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LIVE WEBCAST OF HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS TO FARMERS AT TANUVAS CENTRES



The KVKs at Kattupakkam, Kundrakudi and Namakkal functioning under the technical and administrative control of TANUVAS arranged live webcasting of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address to the farmers of the Nation on "Doubling of farmer's income" from New Delhi on 17.03.2018. Thiru. P. Thangamani, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise and Dr. V. Saroja, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Nutritious Noon Meal Programme, Government of Tamil Nadu,

Thiru. P.R. Sundaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Hon'ble MLAs Thiru. K.P.P. Baskar, Thiru. C. Chandrasekaran and Tmt. Pon. Saraswathi participated in the function organized by KVK, Namakkal at Agri Panneer Pappathiyammal Thirumana Mandapam, Namakkal and distributed critical inputs to the farmers. Consequently, a programme to create awareness about "Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act 2001" and an exhibition showcasing the traditional plant varieties and newer technologies in agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, poultry and fisheries was organized at the three KVKs. Pamphlets and booklets on protection of plant varieties and Farmers Right Act 2001 were distributed. Further, lectures on "Methods to conserve petroleum products" by resource personnel from the Petroleum Conservation Research Association were arranged. More than 1,000 farmers and Extension Officers of the line departments participated in each of the three KVKs.

Dr. C. BALACHANDRAN ASSUMES CHARGE AS THE TENTH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF TANUVAS



Dr. C. Balachandran has been appointed as the tenth Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and assumed charges on 09.04.2018. Born on 28.07.1957 at Mannargudi town of Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu, Dr. C. Balachandran graduated from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai in 1980 and obtained his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in the discipline of Veterinary Pathology in the same College during the years 1983 and 1993, respectively. He is also a PG Diploma holder in Agricultural Journalism and Ethno Veterinary Practices. He started his career as Assistant Professor at the erstwhile Poultry Research and Development Centre, Namakkal in 1980 and was subsequently elevated as Associate Professor in 1988 and Professor in 1996. He also served as Registrar of TANUVAS during the period 2010 -13 and as the Dean, Madras Veterinary College during the period 2015-17. He has published more than



400 scientific articles including 73 international with h-index of 18 and i-10 index of 32 and presented several scientific papers in international and national scientific fora. His areas of research interests are avian pathology, avian mycotoxicoses, experimental oncology, cancer biology and indigenous medicinal effects. He is the author of six books and two chapters and prepared 20 manuals. He has guided 9 Ph.D. and 12 M.V.Sc., scholars. He was associated with organising several international and national conferences, one ICAR summer school and more than 50 training programmes under ASCAD, IAMWARM, etc. He served as Editor, Kalnadai Kathir, a popular monthly magazine published by TANUVAS in Tamil vernacular and Nodal Officer for FELASA training. Dr. C. Balacandran has more than 80 awards to his credit. He was awarded the University Gold Medal for the best thesis in avian pathology, FAO Fellow in Avian Pathology, Life Time Achievement Award of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP), Tamil Nadu State Scientist Award (TANSA-2014), Fellow of IAVP, National Academy of Veterinary Sciences and Academy of Science for Animal Welfare and Chartered Membership (Founding Father) of Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists (ICVP). His Ph.D., student got coveted ICAR Jawaharlal Nehru Award for the best thesis.

Dr. A. SRINIVASAN MEMORIAL LECTURE



The Directorate of Clinics, TANUVAS organized Dr.A.Srinivasan Memorial Lecture at MVC on 15.03.2018. Prof. S. Shivakumar, Professor and Head (Retd.), Department of Medicine, Stanley Medical College, Chennai delivered the lecture on "Diagnosis and treatment of human leptospirosis and also on veterinary perspective" and interacted with the students. Video conferencing was arranged and the students of VC&RIs at Namakkal, Tirunelveli and Orathanadu participated. Earlier, Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Director of Clinics, TANUVAS delivered the welcome address and presented a brief note about Dr. A. Srinivasan who rose from poverty in his childhood days to become the honorary physician for the first Governor General of India, Sir C. Rajagopalachari. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, MVC felicitated. On conclusion, Dr. Cecilia Joseph, Professor and Head, Department of Clinics, MVC offered vote of thanks. The faculty and students at MVC and VC&RIs at Namakkal, Tirunelveli and Orathanadu attended.

