ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW VETERINARY COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT SALEM DISTRICT

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami announced establishment of fifth Veterinary College and Research Institute (VC&RI) of the state in Salem District at Thalaivasal Koot Road, in the site proposed for establishment of “Advanced Institute for Integrated Research in Livestock and Animal Sciences” at a cost of Rs. 82.13 crores vide G.O. Ms.No. 155, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (AH-6) Department dated 01.11.2019.

TRPVB PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

A Regional Workshop on “Youth as torchbearers of business oriented agriculture in South India” was organised by Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Hyderabad on 21.10.2019 and 22.10.2019 in which TRPVB, TANUVAS also participated and exhibited a stall depicting its products, services and achievements. Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon’ble Governor of Telangana State inaugurated the workshop on 21.10.2019 and visited the TRPVB stall and appreciated the efforts of the University in developing the novel veterinary products and services. During the panel discussion held during the occasion, Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS shared his experiences on mentoring young minds, enabling policies and financial support for entrepreneurship.

LAUNCH OF DOORSTEP DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE

VIF@TANUVAS and TRPVB along with an incubatee of VIF@TANUVAS, M/s. Illume Gene India LLP has joined hands to provide doorstep diagnostic service for detection of haemoprotezoan parasites in canines. The blood samples will be collected from the doorsteps of private veterinary practitioners and test results using PCR will be provided within a turnaround time of 24 hours. TRPVB will provide the necessary technical expertise and laboratory facility to the incubatee to perform the tests. Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS exchanged the diagnostic service model arrangement with Thiru. M. Venkatesan,
Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

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M/s. Illume Gene India LLP on 18.10.2019. Dr. P. Tensingh Gnanaraj, Registrar, TANUVAS, Dr. G. Dhinakar Raj, Director, CAHS, TANUVAS and Dr. Cecilia Joseph, Director of Research i/c, TANUVAS were also present during the occasion.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

CFDT, Koduveli organised a faculty development programme on “Technology dissemination on design and development of functional food products” funded by AICTE, New Delhi from 14.10.2019 to 25.10.2019. Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the programme on 14.10.2019. A total of 40 participants including seven technocrats of food industry from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh participated in the programme. Dr. D. Ramasamy, Director of Extension Education i/c, TANUVAS participated in the valedictory function and awarded certificates to the participants. Dr. B. Dhanalakshmi, Dean i/c, CFDT, Koduveli proposed the vote of thanks.

TANUVAS WEBINAR

Directorate of Clinics, TANUVAS organised a TANUVAS intra university webinar on “Ultrasonography in large animal practice” for the IV B.V.Sc., & A.H. students of constituent colleges of TANUVAS through video conferencing at VC&RI, Namakkal on 12.10.2019. Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the webinar. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Director of Clinics, TANUVAS and Dr. B. Mohan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal felicitated. Dr. R. Ezakial Napoleon, Professor and Head, Department of Clinics, Namakkal welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Selvaraju, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Obstetrics and Gynaecology, VC&RI, Namakkal proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 292 participants attended the programme.

EXPOSURE VISIT

VUTRC, Karur organised an exposure visit to Department of LPT (Dairy Science), VC&RI, Namakkal on the theme ‘Milk and Milk Products’ on 29.10.2019 under the aegis of ATMA, Karur in which a total of 50 farmers from Karur block were benefitted.

DISTRIBUTION OF INPUTS

The Department of Animal Nutrition, VC&RI, Tirunelveli is implementing the NADP / RKVY 2018 – 19 scheme on “Integrated Farming System” of Department of Agriculture as a hand holding institution in Manur Block of Tirunelveli District among 500 beneficiaries. Dr. J. Johnson Rajeswar, Dean i/c, VC&RI, Tirunelveli distributed inputs viz., fodder seeds, concentrate feed, TANUVAS SMART Mineral mixture and Calf kit on 31.10.2019 to the final batch of 60 beneficiaries of the scheme in the presence of the scheme coordinators - Tmt. Subaselvi, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Manur block and Dr. M. Chellapandian, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Nutrition, VC&RI, Tirunelveli.

