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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 65th Independence Day was celebrated at various units of TANUVAS on 15.08.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS unfurled the National Flag at the University Headquarters and addressed the gathering. The Vice-chancellor distributed Kissan Vikas Patras for the employees who rendered 25 years of unblemished service during the occasion. A large number of staff members and students of the University participated in the celebration and tree saplings were planted at the URF campus. The Deans of the Colleges of MVC, VC&RI, Namakkal and FC&RI, Thoothukudi unfurled the National Flag at their respective campuses. At MVC, the NCC Cadets of 1 (TN) R & V SQN presented a ceremonial parade during the occasion. At the Institute of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduvalli, class representatives of the B.Tech.(Food Processing Technology) jointly hoisted the National Flag.



INAUGURATION OF MEAT STORE

Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated M/s. Batchabai Meat Store on 31.07.2011 at Kilpauk, Chennai established under technical guidance of the Department of Meat Science and Technology, MVC, Chennai under All India Coordinated Research Project on Post Harvest Technology scheme (TANUVAS centre). The first sale was opened by actor Thiru. Karthi Sivakumar.



SEMINAR CUM EXHIBITION FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITY FARMERS

VUTRC, Salem and CBFD, Department of Animal Husbandry, Salem jointly organized a farmer's seminar and exhibition on "Advanced Techniques in Dairy farming" for tribal community on 17.8.2011. A total of 37 men and 132 women tribal farmers from various hamlets of Kalvarayan hills were benefited. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, delivered a special address on dairy farming and participated in the discussion with the tribal farmers. Dr. K.A. Doraisamy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Salem welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.S. Sundarajan, ADAH proposed vote of thanks. The officials of AH Department, various NGO's and Aavin participated.



INDO-U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM SPONSORED SHORT COURSE

The Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC organized the American Society for Microbiology and Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum sponsored short course on "Novel approaches to vectored viral vaccines for animal diseases" from 16.08.2011 to 31.08.2011 at MVC. Dr. Elankumaran Subbiah, Assistant Professor of Virology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA was the Course Director. A total of 27 participants comprising different faculty members and postgraduate/doctoral students of TANUVAS participated. The valedictory function was held on 30.08.2011. Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice Chancellor, TANUVAS distributed the certificates to the participants and delivered the valedictory address. Earlier, Dr. K. Kumanan, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Biotechnology and course co-ordinator at TANUVAS delivered the welcome address. Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS delivered the felicitation address and Dr. G. Dhinakarraj, Professor proposed vote of thanks.



VISIT OF DDG (FISHERIES), ICAR

Dr. B. Meena Kumari, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi visited the newly developed 'Advanced Aquaculture Farm facility' under the NADP for cage farming of mono-sex tilapia and scampi and Research cum Demo Farm Facility for ornamental fish farming at the FR&EC, Madhavaram on 20.08.2011. Dr. C. Balachandran, Registrar, TANUVAS and Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, CAHS accompanied the DDG. Dr. S. Felix, Professor and other staff of FR&EC made arrangements.



VISIT OF THE COLLECTOR, COIMBATORE DISTRICT

Thiru. M. Karunakaran, I.A.S., Collector of Coimbatore district visited a commercial goat farm on 08.08.2011 owned by Thiru. S. Gajendran of Athipalayam village, Coimbatore started under the technical guidance of the VUTRC, Coimbatore. Dr.K. Sivakumar, Associate Professor and Head of the Centre briefed on the scientific managemental practices followed in the farm.





**WORLD VETERINARY YEAR
WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION OF MODEL PROJECTS**

A two-day workshop on "Preparation of Model Projects" was conducted at VC&RI, Namakkal on 17th and 18th August, 2011 by the Department of Animal Husbandry Economics. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal presided over the inaugural function.



Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS delivered the special address and released the compendium. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director, CAPS, TANUVAS felicitated. Dr. A. Mohamed Safiullah, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Husbandry Economics, VC&RI, Namakkal welcomed the participants. A total of 31 participants from the peripheral centres of TANUVAS participated. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal delivered the valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants on 18.08.2011.

TREE PLANTATION AT VC&RI, NAMAKKAL

VC&RI, Namakkal along with M/s. Suguna Poultry Farms (P) Ltd., Namakkal, Rotary Club, Rotary Club (Elite) and Rotary Club Poultry Town, organized tree plantation programme at VC&RI, Namakkal campus on 17.08.2011.



Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal, Thiru. Ashish Kumar Srivastava, District Forest Officer, Namakkal, Thiru. N. Senthil Kumar, M/s. Suguna Poultry Farms (P) Ltd., Namakkal. Thiru. P. Pandiyan, President, Rotary Club, Namakkal. Thiru. P. Prasanth, President, Rotary Club (Elite) Namakkal and Thiru. S. Sureshkumar, President, Rotary Club Poultry Town, Namakkal participated and planted tree saplings. Dr. V. Ramesh SaravanaKumar, Professor and Head, Department of Livestock Production and Management, Dr. K. Sivakumar and Dr. S. Ramakrishnan, Department of Agronomy coordinated the programme. The staff and students of VC&RI, Namakkal actively participated and planted tree saplings.

VECTOR DAY 2011

The Department of Veterinary Parasitology, MVC, celebrated "Vector Day" on 22.08.2011. In this connection, Ved Quiz, Essay writing in English and Tamil Elocution were held for the students. Dr. V. Rajagopal, Senior Entomologist, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Zonal Entomological Team, Vellore delivered a lecture on "Overview of Mosquito Borne Diseases in Tamil Nadu" and also distributed the prizes. Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Dean i/c., MVC inaugurated the programme. Retired Professors of Parasitology, staff and students participated. Dr. S. Abdul Basith, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, MVC organized the event.



**CULICOIDES CONTROL PROGRAMME
UNDER INDO UK COLLABORATIVE PROJECT**

Dr. James Logan, UK Collaborator from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London visited

TANUVAS during 20.08.2011 and 22.08.2011 and had discussion with Dr B. Murali Manohar, Director, CAHS, TANUVAS and Dr N. Punniamurthy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Thanjavur regarding the development of bluetongue vector Culicoides control programme under Indo-UK Collaborative Project funded by BBSRC, UK. Dr. Lara Harrup from Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright, UK also visited TANUVAS during 18.08.2011 and 24.08.2011 for carrying out trapping of Culicoides for taxonomic identification.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Externship Training Programme under the US-India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative (USAKI) for 6 students of Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine was organised by TANUVAS from 01.07.2011 to 17.08.2011. The programme included clinical training on small and large animal medicine at MVC Teaching Hospital from 01.07.2011 to 24.07.2011 and VC&RI, Namakkal Teaching Hospital from 25.07.2011 to 01.08.2011. In addition to clinical training they also had hands-on training at the Department of Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Parasitology and Centralized Clinical Laboratory at MVC. In Namakkal, field visits to KVK, Namakkal, commercial farms and milk co-operative societies were arranged. They also visited VUTRC, Nagercoil from 08.08.2011 to 11.08.2011 to study about various managerial and disease control practices followed in farms. A trip to Trivandrum Zoo was arranged and information on management of Zoo animals was collected. Dr. Elankumaran Subbiah of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA was the team leader. The staff members of the Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC, Department of Clinics VC&RI, Namakkal and VUTRC, Nagercoil coordinated and made necessary arrangements.



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NABARD JOINT LIABILITY GROUPS

VUTRC, Karur in association with NABARD and Aavin, Karur organized a forum to form Dairy Joint Liability Groups (DJLG) to avail credit facilities with subsidy towards the purchase of dairy cattle under the Farmers Technology Transfer Fund for Rural Development (FTTF), NABARD under the scheme of "Economic Empowerment and Employment of Rural Women through Technology based Dairy Farming" at Attur and Arugampalayam villages on 09.08.2011. Thiru. A. Parthiban, Assistant General Manager, NABARD and Dr.K. Velusamy, Manager, Aavin participated and explained the rules and regulations in forming the Dairy Joint Liability Groups and motivated the milk co-operative society members to form groups to get benefited. Fourteen DJLGs comprising 90 members were formed in Karur block of the district.



STATUS PAPER ON "POULTRY MEAT IN INDIA" RELEASED

A status paper on "Poultry Meat in India" prepared by the Department of Meat Science and Technology, MVC was released by Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Vice-chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University, during the inaugural session of the Coordination Committee Meeting of All India Coordinated Research Project on Post Harvest Technology held at CIPHET, Ludhiana on 18.08.2011. The same



was received by Dr. Bangali Baboo, National Director (NAIP), Dr. K.K. Singh, ADG (PE), ICAR, Dr. R.K. Gupta, Director, CIPHET and Dr. S.K. Nanda, Project Coordinator, AICRP on PHT.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

KVK, Kattupakkam organized the Village Development Programme at Pulliyambakkam village sponsored by NABARD, Kancheepuram and the inaugural function of Village Adoption Programme at Pulliyambakkam village on 17.08.2011. Dr. P. Kumaravel, Associate Professor and Head, KVK, Kattupakkam explained the activities and training schedule to be carried out in the village programme. Thiru. M.K. Sudhakar, AGM, NABARD, Kancheepuram highlighted the assistance rendered by NABARD for the programme. Thiru. R. Annadurai, Village Panchayat President, Thiru. Shankar, Vice-President, Pulliyambakkam village and other progressive farmers graced the occasion. A total of 98 participants including farmers and farm women participated during the inaugural session.