TRAINING ON WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES



The faculty of Basic Sciences, TANUVAS in co-ordination with the Department of Wildlife Science, MVC conducted a five-day training on "Wildlife emergency" from 05.03.2018 to 09.03.2018. In addition to lectures, hands-on sessions were also arranged at Arignar Anna Zoological Park and Snake Park. Sessions on diagnostic protocols were also arranged at the various laboratories at MVC and Madhavaram campuses. In the valedictory function held on 09.03.2018, Dr. M.R.G. Reddy, IFS., Additional PCCF (Central), MoEF & CC, Chennai participated as the chief-guest and distributed certificates to the participants. Thiru. T.P. Raghunath, IFS., PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden released the compendium. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Controller of Examinations and Director of Clinics i/c presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences felicitated. A total of 33 Veterinary Officers serving in the forest fringe areas participated.



ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR NEWLY RECRUITED FACULTY



The Directorate of Extension Education organized an “Orientation training programme” for the newly recruited Assistant Professors of TANUVAS in two batches each of 10 days duration at MVC from 05.03.2018 to 15.03.2018 and at VC&RI, Namakkal from 17.03.2018 to 28.03.2018. Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar i/c, TANUVAS inaugurated the programme organized at MVC and delivered the inaugural address. The training programme comprised of lectures to perform the academic, research, extension, and administrative duties effectively. Further, lectures on effective teaching, gender issues, conflict management etc., were also arranged. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences and Dr. G.A. Balasubramaniam, Dean i/c, VC&RI, Namakkal participated in the valedictory functions held at MVC and VC&RI, Namakkal respectively and distributed certificates to the participants. Dr. N.K. Sudeep Kumar, Organizing Secretary and Director of Extension Education and Dr. V. Ramesh Saravana Kumar, Director, CAPS participated in the above valedictory functions and spoke. A total of 93 Assistant Professors / Assistant Directors from various units of TANUVAS participated in these two programmes.

TRAINING ON ETHNO VETERINARY PRACTICES

A training programme on “Propagation of traditional herbal knowledge in veterinary practices” was conducted under State Innovation Fund (SIF) - Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) scheme of the Department of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, VC&RI, Orathanadu at VUTRC, Nagapattinam on 12.03.2018. Dr. K. Govindan, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry

Department, Nagapattinam inaugurated and presided over the programme. A total of 50 field veterinarians participated and were benefitted. Further, two training programmes, one at VC&RI, Orathanadu and another by VC&RI, Namakkal at



Pachamalai hills at Sengattupatti were conducted on 06.03.2018 and 16.03.2018 respectively and more than 100 farmers were benefitted.

MAITRI TRAINING PROGRAMME ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION



The Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics, VC&RI, Orathanadu organized an one month training programme on “Artificial insemination in cows” sponsored by Tamil Nadu Livestock Development Agency (TNLDA) under National Programme for Bovine Breeding (NPBB) from 20.02.2018 to 21.03.2018. The training programme comprised series of lectures, practical demonstrations and hands on training at ILFC. Further, the trainees were enlightened about livestock insurance, record maintenance, nutrition management for optimum conception rate etc. Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Dean, VC&RI, Orathanadu participated in the valedictory function and issued stipend and certificates to the participants. A total of 24 unemployed rural youth were benefitted.



EXPOSURE VISIT UNDER FARMER FIRST PROGRAMME

The Directorate of Extension Education, TANUVAS organized an exposure visit to ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana, Tiruchirapalli under Farmer FIRST Programme to create awareness about the innovative scientific methodologies that are being adopted in banana production on 23.03.2018. During the visit, Farmer-Scientist interactive sessions and visit to various research units, nurseries and field visit to farms maintained by the progressive farmers were arranged. Dr. B. Madukesvaran, Assistant Professor, Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS accompanied the farmers. A total of 26 farmers participated and were benefitted from the adopted villages of the scheme in Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu.

