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COURTESY CALL ON THE CHANCELLOR



Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor of TANUVAS made a courtesy call on His Excellency the **Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of TANUVAS Dr. K. Rosaiah** on 16.09.2011 and sought his blessings

TN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW VETERINARY COLLEGES AND INSTITUTE OF POULTRY PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa is gracious enough to give consent to start new Veterinary Colleges at Ramayanpatti of Tirunelveli district and Orthanadu of Thanjavur district during 2011-2012 to meet the demand for more number of veterinary graduates in future due to high growth rate of dairy and poultry sectors in the country. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also approved the establishment of an Institute of Poultry Production and Management of International standards at Hosur of Krishnagiri district to undertake advanced research in poultry production and management. The announcement was made during the Budget Speech presented by Thiru. O. Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu on 04.09.2011 to the Legislative Assembly.

TANUVAS LAUNCHES NEW COURSES

The Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS started eight PG Diploma Programmes through distance education mode on Diversified Poultry Production, Feed Manufacturing Technology, Small Animal Orthopedics, Veterinary Ophthalmology, Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care Medicine, Small Animal Dermatology, Commercial Poultry Production Management and Ethno-Veterinary Practices for veterinarians to pursue specialization in Veterinary Science at their place. The Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS is also offering 18 Skill Development Training

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES TANUVAS BUILDINGS



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** inaugurated three new buildings of TANUVAS for VUTRCs at Dindigul and Thanjavur and FTC at Tiruvarur built at a cost of Rs.103.25 lakhs on 03.10.2011 through video conference. Thiru Debendranath Sarangi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, were present. The new buildings have furnished training halls, laboratories, exhibition halls and administrative offices.



Programmes and 14 Self Employment Training Programmes of one to six months duration for candidates who have passed 8th, 10th and 12th standards and also those who can read and write Tamil. For more details visit www.tanuv.ac.in.

VISIT OF HON'BLE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES

The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru K.A Jayapal along with Thiru Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu visited the Fisheries Research and Extension Centre, TANUVAS on 21.09.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS explained the activities of FREC of



TANUVAS. The Hon'ble Minister stocked one of the lined ponds with goldfish seeds. Thiru Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Secretary also visited the Institute of Poultry Production and Management. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar and other University Officers of TANUVAS were present during the occasion.



SCHEME FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION OF GOATS/SHEEP

VUTRC, Karur, participated in the inauguration of the first phase of "Scheme for Free Distribution of Goats / Sheep" at Kaathaparai and-Chinniyam palayam Panchayats of Karur and Thogamalai blocks of Karur district on 18.09.2011 and offered technical advice and distributed pamphlets on goat management practices, TANUVAS mineral mixture and deworming tablets to the beneficiaries. Thiru V. Senthil Balaji, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the scheme. Tmt. V. Shobana, District Collector presided. A total of 146 beneficiaries of the scheme participated. VUTRC, Salem organized two training programmes on 09.09.2011 and 13.09.2011 and VUTRC, Dharmapuri conducted an off-campus training on 12.09.2011 on "Goat and sheep farming" for the beneficiaries of "Scheme for Free Distribution of Goats / Sheep". The Programmes were sponsored by Department of Animal Husbandry.



SEMINAR ON CONTROL OF FASCIOLISIS

The Department of Veterinary Parasitology, MVC and Leptospirosis Research Laboratory, CAHS jointly organized a seminar on "Control of Fasciolosis" under the BBSRC-CIDLID UK sponsored scheme on "Developing a validation portfolio to exploit key virulence proteins in Fasciola species for parasite control" on 05.09.2011 and 06.09.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor presided over the inaugural session and released the compendium and technical bulletin on "Control of Fasciolosis". Dr. V. Gnanaprakasam, former Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS delivered the inaugural address. Mr. James Crip, Head of UK Trade and Investment, British Deputy High Commission, the chief guest delivered the special address and released the monograph on "Snails of Tamil Nadu". Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC, Dr. V. Purushothaman, Director, CAHS and Professor Aaron G Maule, Queen's University, Belfast, UK felicitated. Dr. G. Ravi Kumar, Professor and Head and Organizing Secretary welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Raman, Professor, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, MVC proposed vote of thanks. The Valedictory function



was held on 06.09.2011. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS delivered the valedictory address.

