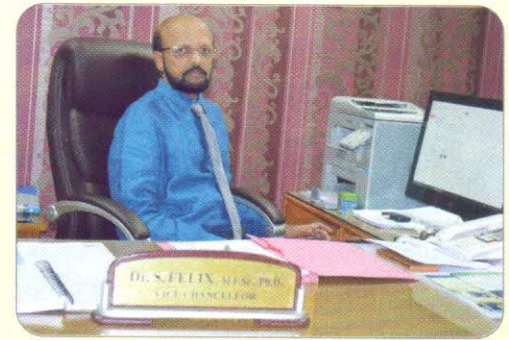


# TNFU NEWS LETTER

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



We have commenced the classes for the students of the new college at Thalainayeru, Nagapattinam dist. We have admitted 23 students this year for the third Fisheries College and Research Institute of TNFU! With this our admission strength for B.F.Sc. is increased to 150 per year!

With the initiative of NABARD, Chennai we have organised a Brain storming session on "Climate change & mitigation in Fisheries and Aquaculture". This exercise was mainly to help our faculty to develop a few major proposals for funding support. I am thankful to Dr.S.N.A. Jinnah, CGM of NABARD for the way he has been guiding us to avail the funds of NABARD.

The book of "Acts, Statutes, Regulations and Rules" (ASRR) has been brought out for the first time with in a record time 6 months. I congratulate the team involves Dr.G.Sugumar, Dr. Stephan and Dr.N.Felix for the job well done!

We have inaugurated the Shrimp Research Facility at Kanyakumari dist. and Dr. Moss of Hawaii Pacific University, USA visited our facility. He also delivered a lecture in the Workshop arranged at Nagercoil this month. We are planning to have a collaboration with this premier institute to under take research on shrimp.

TNFU would continue to grow on the Vision plan envisaged for its positive progress!

**Prof. S. Felix**  
Vice - Chancellor

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**International Workshop on 'Marine Biotechnology and Shrimp Genetics Research' at Nagercoil**

An International Workshop on "Marine Biotechnology and Shrimp Genetics Research (IWMS' 2017)" was



conducted at Nagercoil on 27.10.2017 by the Directorate of Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (DCeSA) of Tamil Nadu Fisheries University (TNFU). Dr. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor presided over the program. Inaugurating the program, Dr. Shaun M. Moss, Executive Director, Oceanic Institute of Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii, USA, in his inaugural speech, mentioned the possibility of increasing production of shrimps in India through genetic improvement of species. He also outlined the research and expertise of Oceanic Institute in the genetic improvement of *Penaeus vannamei*. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, mentioned that the University is actively working for the development of aquaculture and now the University is going to carry out the research in collaboration with Oceanic Institute of Hawaii Pacific University. He also highlighted the need for genetic research in fishes and shrimps as this area is mostly neglected in the country. He expressed his preference for genetic improvement works in shrimps by Post Graduate and Doctoral research students of all the Universities and assured of all assistance by the TNFU. The District Collector, Th. Sajjansingh R. Chanvan also made his presence in the program and felicitated the workshop and appreciated the efforts of Tamil Nadu Fisheries University. Dr. Akshaya Panigrahi, Principal Scientist, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai and Mr. Ravi Kumar Yellanki from Visakhapatnam were the other speakers in the program. Topics such as selective breeding of shrimps, genetic improvement of *Penaeus indicus*, need for the development of indigenous shrimp-based farming systems, challenges in the identification of the suitable species for Indian context, etc., were presented by the speakers. There was also a group discussion at the end of the program in the evening. This program was attended by 100 registered participants that comprised academics and industry people. Earlier Dr. J. Stephen Sampath Kumar, Director, DCeSA and

Convener of IWMS' 2017 welcomed the gathering. Dr. C. Judith Betsy, Assistant Professor, KKGCSA, Ganapathipuram, Nagercoil & Organising Secretary, IWMS' 2017 made the arrangements for the program.

**Brain storming session on "Better Planning and Budgeting for Climate Change Adaptation in Aquaculture and Fisheries"**

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University in association with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) organised a brain storming session on "Better Planning and Budgeting for Climate Change Adaptation in Aquaculture and Fisheries" at the FCRI, Ponneri on 25.10.17.



Inaugurating the workshop, Dr.S.Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNFU in his inaugural address acknowledged NABARD's continuous support to TNFU especially in infrastructure development of the University. Dr.S.N.A.Jinnah, Chief General Manager, NABARD Regional Office, Chennai, in his address, invited TNFU to act as Centre of Excellence in climate change in fisheries sector by playing a lead role in framing the National and State Action Plan for Climate Change (SAPCC) in fisheries sector. Mr.V.Mashar, DGM, NABARD gave a presentation on "Climate finance for fisheries and aquaculture sector – national and international scenario". He further continued to explain how to write and win a climate change related project from NABARD and also informed about the climate change areas in which TNFU is expected to send project proposals to NABARD. In the valedictory function, bamboo saplings were distributed to the participants of the session. TNFU Staff, Students (PG & Ph.D), progressive farmers and State Fisheries Department officials attended the event.

**World Food Day-2017**

The World Food Day 2017 was celebrated at CoFE on 16.10.2017. The theme of World Food Day 2017 was "Change the future of migration., Invest in food security and rural development". Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean delivered his presidential address on the role of students to improve food security. Various competitions were conducted and prizes

