Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University celebrated its Foundation Day 2015 at Kalaiarangam Thirumana Mandapam, Tiruchirappalli on 19.09.2015. Thiru. T.K.M. Chinnayya, Hon’ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu started the celebrations by lighting the lamp (Kuthu vilakku) and delivered the special address. The Hon’ble Minister distributed inputs which include fodder slips, desi bird chicks and TANUVAS Mineral Mixture to the needy farmers, honoured the faculty members who have rendered 30 years of unblemished service, distributed appreciation certificates to the faculty members and students who have received awards from external agencies, awarded Best Farmer awards to six progressive farmers and to VUTRC, Karur as the Best Performing Veterinary University Training and Research Centre. In his Special Address, the Hon’ble Minister complimented the team work of TANUVAS. Thiru. T.P. Poonachi, Hon’ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu participated and in his Special Address pointed out that due to the initiatives taken by the Government, improvements in the livelihood of the poorest of the poor can be noticed in Tamil Nadu. Thiru R. Manoharan, Chief Government Whip, Government of Tamil Nadu participated and in his Special Address said that recognizing the potential of animal husbandry in augmenting livelihood for the poorest of poor, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has not only allotted an annual budget of Rs. 1,200 crores towards the free distribution of Milch Cows and Sheep / Goats but also enhanced the budget to Rs. 1,600 crores from this year onwards. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function and in his presidential address stated that TANUVAS has witnessed an incredible and multifaceted growth in the last twenty five years. Tmt. A. Jaya, Hon’ble Mayor, Thiru. J. Srinivasan, Deputy Mayor and Tmt. M. Vijayalakshmi, Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City
Municipal Corporation graced the occasion. Earlier, Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS delivered the welcome address. Dr. K.S. Palanisamy, I.A.S., District Collector, Tiruchirappalli District delivered the introductory address. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS proposed the vote of thanks. The faculty members of TANUVAS and more than 2,000 farmers attended.

During the event, TANUVAS organized Livestock and Poultry Farmers Day on 19.09.2015 and 20.09.2015. An exhibition with 50 stalls on seven thematic areas viz., Livestock technology information; Method demonstrations on profit maximization; Showcasing of low cost technologies for livestock and poultry; Post harvest technology demonstration; Live exhibits; Educational opportunities etc., were arranged with consultancy faculty, free pamphlets, sale of books, DVD etc. Further, video lessons were also screened continuously during the exhibition. Further, two knowledge sharing sessions between the scientists and farmers and an exclusive student interactive session were also organized. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS declared opened the exhibition and started the knowledge sharing sessions by lighting the Kuthu vilakkku. More than 5,000 farmers visited the exhibition and about 2,000 farmers and 500 school students have registered for the knowledge sharing sessions. TANUVAS expresses its gratitude for the financial support extended by NABARD, Union Bank of India, Directorate of Agriculture and State Nodal Officer (Extension Reforms) and Pudhu vazhvu Thittam of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER
PURATCHI THALAIVI SELVI J JAYALALITHAA ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University organized the Honourable Chief Minister Lecture at the Conference Hall, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai on 30.09.2015. Thiru. T.K.M. Chinnayya, Hon’ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu participated as the Guest of Honour and delivered the Special Address. In his Special Address, he said that it is very much appropriate to conduct an Endowment Lecture in the name of the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the invaluables initiatives taken in the annals of the field of veterinary science. The Hon’ble Minister pointed out that Tamil Nadu is the only State in the country which has the unique distinction of creating history in distributing free milch cows and sheep / goats for the benefit of the poorest of the poor and said that the impact of the initiative taken by
the Honourable Chief Minister is visible at every village of Tamil Nadu as each poorest of the poor beneficiary is empowered with 30 to 40 kids. He added that in the present budget, the Honourable Chief Minister allocated a budget of Rs. 6.34 crores for 10 Animal Mobile Ambulances. Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, Deputy Director General (Animal Science), ICAR, New Delhi delivered the Endowment Lecture on “Enhancing livestock and poultry productivity for food security”. In his lecture he said in the present scenario of diminishing natural resources and unpredictable weather conditions, livestock is the only source of livelihood in India. He acclaimed the prudent initiatives taken by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for promoting animal husbandry activities for the livelihood of the poorest of the poor and added that with the kind of unstinted proactive support of the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in implementing the various initiatives and strengthening the University by providing budget for infrastructure and cost of personnel for adding two more colleges, Tamil Nadu has become a role model for formulating Animal husbandry development schemes at National level.

Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function and in his presidential address extolled the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for initiating several beneficial schemes for the development of TANUVAS and the Department of Animal Husbandry. He pointed that due to the strenuous efforts taken by the Hon’ble Minister for Animal Husbandry in implementing the initiatives taken by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu is now considered as the role model in alleviating poverty for the entire nation. He added that it is a great privilege for the staff and the students of TANUVAS to be a part of this initiative. Earlier, Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering, Dr. C. Balachandran, Dean, MVC proposed the vote of thanks.