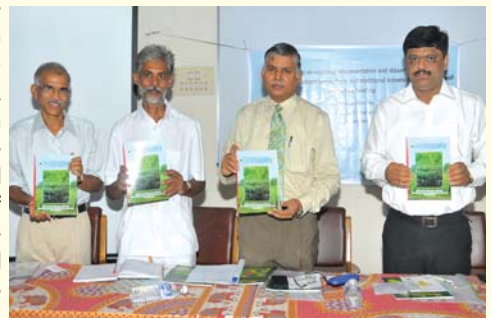
WORKSHOPS AT FC&RI

FC & RI, Thoothukudi organized two workshops, one on "Biofloc technology" and another on "Intelligent planning, effective implementation and productive utility of results to augment aquaculture production" on 02.09.2011 and 03.09.2011 respectively. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the workshops on 02.09.2011 and released the Tamil course books for the I year B.F.Sc. programme. Prof. Yoram Avnimelech, Director, World Aquaculture Society (WAS), Technion, Israel Institute of Technology participated and addressed. Dr. V.K. Venkataramani, Director of Research and Extension (Fisheries) felicitated. Dr. M.C. Nandeesh, Dean, FC&RI, welcomed the participants and Thiru. T. Anand, Assistant Professor and Programme Co-ordinator proposed vote of thanks.



DISSEMINATION OF GRASS ROOT INNOVATIONS

The Directorate of Extension Education, TANUVAS organised a workshop on "Scouting, documentation and dissemination of grassroots innovations and traditional knowledge" in collaboration with SEVA, an NGO and a training programme on "Methods and Techniques of Fodder Cultivation for Augmenting Livestock Production" sponsored by ICAR for Subject Matter Specialists of KVKs of Zone VIII on 21.09.2011 and 22.09.2011 and 23.09.2011 at TANUVAS. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the programmes on 21.09.2011 and released compendium on "Methods and Techniques of Fodder Cultivation for Augmenting Livestock Production". A total of 28 Programme Co-ordinators and Subject Matter Specialists from various KVKs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Orissa participated. The valedictory function was held on 23.09.2011. Dr. M. Babu, Director, CAPS presided and distributed certificates. Dr. D. Kathiresan, DEE, TANUVAS delivered the special address. Dr. N.K. Sudeep Kumar, Professor and Head, UPD and Dr. A. Shyam Babu, Assistant Professor, DEE made arrangements.



NATIONAL TRAINING

A national level training programme on "In-vitro Fertilization and Embryo Co-culture" was conducted at Centralized Embryo Biotechnology Unit, Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC for three weeks from 17.08.2011 to 06.09.2011. Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Dean i/c, MVC inaugurated the programme on 17.08.2011. Dr. K. Kumanan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Animal Biotechnology gave introductory remarks. A total of 15 trainees from Jammu and Kashmir, New Delhi and Tamil Nadu participated. Dr. S.A. Asokan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, MVC distributed the certificates and delivered the valedictory address on 16.09.2011. Dr. A. Palanisami, Professor and Course Director made arrangements for the programme.



TANUVAS OBSERVES WORLD RABIES DAY

The World Rabies Day was observed on 28.09.2011. The Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, MVC conducted a "Sign and spread message" sponsored by the Human Biological Institute of M/s Indian Immunologicals. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Dean, MVC initiated the awareness campaign by affixing his signature and Dr. K.S. Venkataraman, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Dr. P.S. Thirunavukarasu, Professor and Head, Department of Clinics, teaching staff and students of MVC and staff of Indian Immunologicals participated. A campaign at the Government General Hospital was arranged by the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology and awareness about rabies was created.

ATMA TRAINING – FARM SCHOOL

- TANUVAS-Regional Research Centre, Pudukkottai conducted a Farm School on 'Emu farming' under ATMA project of Pudukkottai district, on 16.09.2011. Dr. M. Babu, Director, CAPS, TANUVAS inaugurated the farm school and released the training manual. Dr. S. Elangovan, Deputy Director, DLF, Pudukkottai, Thiru. K. Shajahan, Deputy Director, GOI Schemes and Tmt. R. Jagadeeswari, Agri. Officer, ATMA of the office of Joint Director of Agriculture, Pudukkottai felicitated. Dr. P.N. Richard Jagatheesan, Associate Professor and Dr. M. Anna Anandh and Dr. A. Paramasivam, Assistant Professors of the centre co-ordinated the programme.
- VUTRC, Nagercoil, conducted a one day off-campus training programme on "Dairy farming" on 08.09.2011 in co-ordination with ATMA, Nagercoil and a total of 82 members benefited.