TRAINING

KVK, KUNDRAKUDI

An extension functionary training entitled "Technologies to enhance milk production in Sivagangai district" was organized to the field Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and Livestock Inspectors by KVK, Kundrakudi on 09.08.2011 and 10.08.2011. A total of 72 field VASs and Lis of Sivagangai district attended. Dr. P.N. Richard Jegatheesan, Associate Professor and Head, TANUVAS, RRC, Pudukkottai, explained the field problems related to upgradation of local breeds, green fodder cultivation and supplementary feeding methods. Dr. S. Sendur Kumaran, Associate Professor and Head i/c., Dr. R. Thangathurai and Dr. V. Thavasiappan, Assistant Professors, KVK, Kundrakudi organized the programme. The Kendra also conducted a meeting to explain objectives and activities of KVK to members of Nehru Yuva Kendra and Entrepreneurship development programme on Integrated Farmings System to 45 School students on 23.08.2011.



VUTRC, MELMARUVATHUR

VUTRC, Melmaruvathur conducted a one day off-campus training on Dairy farming at Thenputhur Village, Olakkur block, Villupuram district on 29.8.2011 to 29 Women SHGs of Sarvodaya Mutual Benefit Trust. Thiru. Govindasamy, Chairperson SMBT arranged the training. Co-4 fodder slips along with pamphlet on Fodder production were distributed. Tmt. Jagadeswari, CEO, SMBT also participated.



VUTRC, DHARMAPURI

VUTRC, Dharmapuri conducted one-day ATMA training programme on "Integrated Turkey and Fish farming" for four batches on 09.08.2011, 10.08.2011, 11.08.2011 & 12.08.2011. Ms. Mariyam Sathik, Sub Collector, Dharmapuri inaugurated the training programme. A total of 200 farmers of Pappireddipatti,

Harur, Palacode, Penagaram blocks benefited. Officials of the Animal Husbandry and Agriculture Departments participated in the programme. A Booklet on "Integrated farming on turkey" and fish seedlings were distributed to the trainees. The centre also conducted on-campus training programmes on Sheep farming for four batches on 05.08.2011, 18.08.2011, 23.08.2011 & 24.08.2011.

VUTRC, PARAKKAI

VUTRC, Nagercoil conducted training programmes on "Management and Breeding of Dairy Animals" under Intensive Dairy Development Project sponsored by Kanyakumari District Co-operative Milk Producers Union, Nagercoil, during the month of August 2011 in six batches. A total of 360 KDCMPU members were benefited. The Valedictory function was conducted on 18.08.2011 at VUTRC, Nagercoil in which, Thiru. C. Raju, General Manager and Dr. N. Jeyam, Dairy officer participated. Dr. R. Ramprabhu, Associate Professor and Head, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, Assistant Professor organized the programme.

VICE-CHANCELLOR VISIT

- Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS visited District Livestock Farm and Exotic Cattle Breeding Farm, Eachenkottai, Thanjavur along with Thiru. R. Palanisamy, I.A.S., Director of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries and Thiru. K. Baskaran, I.A.S., District Collector, Thanjavur on 16.08.2011. Dr. N. Punniamurthy, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Thanjavur and Dr. A. Arul Mani, JDAH, Thanjavur also accompanied the visiting team. The Vice-chancellor also visited VUTRC, Thanjavur, reviewed the activities of centre and inspected the construction of new building for the centre.



- Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS, reviewed the activities of VUTRC, Tiruchirapalli on 08.09.2011. Dr. T. Lurthu Reetha, Assistant Professor explained the activities of the centre. The Vice-chancellor interacted with rural SHG women undergoing six days training on Dairy, Sheep, Goat, desi chicken and value addition of milk products sponsored by Indian Overseas Bank under rural women self employment scheme. He also distributed "Nattukozhi valarppu" books to the women trainees.



- Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS visited VUTRC, Melmaruvathur on 04.08.2011 and reviewed the activities of the centre, including various training programmes offered and schemes implemented. The Vice-chancellor addressed and interacted with the ASSEFA women SHG participants of the training on "Quail farming" and held discussions with the Dairy Manager of Sarva Seva Dairy Federation Ltd., Cheyyur taluk, Kancheepuram district on dairying.