NEW FACILITIES AT PGRIAS, KATTUPAKKAM

The new infrastructure facilities viz. Modern laboratory Biotech centre, Academic class rooms, Piggery shed, Modern goat sheds and Technology demonstration block were created at PGRIAS, Kattupakkam with a total budget of Rs. 157 lakhs funded by Government of India and ICAR. Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, DDG(AS), ICAR, New Delhi opened the new facilities on 30.09.2015 and interacted with the beneficiaries of various ICAR schemes functioning at PGRIAS, IAN and KVK, Kattupakkam and distributed the elite rams and inputs to the scheme beneficiaries. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided. Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS and Dr. M. Babu, Director, Centre for Animal Production Studies felicitated.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT’S HOSTEL INAUGURATED

Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, DDG(AS), ICAR, New Delhi declared opened the International student’s hostel constructed at Nandanam Campus, TANUVAS with a total budget of Rs.1.35 crores on 30.09.2015. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided.
Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS, Dr. C. Balachandran, Dean, MVC and Dr. S.A. Asokan, Director of Distance Education, Er. S. Kuppusamy, Estate Officer i/c, TANUVAS were present.

ORIENTATION ON PG DIPLOMA DISTANCE EDUCATION ONLINE COURSES - 2015 - 2016

The Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS conducted “Orientation programme” for the fifth batch of PG Diploma Distance Education Online Courses at MVC on 28.09.2015. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS, in his special address, emphasized about the need of offering quality oriented PG Diploma Courses which will refresh the knowledge and skills of veterinarian and also complimented the candidates who have joined the courses. Earlier, Dr. S.A. Asokan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering and explained about the rules and regulations governing the distance mode PG Diploma courses offered at TANUVAS. Dr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Controller of Examinations, TANUVAS outlined about the issues related to distance mode courses and advised the students to pay serious attention for completing the diploma. Dr. T.N. Ganesh, Director of Clinics i/c, TANUVAS also stressed about the need for the students to put more efforts in clinical courses. A total of 39 candidates have enrolled in the various PG Diploma courses offered for the current year 2015-2016. Course Directors, Course Coordinators, Content developers and faculty members of TANUVAS participated.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The internship training programme for 76 students including 21 girls from Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh, Bangladesh was conducted in two batches from 03.09.2015 to 17.09.2015 and from 18.09.2015 to 02.10.2015 respectively at VC&RI, Namakkal.

As a part of clinical internship programme they have undergone clinical training in various units of Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex, MVC and also visited the various units of PGRIAS, Kattupakkam. The valedictory function was held on 30.09.2015. Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, DDG (AS), ICAR, New Delhi participated as the chief guest and distributed the certificates to the students. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. T.N. Ganesh, Director of Clinics i/c, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering. Dr. C. Balachandran, Dean, MVC proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. P.S. Thirunavukarasu, Programme Co-ordinator cum Professor and Head, Department of Clinics, presented the training report.

VISIT OF DR. TIM LEYLAND, CONSULTANT, BBSRC- UK

Dr. Tim Leyland, Consultant for BBSRC, UK visited TANUVAS from 03.09.2015 to 05.09.2015 to review the impact of BBSRC funded projects. He also visited the Culicoides species identification facility at Vaccine Research Centre-Viral Vaccines which was established through Indo-UK Project on "Monitoring and intervention strategies for bluetongue virus epidemics in rural India".

ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE MEETING

The University level Anti ragging committee meeting was chaired by the Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS on 04.09.2015 at MVC, Chennai. The Vice-Chancellor explained the importance of strategy to be adopted to curb ragging. Dr. M. Babu, Chairman, Monitoring Cell, Anti ragging committee and Director, DCAPS, TANUVAS presented the strategies adopted to curb ragging at University level. The Deans of respective colleges presented action taken report and strategies adopted.

GUEST LECTURE

Two guest lectures, one on “Programme Challenge in Veterinary Clinical Teaching and
Training” by Dr. William Dernell, Surgical Oncologist, Washington State University and another on ‘Factors influencing embryo quality in dairy Cows’ by Dr. Ramanathan Kasimanickam, Associate Professor, Washington State University were organized at MVC on 01.09.2015. Dr. C. Balachandran, Dean, MVC participated and felicitated the guests. Earlier, Dr. P.S. Thirunavukkarasu, Professor and Head, Department of Clinics welcomed the gathering and introduced the speakers. The faculty, PG and fourth and final B.V.Sc. & A.H. students attended.