BARGUR GERMPASM CONSERVED



Bargur Cattle Research Station, Bargur had produced 21,000 doses of frozen semen straws under the NBAGR scheme for conservation of germplasm. Out of these 21,000 doses, 12,000 doses were stored in the National Repository at NBAGR, Karnal while the remaining doses are kept for artificial insemination in the breeding tract.

TRAINING

- ✦ TANUVAS in association with the Central Poultry Development Organization & Training Institute, Bengaluru organized a six-day training programme for poultry entrepreneurs at ILFC, VC&RI, Orathanadu from 19.03.2018 to 24.03.2018. A total of 30 progressive entrepreneurs from Cauvery delta districts participated and were benefitted.
- ✦ VUTRC, Vellore conducted a six-day training programme under Skill Training

for Rural Youths (STRY) funded by ATMA, Vellore on “Integrated Dairy Development” from 21.03.2018 to 28.03.2018. A total of 28 candidates participated and were benefitted in the programme. The centre also offered a five-day training programme for the transgender beneficiaries of the Social Welfare Department, Vellore district on “Dairy Farming” from 23.03.2018 to 28.03.2018. A total of 25 participants were benefitted.

- ✦ A training programme on “Value added meat products” was conducted by the Department of Livestock Products Technology (Meat Science), VC&RI, Namakkal on 27.03.2018. Dr. N.K. Sudeep Kumar, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS delivered special



address and distributed certificates to the participants. Dr. G.A. Balasubramaniam, Dean i/c, VC&RI, Namakkal and Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, Professor and Head, Department of Livestock Products Technology (Meat Science), VC&RI, Namakkal participated in the programme. A total of 14 participants were benefitted.

FARM SECTOR PROMOTION FUND PROJECT

VUTRC, Coimbatore conducted a total of 12 camps, one each in all the 12 blocks of Coimbatore district under the NABARD Sponsored Farm Sector Promotion Fund Project on “Profit Maximization of Goat Farmers in Coimbatore District through Control of Parasites”. A total of 120 goat farmers were benefitted in the programme. Similarly 12 camps, one each in all the 12 blocks of Coimbatore district were also conducted by the centre under the NABARD Sponsored Farm Sector Promotion



Fund Project on “Economic Empowerment of Dairy Farmers through Technology Based Prevention and Control of Mastitis in Dairy Cows



in Coimbatore District” in which a total of 240 dairy farmers were benefitted.

HEALTH CAMP FOR NATIVE DOGS



A “Special health camp and free anti-rabies vaccination camp” was conducted by VC&RI, Tirunelveli for the indigenous dogs like Chippiparai, Kanni, Kombai and Rajapalayam on 20.03.2018 at TVCC. Dr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Dean, VC&RI, Tirunelveli inaugurated the camp. During this camp, the health status of the animals was assessed and counselling for their management and feeding practices was carried out. A total of 52 dogs were vaccinated against rabies in the camp.

ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION CAMP

Anti-rabies vaccination camp was conducted at SPCA campus, Thanjavur by the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, VC&RI, Orathanadu on 25.03.2018 in association with SPCA, Thanjavur. A total of

133 dogs and cats were vaccinated. Awareness to the public was also created through distribution of pamphlets on rabies.

WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

✦ VUTRC, Karur organized two programmes in connection with World Tuberculosis Day. An awareness programme on “Tuberculosis” was conducted on 23.03.2018. Seventy progressive farmers participated. An awareness training on “Zoonotic Tuberculosis” was also conducted on 27.03.2018 for veterinarians and para-veterinarians working in Animal Husbandry Department of Karur District. Dr. P. Pandian, Medical Officer, District TB Centre, Karur elaborated about etiology, diagnostic techniques, control and prevention of tuberculosis in human



and the implementation of revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme. Dr.P. Vasanthakumar, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Karur narrated the zoonotic importance of tuberculosis. A total of 55 veterinarians and 67 para-veterinarians attended the programme.