TRAINING ON DIAGNOSIS OF LEPTOSPIROSIS

The Leptospirosis Research Laboratory, CAHS conducted a one day training programme on "Current concepts in laboratory diagnosis and control of Leptospirosis" for Veterinary and Medical Officers on 09.09.2011. A total of 11 Officers of the Department of Public Health and seven Assistant Directors of Animal Disease Intelligence Units of the Department of Animal Husbandry attended. Dr. G. Ravi Kumar, Professor and Head, Leptospirosis Research Laboratory organized the programme.

WORLD VETERINARY YEAR 2011 CELEBRATIONS

Anti-rabies awareness campaign

The Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, VC&RI, Namakkal organized anti-rabies awareness campaigns at Anthiyur Horse Shandy on 11.08.2011, Cattle Shandy, Pudan Santhai on 06.09.2011 and Weekly Shandy, Sozhakkadu, Kolli Hills on 10.09.2011. First aid measures to be followed in the event of dog bite and the need for vaccination was explained to the public. Pamphlets on rabies awareness were also distributed.



Workshop on green fodder production

M S R S , Pottaneri conducted a workshop on "Augmentation of green fodder production for small ruminants" on 06.09.2011. Dr. M. Babu, Director, Centre for Animal Production Studies, TANUVAS, Chennai presided over the function and released the workshop compendium. Dr. K.A. Doraisamy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Salem and Dr. P.J. Balasubramanian, Regional Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Salem participated. Dr. C. Bandeswaran, Assistant Professor and Head, MSRS, Pottaneri welcomed the delegates. A total of 49 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons from Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts participated in the workshop.



TRAINING FOR EXTENSION FUNCTIONARIES

A training programme entitled "Newer Technologies in Agriculture and Allied Sectors" for Extension functionaries was organized by KVK, Kattupakkam on 12.09.2011 and 13.09.2011 at KVK, Kattupakkam. A total of 32 Assistant Agricultural Officers from Kancheepuram district participated. Dr. P. Kumaravel, Associate Professor and Head, KVK, Kattupakkam delivered special address on Integrated farming system. Thiru. P. Gururaj Singh, Joint Director of Agriculture, Kancheepuram released a book on "Newer Technologies in Agriculture and Allied Sectors" and delivered special address.



TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

- VUTRC, Nagercoil conducted a one day off-campus training programme on "Dairy Farming" at Vairakudiyiruppu Village of Kanyakumari District on 15.09.2011 in co-ordination with NABARD, Nagercoil in which a total of 23 farmers were benefitted.
- VUTRC, Melmaruvathur conducted two village awareness programmes, one during the constitution of District and Block level advisory committee formation. *Pudhu vaazhuvu Thittam*, Kancheepuram district held on 07.09.2011 at the Block development office, Madurantakam and another on "Livestock induced environmental Pollution and control" by Organic Livestock farming during World Ozone Day celebrations at ASSEFA Community college, Pooriyambakkam on 16.9.2011.
- VUTRC, Melmaruvathur conducted three one-day off campus sponsored training programmes. The *Pudhu vaazhuvu Thittam* an Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project, Government of Tamil Nadu, Villupuram district sponsored two programmes on "Backyard desi poultry farming", and were conducted on 08.09.2011 and 14.09.2011 in which 31 and 29 SHGs of Chinnasalem and Kallakuruchi blocks were benefitted





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respectively. A programme on 'Sheep and goat farming' sponsored by Central Board for Workers Education (CBWE), Ministry of Labour Welfare, Government of India was conducted for the benefit of 38 SC women on 15.09.2011 at the Panchayat Union Elementary School, Sathyamangalam village, Villupuram district.

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Dr. P.S. Rahumathulla, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, MVC has been nominated as the Special Officer of the new Veterinary College and Research Institute, Ramayanpatti, Tirunelveli. He started his career as Assistant Professor in the University on 01.01.1979 and became Professor in 1996. He worked in various positions including Head of Sheep Breeding Research Station, Sandynallah, University Publication Division and MVC Library. He had published 40 research papers, 75 popular articles and guided two Ph.D and five M.V.Sc students. He worked as Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator in various research projects. He also served as NSS Co-ordinator of TANUVAS for three years.