WORLD RABIES DAY CELEBRATED

MVC: The Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology in association with N.S.S. unit organized a free antirabies immunization campaign at Ayathur Village, Vepampattu on 27.09.2015. A total of 42 dogs were vaccinated. To create awareness, pamphlets on rabies in Tamil and English were distributed to the public. Further, 103 IV B.V.Sc. & A.H. students were vaccinated against rabies. Dr. M. Sekar, Professor and Head, and Dr. N. Kumaravelu, Programme Officer, N.S.S. organised the programme.

VC&RI, Namakkal: The Department of Preventive Medicine and the NSS unit along with the Animal Husbandry Department organized a rabies awareness campaign and free antirabies vaccination programme at Tholur and Peramandampalayam villages on 28.09.2015. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal inaugurated the campaign. Dr. P. Sakthivel, RJD (AH), Namakkal felicitated. More than 40 free roaming dogs were immunized.

VC&RI, Tirunelveli: The Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology organized a guest lecture on 28.09.2015 for the benefit of students and faculty. Dr. P. Muneeswari, Chief Health Officer, Tirunelveli City Municipal Corporation delivered the lecture on the theme ‘End Rabies Together’ and outlined various rabies prevention activities that are being carried out. Dr. S. Prathaban, Dean, VC&RI, Tirunelveli presided over the function and presented an introductory note on clinical cases of rabies in dogs and highlighted the zoonotic importance and the role of veterinarian in controlling the disease.

VC&RI, Orathanadu: The NSS Unit organized a rabies vaccination and awareness camp at the college campus on 28.09.2015. Dr. K. N. Selvakumar, Dean, VC&RI, Orathanadu inaugurated the camp.
and distributed pamphlets on rabies to the public. A total of 21 dogs were vaccinated and pamphlets on rabies were distributed to the pet owners.

**CONTACT CLASS PROGRAMME**

- The Contact class programme for the Distance Education Certificate courses on “Concentrate feed preparation and Animal feed mill management” was organized by the Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS at PGRIAS, Kattupakkam on 10.09.2015 and 11.09.2015.

As part of the programme, trainees visited Central Feed Technology Unit, Kattupakkam on 11.09.2015. In the valedictory function, Dr. S.A. Asokan, DDE distributed certificate to the participants. Dr. C. Valli, Professor and Head, IAN, Kattupakkam and Dr. H. Gopi, Professor and Head, PGRIAS, Kattupakkam were present. A total of 18 beneficiaries participated and benefitted.

- The Contact class programme for the Distance Education Certificate on “Dairy farming” was jointly organized by the Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS and VUTRC, Thiruvannamalai under the financial support of ICAR Tribal sub-plan at Amirthi, Thiruvannamalai on 25.09.2015 and 26.09.2015. Dr. S.A. Asokan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS presided and inaugurated the programme. Dr. S. Saraswathi, Assistant Professor and Head, VUTRC, Vellore felicitated. Apart from class room lectures, the trainees were also taken for field visit to a dairy farm on 26.09.2015. A total of 100 beneficiaries participated and benefitted.

**FARMERS’ WORKSHOP**

A farmer’s workshop on “Soil-Fodder-Livestock interface to augment productivity” was organized by VC&RI, Tirunelveli at SCAD KVK Campus, Vagaikulam on 08.09.2015 at SCAD KVK campus, Vagaikulam, Thoothukudi. Dr. S. Prathaban, Dean, VC&RI, Tirunelveli presided over the inaugural function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. Jayaraman, RJD (AH) and Dr. Srinivasan, Programme Co-ordinator, SCAD KVK offered felicitations. A handbook and pamphlets on “Soil- Fodder -Livestock interface to augment productivity” and inputs like TANUVAS mineral mixture and fodder seeds were distributed to the farmers. A total of 50 farmers from different parts of Thoothukudi district participated.

**REFRESHER TRAINING**

The Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, MVC conducted refresher training programme for “Laboratory Technicians in Frozen Semen Production” in three batches each for a period of 5 days from 31.08.2015 to 04.09.2015, 14.09.2015 to 18.09.2015 and 21.09.2015 to 25.09.2015. A total of 11 technicians from Alamadhi Semen Station (A unit of NDDB Dairy Services) participated.
MAITRI TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics, VC&RI, Namakkal, Tirunelveli and Orathanadu organized the 30 days training programme on “Multi-purpose Artificial Insemination Technician for Rural India (MAITRI)” sponsored by TNLDA from 01.09.2015 to 30.09.2015. A total of 18, 16 and 13 unemployed youth have attended in respective campuses.

