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**FROM THE DESK OF
VICE – CHANCELLOR.....**



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K. Palaniswami inaugurated three new buildings of TNJFU from the Government Secretariat, Chennai on 20.06.2018. The inaugurated buildings include Administrative building of the TNJFU at Nagapattinam, Farmers Training cum Hostel Complex at Madhavaram, Chennai and office building of the TCeSA, Thanjavur. It gives me immense pleasure to share that we will be moving to our own new campus soon. Besides these, a couple of new infrastructure facilities have been created in the TN Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Ponneri which include examination hall, laboratories of the Dept. of Animal Health Management, basket ball and volley ball courts. The TNJFU is growing stronger with the development of infrastructure facilities in many constituent units of the university.

On the eve of the "World Environment Day" organized by the Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Thalainayeru on 05.06.2018, I advised the I year students of the Institute to start "Eco Club" in the college. This kind of development will inculcate the idea of environmental protection in the minds of the young students.

The KVK, Sikkal organized webcasting of Hon'ble Prime Minister's interaction with the farmers on 20.06.2018 which attracted a huge number of farmers. The farmers were very much motivated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's speech.

Foundation Day of the TNJFU was celebrated in a big way on 19.06.2018 and all the constituent units organized events for the benefit of the stakeholders. Similarly the "International Day of Yoga" was also celebrated in a high profile manner in all the constituent colleges of the university.

During June 2018, TNJFU signed an MoU with the NAARM to facilitate cooperation and collaboration for capacity buildings training, education, research etc.,

Admission process for various UG courses in TNJFU commenced during June 2018. Hope to receive more number of applications from highly talented students for admission to the UG programmes of the university.

Prof. S. Felix
Vice - Chancellor

EVENTS

Inauguration of Newly built University building at Nagapattinam



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Th. Edappadi K. Palaniswamy inaugurated three new buildings of TNJFU from the Govt. Secretariat, Chennai on 20.06.2018 at 10.00 a.m. through video conferencing. Th. D. Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Th.O.S.Manian, Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles, Tmt. Girija Vaidyanathan, I.A.S., Chief Secretary and Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries were also present in the inauguration ceremony. At the TNJFU main campus Nagapattinam, Th.S. Pavunraj, M.L.A., Poompukar constituency, Th. M. Thamimur Ansari, M.L.A., Nagapattinam constituency, Dr.S. Suresh Kumar, I.A.S., District Collector, Nagapattinam. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, University Officers, staff and students of TNJFU were present in the inauguration ceremony. The inaugurated buildings included TNJFU Administrative building constructed at Panangudi, Nagapattinam at a cost of Rs. 12.00 crore, Farmers Training Centre with Farmers Hostel constructed at Madhavaram, Chennai with the funding support of NABARD at a cost of Rs. 6.00 cr. and the office building of the Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture, Thanjavur under NADP at a cost of Rs. 60.00 lakh.

MoU signed with NAARM, Hyderabad



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the TNJFU and the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad on 23.06.2018 which facilitates cooperation and collaboration for capacity building training, education, research and other agreed activities that further the aims and objectives of the two Institutions. The MoU was signed by Dr. G. Jeyasekaran, Director of Research on behalf of TNJFU and Dr.Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director on behalf of NAARM, Hyderabad.

MoU with Hawassa University, Ethiopia

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the TNJFU and the Hawassa University, Ethiopia on 2nd June at Chennai. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU and Mr. Ayano



Beraso, President, Hawassa University signed the MoU. This MoU shall help the students and scientists of both the Universities to undertake joint research works in different fields of fisheries science. Prof. P. Natarajan, Dept. of Biology, Hawassa University played a pivotal role in signing this MoU. Dr.R. Jeyasekaram, Director of Research i/c. and Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c., Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Ponneri and other delegates from the Hawassa University were also present during the signing of MoU.

Hawassa University Delegation's visit to Dr. MGR FCRI, Ponneri



A team from Hawassa University, Ethiopia comprising Mr.Ayano Beraso, President, Hawassa University, Dr.Zeytu Gashaw, Dean, College of Natural and Computational Sciences, Dr.Zufan Bedewi, Head of the Department of Biology, Mr. Kassaye Balkew, Department of Biology and Prof. P. Natarajan, Department of Biology visited the various facilities of Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri on 1st& 2nd June, 2018. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c and Faculty of the Institute explained the various academic, research and extension activities carried out at the institute.