NEW BUILDINGS INAUGURATION

Dr. P.S. Pandey, ADG (Education Planning & Home Science), Agricultural Education Division, ICAR,
New Delhi and Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the Examination Hall at CFDT, Koduvelli built under ICAR funding on 04.10.2019. Dr. P. Tensingh Gnanaraj, Registrar, TANUVAS and Dr. J. John Kirubaharan, Dean, MVC and Nodal Officer, ICAR, TANUVAS participated and felicitated. Dr. D. Ramasamy, Director of Extension Education i/c, TANUVAS proposed the vote of thanks. The ladies (Yamuna) hostel building at VC&RI, Namakkal constructed under ICAR-IDG was also inaugurated by Dr. P.S. Pandey, ADG (Education Planning & Home Science), Agricultural Education Division, ICAR, New Delhi during the occasion on 04.10.2019 in the presence of Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS.

WORLD EGG DAY CELEBRATION

World Egg Day was jointly organized by VUTRC, Karur and KVK, Karur on 16.10.2019 at Pzhutheri, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District in which a total of 70 farmers participated. Thiru. M. Parameshkumar, District Development Manager, NABARD presided over the function. Dr. J. Diraviam, Senior Scientist cum Programme Coordinator, KVK, Karur felicitated.

VC&RI, Namakkal also celebrated “World Egg Day” on 11.10.2019 at Government Hospital, Rasipuram as part of the National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC), Pune sponsored project on “Facts and benefits of consuming egg and chicken meat”. Dr. C. Meganathan, AGM, Venkateswara Hatcheries Private Limited, Namakkal participated as chief guest and distributed eggs to the Government Hospital patients. Dr. R. Senthilkumar, Anaesthetist of Government Hospital, Rasipuram welcomed the gathering.

WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATION 2019

Department of Wildlife Science, MVC on the occasion of “Wildlife Week 2019” celebrations arranged a guest lecture on “Indian snakes and snake bite management” by Dr. R. Ganesh, Deputy Director, Chennai Snake Park Trust, Guindy on 02.10.2019 and also arranged a visit to Sholinganallur Marsh for a bird watching expedition by the students of Wildlife Tracking Course on 08.10.2019.

As part of the “Wildlife Week 2019” celebrations, VC&RI, Orathanadu also arranged a ‘Wildlife veterinary quiz and wildlife photography competition’ for students. Thiru. Sathishkumar,
Founder, Endangered Wildlife and Environmental Trust, Thanjavur delivered a guest lecture on ‘Snake: An overview and current conservation strategies” during the occasion. Wildlife and Aquatic Animal Medicine Club also conducted its 4th Annual day on 23.10.2019. Dr. T. Sivakumar, Dean, VC&RI, Orathanadu presided over the function and distributed prizes to the winners. Dr. B. Rammanohar, NGC Coordinator, Thanjavur delivered special address.

**VICE-CHANCELLOR PARTICIPATION**

Dr. C. Balachandran, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS participated as Guest of Honour during the inauguration of First Annual Convention of ISVC and International workshop on “Innovative approaches in diagnosis and therapeutic management of cardiac disease in farm and companion animals” on 21.10.2019 organized at College of Veterinary Science, Tirupati.

**NEW UNIVERSITY OFFICERS JOINED TANUVAS**

- **Dr. N.K. Sudeep Kumar** assumed charges as Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS on 31.10.2019. He has 26 years of experience in various capacities in the university. He was instrumental in developing Touch Screen Information Kiosk, IT based Dairy Advisory System, interactive DVDs and introduction of Soft Skill Development programme for undergraduate students. He has published 33 International and 35 National research articles, two international books, guided 4 Ph.D. and 5 M.V.Sc. Students, handled nine externally funded research projects as PI and coordinated over 20 externally funded extension projects. He received the Best Teacher award, TANUVAS in 2009. He was also involved in developing three farmer friendly mobile apps. He facilitated 12 farmers to receive national awards.

- **Dr. A.V. Omprakash** assumed charges as Director of Centre for Animal Production Studies, TANUVAS on 31.10.2019. He has 30 years of service. He has developed novel techniques in Artificial insemination of all species of poultry as well as in Emu and Ostrich. He was instrumental in the release of superior germplasm suited for backyard and heat resistance namely Nandanam Chicken 4, Nandanam Broiler 3 and TANUVAS Aseel. He has published 140 research articles and written 19 books. He has handled 16 externally funded research projects. He has organized 25 Summer Institute / Symposia / Workshop / Seminar and acted as organizing secretary for two National Conference and one State Level workshop. He is the recipient of Venkey’s gold medal for best Ph.D., thesis, Tamil Peravai Award for Kalaisol Agarathi, Rev. Dr. Joseph Inchackal Endowment Award and Tamil Nadu Scientists Award (TANSA) - 2015.