Dr. C. Veerapandian, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Reproduction, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, MVC has been nominated as Special Officer of the new Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orthanadu, Thanjavur district. He joined the University as Assistant Professor on 03.04.1980 at SBRS, Sandynallah and became Professor on 30.11.1992. He worked in various positions including HOD of Clinics and Animal Reproduction Gynaecology and Obstetrics at VC&RI, Namakkal and Clinics at MVC. He had guided four Ph.D and seven M.V.Sc students and published 55 research papers. He is instrumental in initiating research on "Cloning in Buffaloes" and has successfully implemented the NADP Project on "Genetic Upgradation of Cattle and Buffaloes in Tamil Nadu: Adoption of Oestrus Synchronization Technique to Improve Productive and Reproductive Potential" at a total cost of Rs. 200 lakhs.



Dr. M. Murugan, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Dharmapuri has been nominated as Special Officer for the new Institute of Poultry Production and Management, Hosur. He joined the University as Assistant Professor in the year 1980 and became Professor in the year 1996 and worked at several Research Farms of TANUVAS in different capacities. During his tenure at the Institute of Animal Nutrition, he propagated the concept of agro forestry and fodder production by obtaining several external funded projects and developed several Agro forestry systems in wastelands and studied their fodder and livestock production potentials. He has taken up several research projects on tree fodders also. He guided several post-graduate students for M.V.Sc.



degree. He published 35 research articles in national and international Journals. He underwent an FAO fellowship training at Australia during the year 2000.

NEW PROJECTS

- ◆ The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology GOI sanctioned a project entitled "**Translational Research platform for Veterinary Biologicals**" for a period of five years at a total cost of Rs.2293.77 lakhs to facilitate collaborative and co-ordinated approach for translation of technologies in the area of veterinary vaccines and diagnostics. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor is the Overall Co-ordinator of the project and Dr. K. Kumanan, Professor and Head, and Dr. G. Dhinakar Raj, Professor of the Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC are Programme Directors for Vaccine and Diagnostics respectively.
- ◆ An Indo UK Collaborative Project on "**Monitoring and Intervention Strategies for Bluetongue Virus Epidemics in Rural India**" sponsored by the Institute of Animal Health, United Kingdom through ICAR, New Delhi was sanctioned under the All India Network programme on Bluetongue. It will function at Vaccine Research Centre – Viral Vaccine, Directorate of CAHS, TANUVAS for a period of three years with a total budget of £ 36,167/- (Rs. 24,59,356/- approximately). Dr. Y. Krishnamohan Reddy, Professor, Vaccine Research Centre-Viral Vaccine, DCAHS is the Field Coordinator and Dr. A. Subramanian, Professor and Head, URF, Dr. Senthil Vel, Associate Professor and Head, VUTRC, Karur, Dr. R. Ramprabu, Associate Professor and Head, VUTRC, Nagercoil, Dr. C. Sreekumar, Associate Professor, SBRS, Sandynallah, Dr. M. Chellapandian, Associate Professor and Head, TANUVAS SRRC, Tirunelveli, Dr. S. Sivakumar, Associate Professor, VUTRC, Coimbatore and Dr. N. Punnaimurthy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Thanjavur will also participate in the project.

AWARD

Dr. M. Jeyakumar, Ph.D. student of VC&RI, Namakkal was awarded with first prize for best oral presentation and poster presentation under Veterinary Sciences category for the TNSCST (2010-11) student project entitled "Sexing of Emu chicks by Polymerase Chain Reaction based molecular technique" guided by Dr. N. Murali, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, VC&RI, Namakkal.



SUPERANNUATION

- Thiru. K.S. Venkataraman, Professor and Head, VPPM of MVC, Chennai retired on superannuation on 30.09.2011. Born on 29.09.1951, he has put in a total service of 36 years and 09 months.
- Thiru. T. Dhakshinamoorthy, Basic Servant, IPPM, Chennai retired on superannuation on 30.09.2011. Born on 08.09.1951, he has put in a total service of 11 years and 07 months.