Inauguration of new infrastructure facilities



Prof. S. Felix, Vice Chancellor, TNJFU inaugurated the new infrastructure facilities created at the Dr.MGR FCRI, Ponneri viz., examination hall in the new block, laboratories of the Dept. of Aquatic Animal Health Management, basketball and volleyball courts on 11.06.2018.

National seminar on "Conservation and Sustainability of Aquatic Resources (CSAR'18)"



The National seminar on "Conservation and sustainability of aquatic resources" was conducted at the FCRI, Thoothukudi during 19.06.2018 to 20.06.2018 to mark the foundation day of the TNJFU. Inaugurating the seminar on 19.06.2018, Prof. S.Felix, Vice-Chancellor, in his inaugural address, emphasised the vulnerable condition of the aquatic resources and the need for their conservation. He insisted on the role to be taken up by FCRI, Thoothukudi in restoration and conservation of Gulf of Mannar by operating a suitable project in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority of India. The Vice Chancellor also released the souvenir and book for Abstracts of CSAR'18' and a pamphlet on "Chank Fisheries". At this inaugural function, Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean of this college and Convener of the National Seminar welcomed the gathering and Dr.S.David Kingston, Professor and Organising Secretary of the seminar detailed on the programme schedule. Dr.Baskaran Manimaran, former Vice-Chancellor, TNFU and Dr.T.V.Ramana, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries Science, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupathi, the Guests of Honour, stressed on the role of fisheries universities and colleges in the conservation of the marine ecosystem. Dr.B.Meenakumari, Chairperson, National Biodiversity, Chennai who was the Chief Guest of the inaugural programme, in her address, detailed about the conservation of bio resources and about its importance in food biosecurity. In this National seminar, a total of 85 research papers and key note address were presented by the participants. Dr.P.Jawahar Professor and Organising secretary of the CSAR'18 proposed vote of thanks.

World Environment Day celebrations

1. Dr. M.G.R. FCRI, Thalainayeru



Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Thalainayeru celebrated "World Environment Day" at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sikkal campus on 05.06.2018. A slogan writing contest was conducted for I B.F.Sc students on this eve. Prof. S. Felix, Vice Chancellor delivered the chief guest address. He emphasized the importance of functioning of Eco Clubs in the constituent colleges for creating awareness in

conserving the nature. Dr.M.Nagoor Meeran, Director of Extension Education, Dr.S.A.Shanmugam, Controller of Examinations and Dr.A.Srinivasan, Registrar i/c., TNJFU offered felicitation. Dr.B.Sundaramoorthy, Deani/c., delivered the welcome address. Dr.R.Santhakumar, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Sikkal proposed vote of thanks. Th.M.Muruganantham and Th.S.Santhoshkumar, Assistant Professors made arrangements for the programme. Tree plantations were also done by the Vice Chancellor and the University the Officers at the KVK campus on this eve.

2. Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri



To commemorate the World Environment Day (5th June), Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri organised debate and chart drawing competitions for the students of the college. The debate was organized in the topic "which of the following should be given priority in current situation – Economic growth (or) Environmental protection?". Chart drawing was organised in the topic of "pragmatism in biophilic living". Dept. of Aquatic Environment Management of the institute coordinated the arrangements for the celebration.

TNJFU Foundation Day Celebration on 19.06.2018



TNJFU Foundation Day was celebrated at CoFE, Nagapattinam on 19.06.2018 with special events like open day and training programs as a mark of the day. The program was inaugurated by Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean. About 150 school/college students of Nagapattinam visited the facilities at the Institute. In addition, hands-on training program on value addition of fish and fishery products and essay competition were



also organized. The event was coordinated by Dr. D. Kesavan, Dr. P. Karthickumar, Dr. R. Brimasureeswaran, Assistant Professors.

4th International Day of Yoga Celebrations in TNJFU

1. FCRI, Thoothukudi



FCRI, Thoothukudi celebrated the "4th International Day of Yoga" on 21st June 2018. As a part of the celebrations, yoga competitions were conducted for students. All the staff and 160 students participated in the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) Conducted by Mr.K.Parthasarathy, Yoga Trainer.

A special talk on 'Yoga' was delivered by Mr.Mariappan from ManavazhaKalai Trust, Thoothukudi. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr.S.Athithan, Vice-President of Students' Association and Dr.D.Natarajan, Asst. Director of Physical Education.

2. Dr.M.G.R.FCRI, Ponneri



Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri celebrated the "4th International Day of Yoga" on 21st June 2018. All the staff and students of the institute got trained in Common Yoga Protocol (CYP). given by Mr.Sathish Kumar, Yoga Trainer. Dr. Manikandavelu, Dean i/c, presided over the programme. Dr. Muralidharan, Asst. Professor, DFPT coordinated the arrangements.

