.2011. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal, presided over the function. "Tamil Kadal" Nellai Kannan was the chief guest and delivered special address. He also released the students' magazine



"Ilanthendral" and distributed the prizes to the winners. Dr. K. Balasundaram, Organiser, Tamil Mandram welcomed the gathering and presented the Tamil Mandram report.

**SPORTS**

The athletic, volleyball, kabaddi, badminton and table tennis teams of TANUVAS with a contingent of 40 students (26 boys and 14 girls) participated in the XII All India Inter-Agricultural University Sports and Games Meet 2010-11 held at Kerala Agricultural University, Mannuthy, Thrissur from 16.02.2011 to 20.02.2011. In the event, TANUVAS volleyball team led by Selvan S. Niroshan, IV - B.F.Sc., student of FC&RI, Thoothukudi won the silver medal. Dr. D. Sundaraj, Deputy Director of Physical Education, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai and Dr. A.M. Venkatesan, Deputy Director of Physical Education, VC & RI, Namakkal accompanied the team as Managers for the above meet. Thiru. G. Asisram, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu accompanied the team as coach.



**AWARD**

Dr. B Suresh Subramonian, Company Commander of 1(TN) R & V SQN NCC of Madras Veterinary College, NCC unit was conferred with DG Commendation Card with a medal and cash prize in recognition of his long and meritorious service in 1(TN) R & V SQN NCC of Madras Veterinary College. The award was conferred by Thiru. T.P. Mohideen Khan, Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu during the felicitation of RD contingent in the presence of DDG, NCC of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman & Nicobar Directorate.



**SUPERANNUATION**

- ♦ Dr. A. Manicavasaka Dinakaran, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, VC&RI, Namakkal, retired on superannuation on 28.02.2011. Born on 17.02.1951, he had put in a total service of 36 years and 8 months.
- ♦ Dr. R. Thangamani, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Bio-chemistry, VC&RI, Namakkal, retired on superannuation on 28.02.2011. Born on 09.02.1951, he had put in a total service of 21 years and 10 months.
- ♦ Thiru. M. Karuppaiah, Technician Grade - II, Dept. of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, VC & RI, Namakkal retired on superannuation on 28.02.2011. He had put in a total service of 34 years and 1 month.