✦ World Tuberculosis day was also celebrated by VUTRC, Dindigul on 24.03.2018. The programme was organized at Kuzhumai Federation, Tharumathupatty for 20 dairy farmers of the federation.

BOOK RELEASE

A book entitled “Salem Black goats - A monograph” published by Mecheri Sheep Research Station, TANUVAS was released in the Annual Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities and Directors of ICAR Institutes held on 08.03.2018 at NASC Complex, New Delhi. This book has detailed information on habitat,



distribution, production and reproduction performance of Salem Black goats in their natural environment.

BIOLOGICAL MEET - 2018



A biological meet for the outgoing final year students of B.V.Sc. &A.H. was organized by the TVCC, VC&RI, Tirunelveli on 19.03.2018. Dr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Dean, VC & RI, Tirunelveli inaugurated the programme and presided over the function. Earlier, Dr. R. Ramprabhu, Professor and Head, TVCC, VC&RI, Tirunelveli welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Chandrasekar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Medicine, VC&RI, Tirunelveli proposed vote of thanks. A total of six veterinary pharmaceutical companies participated in this event and exhibited their products.

EXHIBITION

VUTRC, Melmaruvathur conducted an exhibition on University technology at Thimmapuram village in co-ordination with the Government High School on 13.03.2018 through village adoption programme. Exhibition on recent technology was conducted for the benefit of students, teachers and livestock farmers. A total of 110 participants were benefitted in the event. Thiru. A.R. Manivannan, Head Master, Government High School, Thimmapuram inaugurated the exhibition. Dr. M. Murugan, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Melmaruvathur made arrangements for the programme.

AWARD

Dr. N. Pazhanivel, Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathology, MVC received "Outstanding research faculty award in veterinary discipline" from Careers 360 Company at Nehru Memorial

Museum and Library, Teen Murthi Bhawan, New Delhi on 20.03.2018. The award was given by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

NSS ACTIVITIES

Madras Veterinary College, Chennai



Special Camp: The NSS unit of MVC conducted special camping programme at adopted villages (Sivanvoyal, Bandikavanur, Karayanmedu and Koyambakkam villages) of MVC between 23.03.2018 to 29.03.2018. Fifty six NSS volunteers and four Programme Officers participated in the camp. Various programmes viz., veterinary health camps, bovine infertility treatment camp, anti-rabies vaccination programme for village stray dogs, oral pellet vaccination for rural backyard poultry against Newcastle disease, Strategic animal deworming programme, water sample collection and analysis, meteorological awareness programme with special reference to animal management and judging of cattle/ dairy farm, demonstrations were conducted at the camp villages in collaboration with various departments of MVC. Further, human health check up programme and dental care programme were also conducted in collaboration with Sathya Sai Sewa Trust, Chennai. Human chain programme on road safety was also conducted in collaboration with Police Station, Sevvapettai. Rangoli competition for villagers and cultural events for the NSS volunteers were also conducted during the camp period.

VC&RI, Tirunelveli

Special Camp: The NSS Unit of VC&RI, Tirunelveli organized a special camp at Kammalankulam village from 09.03.2018 to



15.03.2018. In this camp, various activities like awareness programmes on dengue, opportunities for the farmers in livestock enterprises and fire safety and rescue measures, mission Clean-Tamirabarani, livestock census and livestock health camp were organized. A free eye screening camp and a free diabetes screening camp were organized jointly with Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli and Dr. Mohan's Diabetic Speciality Centre, Thoothukudi respectively. Dr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Dean, VC&RI, Tirunelveli participated in the valedictory programme, delivered the presidential address and distributed the certificates to the NSS volunteers. A total of 67 NSS volunteers from third year and fourth year B.V.Sc. &A.H. participated.