3. CoFE, Nagapattinam



The "4th International Day of Yoga" was celebrated at the CoFE, Nagapattinam on 21st June 2018. The program was presided over by Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean, CoFE. About five different yoga/asana were practised by faculty, non-teaching staff and student volunteers. The event was coordinated by Dr. M. Kamalakannan, Assistant Professor.

4. Dr.M.G.R.FCRI, Thalainayeru



Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Thalainayeru celebrated the "Fourth International Yoga Day" on 21. 06.2018 at Nagapattinam. Dr. B. Sundaramoorthy, Dean i/c presided over the event. Dr. K. Sakthivel, the Yoga master delivered a short note on Common Yoga Practices (CYP). Dr. R. Santhakumar, the Student Coordinator offered felicitation. Th.M.Muruganantham, Assistant Professor and the Sports Officer i/c made the arrangements for the programme.

5. Institute of Fisheries Post Graduate Studies (IFPGS) Vaniyanchavadi, Chennai



The "International Yoga Day" was celebrated at the IFPGS, Chennai on 21.06.2018. Dr. K. Karal Marx, Dean, IFPGS gave a detailed talk on health benefits of yoga. Mr. Ravichandran, Yoga master guided the participants perform different yogasanas.

Anti-Child Labour Day

1. Dr. MGR FCRI, Ponneri



All the staff of Dr.MGR FCRI, Ponneri took the "Anti-Child Labour Day pledge" at the campus on 12.06.2018 in the presence of Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean i/c.

2. CoFE, Nagapattinam



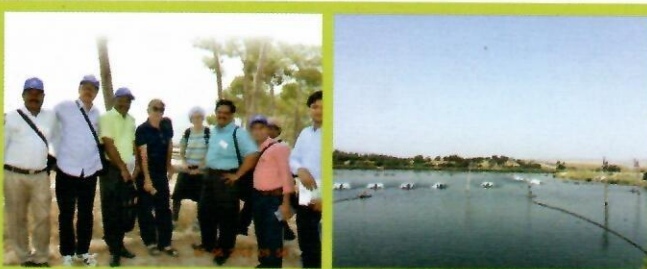
All the staff of CoFE, Nagapattinam took the "Anti-Child Labour Day pledge" at the campus on 12.06.2018 in the presence of Dr.S.Balasubramanian, Dean.

3. DIVA, Muttukadu



An "Anti-Child Labour Day" pledge was administered at the Directorate of Incubation and Vocational training in Aquaculture, Muttukadu on 12.06.2018. All the staff of the Directorate took the pledge.

University Officers' exposure visit to Israel



Dr. K. Karal Marx, Dean, IFPGS and Dr. J. Stephen Sampath Kumar, Director DCESA visited Israel from June 4 to 13, 2018 under Innovation in Agriculture for India-Exposure visit to Israel. During the visit, they were exposed to Advanced technologies in irrigation and drought management, trends and innovation in agriculture, arid and semi-arid water resources management, intensive aquaculture etc.,

Seminar on "Learning disorders and drug abuse" at FCRI, Thoothukudi



As part of the observance of International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, a special seminar on "Learning disorders and drug abuse" was organized by NSS unit of FCRI Thoothukudi on 28.06.2018. Dr.S.Vijayarengan, Psychiatrist, Rengasamy Nursing Home, Thoothukudi presented the seminar in which he emphasized the importance of physical fitness in stopping drug abuses and early identification of learning



disorders. Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean advised the staff and students to make use this opportunity to gain the knowledge on early identification of learning disorder. Earlier, Mr.T.Ravikumar, NSS Programme Officer welcomed the gathering. Dr.D.Natarajan, Assistant Director of Physical Education proposed vote of thanks.

Training programme on RTI Act



A two- day training programme on Right to Information (RTI) Act was held at Dr. MGR FCRI, Ponneri during June 11 and 12.2018. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c inaugurated the programme on 12.06.2018. A total of 15 participants consisting of teaching and non-teaching staff of the institute attended this programme. Dr. S. N. Venkatesan, Management & Legal Consultant, Advocate – Madras High Court served as the trainer.

Webcasting of Hon'ble Prime Minister's interaction with farmers and Pre- Kharif awareness cum training programme

Organized webcasting of Hon'ble Prime Minister's interaction with farmers at KVK, Sikkal, Nagapattinam on



20.06.2018. More than 160 nos. of farmers attended this programme. An interpreter was engaged for translating the contents of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's speech to Tamil. The farmers were inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's speech.