- **Dr. A. Palanisammi** assumed charges as the Dean, VC & RI, Tirunelveli on 31.10.2019. He has 29 years of service in various capacities in the University. He was instrumental in starting M.Sc., and Ph.D. (Biotechnology) degree programmes for life science graduates in the Department of Animal Biotechnology, MVC. He was instrumental in the establishment of in-vitro fertilization laboratory and creation of facility for research on “Embryonic stem cell”, “Transgenic work” and “Molecular Biology work” at Madhavaram campus. He has handled six externally funded research projects and conducted 41 national level training programmes. He has published 63
Dr. V. Appa Rao assumed charges as Dean, CFDT, Koduvelli on 31.10.2019. He joined the University in 1994. He was involved in the establishment of Food Testing Laboratory at Dept. of LPT (Meat Science), MVC, Chennai. He has published 73 research articles, 17 books and 23 practical manuals. Guided two Ph.D., 16 Masters' degree and one PG Diploma students. He was recipient of 17 medals and awards in the field of Animal Sciences including three Gold Medals for the best outgoing PhD., student by TANUVAS for the year 2001; ICAR DG Commendation Team Award for outstanding contribution in the development of e-courses for B.V.Sc., & A.H degree course; Tamil Peravai award for the best book published in Tamil in the year 2009 and in 2016.

STUDENT PROGRAMMES

- CPPM, Hosur organized an Orientation programme on “Career opportunities in Civil Services” on 18.10.2019. A team from the King Makers IAS Academy delivered lectures about the different career opportunities available in civil services. Dr. K. Mani, Dean i/c, CPPM, Hosur welcomed the gathering. A total of 96 students attended the programme.

- An ice breaking event was organized for I B.V.Sc., & A.H., students of MVC under ICAR-NAHEP-IDP of TANUVAS on 18.10.2019. Dr. J. John Kirubaharan, Dean, MVC inaugurated the event. Dr. K. Jayanthi Rani, a psychologist and a counselor conducted the event.

- VC&RI, Orathanadu observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on 31.10.2019 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel by the direction of the University Grants Commission. The B.V.Sc., & A.H students and faculty members of the college took the National Unity Day Pledge.

- VC&RI, Namakkal organised an awareness programme on “Swachhta Hi Seva 2019 - Massive Plastic Waste Shramdaan” on 02.10.2019. Dr. B. Mohan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal presided over the programme. About 150 staff and students participated in the programme.

- Postgraduate degree programmes commenced for the first time at VC&RIs, Orathanadu and Tirunelveli from the academic year 2019-20.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Selvan S. Abhisek, III B.V.Sc. & A.H., VC&RI Namakkal participated in the 44th Senior National Tennikoit championship held at New Delhi from
02.10.2019 to 06.10.2019 and secured bronze medal in doubles and silver medal in team championship.


NSS ACTIVITIES

- The NSS unit of VC&RI, Namakkal organised the “Safe Diwali Awareness Programme” on 24.10.2019 at Government Primary School, Lathuvadi, Namakkal by organizing various competitions to school students. A total of 150 NSS student volunteers participated in the programme.

- The NSS unit of VC&RI, Orathanadu organized a “Plastic waste free campaign” from 12.10.2019 to 18.10.2019 in which chart painting competition was conducted on 12.10.2019 and plastic waste free campaign awareness rally was conducted at Thanjavur on 15.10.2019. National Pledge of “Swachhata Hi Seva 2019” was taken on 16.10.2019.

SUPERANNUATION

Dr. M.R. Purushothaman, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Nutrition, VC&RI, Namakkal retired on 31.10.2019. Born on 02.10.1959, he had put in a total service of 31 years and 03 months.

Thiru. P. Ravikumar, Attender (S.G.), Department of Veterinary Physiology, MVC retired on 31.10.2019. Born on 10.10.1961, he had put in a total service of 25 years and 07 months.

Tmt. Manimahalai, Attender, Department of Livestock Products Technology (Dairy Science), VC&RI, Namakkal retired on 31.10.2019. Born on 10.10.1961, she had put in a total service of 22 years and 04 months.

Thiru. P. Rajan, Basic Servant, SBRS, Sandynallah retired on 31.10.2019. Born on 05.10.1959, he had put in a total service of 28 years and 09 months.