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KALNADAI PADHUKAAPU THITTAM

VUTRC, Karur in collaboration with Animal Husbandry Department, Karur District organized an exhibition during the Kalnadai Padhukaapu Thittam camp at Somur Village of Karur block on 14.08.2011. Thiru. V. Senthil Balaji, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of



Tamil Nadu inaugurated the camp and Tmt.V. Shobana, District collector presided. Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Member of Parliament and Thiru. Kamaraj, MLA, Krishnarapuram also participated. In the camp, a total of 1180 animals, including 87 buffaloes, 36 cows, 225 sheep and 311 Goat, 24 dogs and 397 desi birds were treated for various ailments. The cross bred animals were provided with TANUVAS Mineral mixture and Co4 fodder slips to augment the productive and reproductive performance. Totally 251 farmers were benefited and prizes were distributed to the best livestock.

ATMA WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION

VUTRC, Thanjavur participated in the ATMA funded agriculture and farmer's development workshop and exhibition, held at Thanjavur from 31.07.2011 to 04.08.2011. The exhibition cum workshop was inaugurated by Thiru. K.A. Sengottaiyan, Hon'ble Minister for



Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu in the presence of Thiru. R. Vaithilingam, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Government of Tamil Nadu. The valedictory function was presided over by Thiru. K. Baskaran, I.A.S., District Collector, Thanjavur. A total of 5000 farmers from eight districts participated and benefited.

NEW UNIVERSITY OFFICERS

Dr. S.R. Srinivasan has been appointed as Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS and assumed charges on 29.08.2011. He is enriched with 30 years of teaching and research experience. Since 2004, as Professor and Director of Centre for Advanced Studies in Veterinary Clinical Medicine, Ethics and Jurisprudence, he has conducted a number of advanced training programmes for scientists of SAUs & ICAR institutions. He has published 75 research articles, 15 popular articles and authored 33 books, practical and training manuals and pamphlets. He also held the post of Dean (Faculty of Basic Sciences), TANUVAS from 2008 onwards to till the present appointment. He has guided 15 PG students. He was honoured with Gold medal in Ph.D., D.C. Blood Gold Medal and Fellow of ISVM. He underwent training on "Disease Management of Small



Ruminants" at the School of Animal Sciences, Gatton, University of Queensland, Australia from 16.10.2000 to 11.11.2000 under AHRDP and reported *Theileria orientalis* for the first time in India. He was instrumental in developing various specialty units at MVC Hospital and VC&RI, Namakkal.

Dr. S.A Asokan has been appointed as Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, TANUVAS and assumed charges on 29.08.2011. He had his schooling at Kannankurinchi of Salem District. He graduated in 1979 and obtained his M.V.Sc., and Ph.D in Animal Reproduction in 1983 and 1990 from MVC. He has a P.G. Diploma in Education Technology in 1996. He has published 45 research papers, 8 popular articles, one book and 30 teaching manuals. He has guided several postgraduate students for M.V.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees. He has also participated in 63 Symposia / Seminars / Conferences and organized many training programmes. He has received Swaminathan Iyer Memorial award. He served as TANUVAS NSS Programme Co-ordinator, TANUVAS Cafeteria in-charge, Deputy Warden MVC Hostel and various positions in MVC Staff Club.



Dr. M. Babu has been appointed as Director, CAPS and assumed charges on 29.08.2011. He entered into professional career as Assistant Professor in the year 1980. He was associated with AICRP scheme on poultry and worked as PI for the GOI scheme on Agroforestry and DBT scheme on rural women empowerment. He served as CoPI in ICAR scheme on sheep and Canada sponsored ITRE scheme on ICT. He developed 3 rural innovations for women namely Small chicken incubator, bird cage and modified egg candler. He also authored 2 books on poultry farming. He has published 56 research and 192 popular articles. Through All India Radio, he presented weekly programme on animals, birds and biodiversity for about 400 times. He has guided 3 PG students. He organized National level programmes and associated with organizing National Conference on Poultry Science. He was instrumental in obtaining infrastructure fund under IRDP for TANUVAS. He was part of TANUVAS faculty team which visited Uganda.



NEW DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

A new Directorate of Distance Education has been established at MMC, TANUVAS on 29.08.2011 with the main mandate of extending educational opportunities in Veterinary and Animal Sciences to various categories of learners through distance mode both by print and online formats.

SUPERANNUATION

Thiru. A. Punniakotti, Basic Servant, IPPM, Chennai retired on superannuation on 31.08. 2011. Born on 13.08.1951, he had put in a total service of 11 years and 06 months.