An awareness programme on "Pre Kharif season cum training" was conducted at the KVK, Sikkal on 20.06.2018. Mr.N.Sampathkumar, Officer i/c, KVK, Sikkal inaugurated the programme. Mr.V.Gnanabharathi, Programme Assistant (Technical) welcomed the gatherings. Mr.R.Vetherethinam, Farm Manager handled technical session on Pre season agronomical practices. Dr.R.Vimal, SMS (Veterinary) explained IFS technologies suitable for Nagapattinam Dt. Demonstration of vermicompost, coirpith compost, tree seedling production were conducted. Exhibition on agriculture and allied technologies was also organized. More than 160 farmers participated in this programme.

VISITORS

Visit of Senior Officers from Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Assam



A team of senior officers from the Dept. of Fisheries, Assam led by Dr.Ramandra Burman, Information Officer, Directorate of Fisheries, Assam visited the FCRI, Thoothukudi on 28.06.2018. The team was taken to the various units and facilities of the institute and appraised of the ongoing activities. They were also taken to nearby aquaculture farms.

Mr. Vivekanadan, Director of Fish Mark, an NGO based at Bangaluru and Mr. Chandramohan, Field Manager visited CoFE-Metro Fish Processing Facility on 28.06.2018 and had a discussion with Dean and faculty for possible collaboration to conduct need based intervention to train the fisherwomen groups.

STUDENTS CORNER

FCRI, Thoothukudi

Commencement Ceremony 2018:



The Commencement Ceremony 2018 of 2014-15 batch was conducted at the FCRI, Thoothukudi campus on 06.06.2018. During that function Mr.V. Chandrasekaran, Consultant for Small Business Entrepreneurs and Vice-President – Global Markets and Global Client Operations, Consumer Operations was the Chief Guest. Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean of this institute delivered the presidential address. Ms. Keerthana, IV B.F.Sc. student welcomed the gathering. Dr.R.Jeyashakila, the Students Coordinator delivered the felicitation address and Dr.V.Rani, Students Counsellor proposed vote of thanks.

Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Ponneri

Farewell to first batch wards



Dr.M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri organised a farewell programme to the first batch (2014-18) of B.F.Sc students of the institute on 04.06.2018. During the ceremony, fondly known as Skylarks- the final year students expressed their gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor of TNJFU, teachers of the institute and Dr.Balasundari, coordinator of the batch. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c and all the staff of the institute wished a prosperous future for the outgoing students.

Swachh Bharat summer Internship programme

The "Swachh Bharat summer internship programme" was conducted in the main campus of Dr. MGR FCRI, Ponneri on 30.06.2018. On this eve, all the students and casual labours of the institute participated in the campus cleaning programme.



Fourth Sports and College Day at Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Ponneri



The Fourth Sports and College Day of the Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri was celebrated on 27.06.2018. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c was the Chief Guest for the sports inauguration ceremony. Fourteen sports events for the students and friendly sports events between faculty and students were conducted.

Dr. Antony David Nathan, Principal i/c, L & G College, Ponneri was the chief guest of the prize distribution ceremony. The overall trophy of Sports as well as College day was won by Second year B.F.Sc students (Hilarious Hawks). All arrangements for the events were made by Dr.Suruli Muruganandan, Physical Director, Th.P. Velmurugan, Sports Officer and other office bearers of the Students Association.

CoFE participated in Tamil Nadu Golden Festival-2018



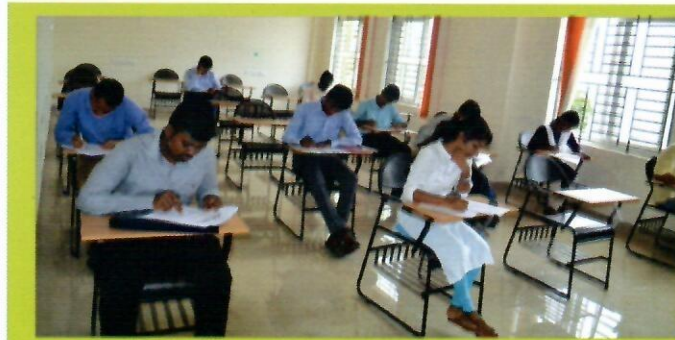
Three students of CoFE participated in a district level competition 'Tamil Nadu Golden Festival-2018' organized by Tamil Development Department of EGS Pillay Engineering College, Nagapattinam on 29.06.2018. Dr. M. Ramar, Assistant Professor guided the students to participate this event.