TRAINING

A training programme on “Azolla Cultivation” through Method Demonstration was organised with financial assistance from NABARD for the selected beneficiaries of the scheme “Popularization of Azolla as Low Cost Supplemental Cattle Feed among the Dairy Farmers of Tirunelveli District” on 07.09.2015 at Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education, VC&RI, Tirunelveli. Dr. S. Prathaban, Dean, VC&RI, Tirunelveli inaugurated the programme and distributed inputs to the needy farmers. Thiru. K. Ramalingam, AGM, NABARD released the folder and delivered a special address. Further a training on “Broiler farming” in two batches from 21.09.2015 to 23.09.2015 and from 28.09.2015 to 30.09.2015 and a training programme on “Scientific country chicken rearing” on 25.09.2015 were also conducted. A total of 93 farmers benefitted.

VETERINARY HEALTH CAMP

VUTRC, Karur and Animal Husbandry Department, Karur District have jointly organized a Veterinary Health Camp at Nanjaikalakurichi Village, Karur District on 02.09.2015. In the camp, a total of 431 animals were treated for various ailments. Tmt. S. Jayandhi, I.A.S., District Collector, Karur inaugurated the camp and distributed prizes for best livestock. The Centre also conducted a training programme on “Farm Waste Recycling” under the financial assistance from NABARD-FTTF for the farmers of Krishnarayapurm block on 03.09.2015. Totally 36 farmers and farmwomen were benefitted.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The University level advisory committee meeting of National Service Scheme (NSS) for the year 2015-16 was held at MVC on 21.09.2015 to advice on planning and execution of NSS activities in the University. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS and Chairman, Advisory Committee presided. In his presidential address, the Vice-Chancellor remarked that NSS should provide a learning experience to the NSS volunteers and in turn should benefit the society. Thiru. Samuel Chelliah, Regional Director, NSS Regional Centre, Chennai participated and appreciated the various activities of NSS units of TANUVAS. Dr. Cecilia Joseph, Professor and Co-ordinator, NSS Programme, TANUVAS organised the meeting. Dr. S. Meenakshisundaram, Professor and Former Co-ordinator, NSS Programme, TANUVAS proposed the vote of thanks.
ATMA - FARM FIELD SCHOOL

VC&RI, Tirunelveli in co-ordination with ATMA, Tirunelveli conducted a Farm Field School on “Improved animal husbandry practices” at the Thulukkarkulam Village, Tirunelveli district from 04.08.2015 to 11.09.2015 for six weeks. A total of 25 progressive farmers benefited.

NEW PROJECT

A new project on “National Facility for Molecular Screening of Cattle for Inherited Disorders and Parentage Verification” funded by National Programme on Bovine Breeding (NPBB), Government of India, New Delhi through Tamil Nadu Livestock Development Agency (TNLDA), has been started at the Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, MVC with a budget outlay of Rs. 200 lakh. Through this project, the inherited disorders such as Bovine Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency (BLAD), Deficiency of Uridine Monophosphate Synthetase (DUMPS), Bovine Citrullinemia (BC) and Factor XI (F-XI) deficiency will be screened in the exotic purebred and crossbred bulls maintained in various semen stations of Tamil Nadu and those in other states. The parentage of the young bulls inducted for frozen semen production will be verified to ascertain their origin. This project ensures elimination of genetically defective animals and young bulls with doubtful parentage from the frozen semen production. This project will function for four years from 2015-16 to 2018-19.

SUPERANNUATION

Tmt. P. Papa, Superintendent, KVK, VC&RI, Namakkal retired on 30.09.2015. Born on 03.09.1957, she had put in a total service of 24 years and 10 months.

Thiru. S. Manickavasagam, Driver (Super Grade), FTC, Kancheepuram retired on 30.09.2015. Born on 16.09.1957, he had put in a total service of 30 years and 09 months.

Thiru. M. Manivannan, Driver, CFDT, Koduvalli retired on 30.09.2015. Born on 25.09.1957, he had put in a total service of 24 years and 03 months.

Thiru. C.D. Vijayakumar, Provincialised Mazdoor(Spl. Gr.), Department of Clinics, MVC retired on 30.09.2015. Born on 15.09.1957, he had put in a total service of 22 years and 10 months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

1. Animal Bio safety Level - III - Laboratory and Speciality Research Centre at a cost of Rs. 12.76 crores to be established at MMC, TANUVAS, Chennai. This laboratory is the first of its kind in South India, through which Avian Influenza and FMD can be diagnosed and confirmed by laboratory tests at Chennai itself.

2. In order to extend emergency veterinary treatment facilities to distantly located villages, ten nos of “Animal Mobile Medical Ambulance” will be provided under TANUVAS at a cost of Rs. 6.34 crores. This facility will also be of first of its kind in the Country.

3. Upgradation of VUTRC, Madurai as Veterinary University Training and Diagnostic Centre, at a cost of Rs. 1.00 crore so as to offer training and disease diagnostic facilities.