Eye and diabetic screening camp: A free Eye Screening and Diabetic Screening camp were conducted at VC&RI, Tirunelveli on



20.03.2018. Dr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Dean, VC&RI, Tirunelveli inaugurated the camp and delivered the presidential address. Teams from Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli and Dr. Mohan's Diabetic Speciality Centre, Thoothukudi screened the students and the staff including daily wage workers.

VC&RI, Namakkal

Special Camp: The NSS unit of VC&RI, Namakkal organized a special camp on the theme "Healthy youth for wealthy India" at the adopted village Chinnakarasapalayam from 22.03.2018 to 28.03.2018. A total of 100 volunteers participated and organized various activities like Tuberculosis awareness rally, tree plantation, sports and cultural activities for the children and the adults.

Dr. Cecilia Joseph, NSS Co-ordinator participated and distributed prizes to the winners of the sports



events. A general health camp benefitting 108 people and a dental camp benefitting 45 school children and teachers were conducted. In the animal health camp organized on 26.03.2018, the final year students and clinical staff of VC&RI, Namakkal participated and treated 215 animals for various health issues. The staff of VC&RI, Namakkal delivered lectures on diseases of desi birds and their prevention, methods to increase the production performance of animals, snake bite and its first aid, Right to Information Act and proposals for submission of loan for agriculture and allied business. In the valedictory function held on 28.03.2018, Dr. G.A. Balasubramaniam, Dean i/c, VC&RI, Namakkal presided and Dr.V. Ramesh Saravana Kumar, Director, Centre for Animal Production Studies and Dr. N.K. Sudeep Kumar, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS participated and delivered special address.

VC&RI, Orathanadu



Special camp: The NSS unit of VC&RI, Orathanadu conducted a special camp at Neduvakottai, the adopted village of VC&RI,



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Orathanadu from 20.03.2018 to 26.03.2018. In this camp various events viz., mass deworming of livestock, awareness programme on rabies and tuberculosis, street play on dengue prevention, general health camp, demonstration on preparation of value added milk and meat products, ethno-veterinary practices, cleaning activities and tree plantation were conducted. Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Dean, VC&RI, Orathanadu participated and addressed the villagers on 23.03.2018. Totally 29 NSS volunteers and 10 rural youths participated.

Health camp for girl students and lady staff: A health camp for girl students and lady staff was organized on the eve of women's day on 08.03.2018. Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Dean, VC&RI, Orathanadu presided over the function and Dr. V. Vetrivendan from Government Hospital, Orathanadu delivered a lecture on "Role of nutrition in the health of adolescent girls". A medical team of the Government Hospital, Orathanadu carried out blood pressure check-up, haemoglobin estimation, blood sugar analysis and body mass index. An exhibition on anaemia prevention for girl students was also organized. Totally 95 girls and 18 lady staff were benefited. Students with anaemia were identified and iron and folic acid tablets were distributed to them.

SUPERANNUATION

Tmt. P.L. Manimozhi, Administrative Officer, Dean's Office, VC&RI, Orathanadu retired on 31.03.2018. Born on 18.03.1960, she had put in total service of 35 years and 09 months.



Tmt. N. Meenakshi, Administrative Officer, PGRIAS, Kattupakkam retired on 31.03.2018. Born on 07.03.1960, she had put in total service of 36 years and 03 months.



Tmt. K. Rani, Assistant Accounts Officer, Finance Office, TANUVAS retired on 31.03.2018. Born on 20.03.1960, she had put in total service of 27 years and 04 months.



Tmt. R. Subhatra Devi, Assistant Accounts Officer, Dean's Office, CFDT, Koduvalli retired on 31.03.2018. Born on 31.03.1960, she had put in total service of 27 years and 09 months.



Thiru. S. Murugesan, Provincialized Mazdoor, PGRIAS, Kattupakkam retired on 31.03.2018. Born on 05.03.1958, he had put in total service of 39 years and 05 months.



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