IFPGS, Vaniyanchavadi Students' field visits



First year B.Tech (Biotech) students were taken to the Crocodile Park at Vadanemmeli on 15.06.2018 to study the conservation status and captive breeding of crocodiles. Dr. E. Suresh and Mr. N. Daniel, Assistant Professors accompanied the students.

Campus interview



A campus interview was organized at the IFPGS on 29.06.2018 to recruit candidates for the post of Manager (R & D) and Management trainee (R & D) for the Water base Limited, a private company. Among the ten candidates who appeared for the interview, one was selected for Manager (R&D) and seven others for Management trainee (R&D).

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Dr.M.G.R. FCRI, Ponneri

Skill Training on "Aquaculture Technician"



A Skill Training Program on "Healthy Shrimp and GIFT Tilapia Production using Biofloc Technology" of 25-day Duration for Aquaculture Technician was inaugurated by Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c, Dr. MGR FC&RI, Ponneri on 06.06.2018. A total of 25 participants from different parts of Tamil Nadu participated in the training programme.

DIVE-RAMANATHAPURAM

Directorate of Incubation and Vocational training in Fisheries, TNJFU, Ramnad celebrated World Oceans Day on 08.06.2018 by conducting coastal cleanup programme and gave a presentation entitled "Plastic- free oceans " and " Hygiene in fish handling at landing centres" at Devipattinam in collaboration with Dept. of Fisheries, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, Forest Department, IFAD, Vivekanandha Higher secondary school and Wildlife Institute of India, Thondi Division. Mr. Abdul Khadar Jailani, Asst. Director of Fisheries coordinated the programme.

TNJFUA, Chennai

Field visits

The in-service trainees (one year) were taken to St Peter & Paul Seafood Exports (P) Ltd., Kanigaipair, Oothukottai, Tiruvallur dt. on 14.06.2018 and to Kasimedu Fishing harbour and fish landing centre on 29.06.2018 on field visits.

Guest lectures to the in-service trainees

Sl. No.	Name of the guest speaker	Date	Topic
1.	Dr.K. Venkatraman, Former Director, Zoological Survey of India	07.06.2018	Biodiversity resources (250 years of Biodiversity conservation will it remain?)
2.	Mr. Ravichandhran, Asst. Director of Fisheries	22.06.2018	Leasing of fishing rights in intensive inland fish culture tanks and the farming of <i>L.vannamei</i> in brackish and freshwaters



NAARM & TNFU's joint effort on "Scientific communication & developing winning research proposals"

The training on "Scientific communication and developing winning research proposals" was conducted by Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University Academy (TNJFUA), Chennai in collaboration with the NAARM, Hyderabad during 21.06.2018 -23.06.2018 for 24 Assistant Professors of the University. The Principal scientists from NAARM served as resource persons for the training. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor presided over the valedictory function and Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM delivered the Chief Guest address. Dr. R. Senthiladeban, Director, TNJFUA proposed vote of thanks.

DCeSA, Thanjavur

Training programme on "Loach culture and breeding technology"

KK Parakkai Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture, Parakkai conducted a training programme on "Loach culture and breeding technology" on 12.06.2018. Thirty seven participants attended the programme. Demonstration on loach breeding techniques was performed.

Training on Water quality management in shrimp farming at KGCESA, Kanniyakumari Dt

A one day training programme on "Water quality management in shrimp farming" was organised by Kanniyakumari Ganapathipuram Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture, on 21.06.2018. Mr. Anix Vivek Santhiya, Assistant Professor, KGCESA organized this programme. Nine farmers attended this training.

Awareness programme

- Department of Fish Process Engineering organized an awareness program on "Marketing options and strategies for value added fishery products" for two SHG members from Keechankupam and Akkaraipettai villages on 29.06.2018.
- Director, DIVF inaugurated the awareness programme for fishermen conducted by IFAD and Department of Fisheries and delivered a guest lecture on "Hygienic handling and management of fish and fish landing centre" on 25.06.2018 at Devipattinam, Ramanathapuram District.

Diary of events

Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor delivered a the talk on "UG Admissions (2018-19)" in Chennai FM Rainbow 101.4 as a part of Admission Promotions on 10.06.18.

The Vice-Chancellor released the online rank list for UG admissions in the website for the year 2018-19 at the University Headquarters along with the Chairman of Admission Committee Dr. S.A. Shanmugam and Dr. A. Srinivasan, Registrar i/c on 30.06.18

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