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Dear Readers,

Another year has begun and it is time for new hope and expectations which keep our lives vibrant. Generally, we don't consider the dawn of a new year as just another day and simply stay home and take it easy. The enthusiasm we continue to carry with every new year and the promises and resolutions we make keep us going and growing for the better. I wish the year 2021 does bring us pleasant surprises and happiness all around.

TNJFU has seen a surge in activities during January 2021. The visit of honourable Union Minister of Fisheries, Shri Giriraj Singh to our Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park has to be seen as an opportunity to grow further attracting more support as he promised to extend such parks in other regions of the State to increase ornamental fish production and livelihood of fishers. The visit of Chief Executive of NFDB Dr. (Smt.) Suvarna Chandrappagari, IFS to the same facility did add colour to our Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park. The new year meeting of the University Officers had focussed discussion on matters concerning the progress of the University. I congratulate the Dean and team of Dr.MGR FCRI, Thalainayeru for having organized the annual event, 'Chola – Aqua 2021' on virtual mode bringing in experts to share their knowledge and expertise with over 100 registered participants. Besides, a start-up cell was also opened at the institute and MoU signed with two progressive farmers. The 72nd Republic Day was celebrated with fervour at all our Centres and on the occasion Best Researcher, Best Teacher and Best Extension Worker awards were given to Dr.A.Uma, Dr.N.Jayakumar and Dr.K.Chandrasekar respectively based on new guidelines issued for the selection from among the faculties of the University.

The EDII-MPBIF facility at FCRI, Thoothukudi has inducted quite a few incubatees and nurtures start-ups in fish processing enterprises. Four different institutes came forward to sign MoU with the MPBIF to promote entrepreneurship for their students. The real success of this incubator would be harnessed only when our young graduates make use of the facility and try establishing their start-ups and become successful entrepreneurs. DIVF has added another facility, CIVF at Thengapattinam fishing harbour to help promoting deep sea fisheries of the State.

Anything that starts well should progress well and so with the good beginning we shall work together making the year 2021 a truly memorable one for the TNJFU.

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VC Events

The Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries visited ARTP :



Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India visited the Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP) at Madhavaram, Chennai along with Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary to Government, Department of Fisheries, Government of India on 21.01.2021. He was given a warm welcome and the faculty staff of the referral laboratory and ARTP presented the activities and plans. The Minister also released TNJFU's fish feeds which were received by Tmt. Thilagavathi, Incubatee, ARTP. During this occasion the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. G. Sugumar, Dr. K. Gopal, Principal Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean, Dr. MGR FCRI, Ponneri and Dr.N.Felix, Director, DIVA, Muttukadu were also present.



Chief General Manager, NABARD visited TNJFU :

Thiru. S. Selvaraj, Chief General Manager of NABARD visited the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam on 04.01.2021. During the visit, the Vice-Chancellor had detailed discussions with the Chief General Manager. The Registrar, Director of Research, Director of Extension Education and the Estate Officer-in-charge were also present in the discussion meeting.



38th University Officer's Meeting :

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU arranged a New Year meeting with all University Officers on 08.01.2021 at

TNJFU, Nagapattinam. Besides, the Vice-Chancellor held detailed discussions with the University Officers on the development activities to be evolved in the University and its constituent units for future progression.



Visit to Dr. MGR FCRI, Thalainayeru :

The Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University visited Dr. MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayeru campus on 09.01.2021 and reviewed the arrangements made for the conduct of "Chola Aqua".



Virtual National Workshop on 'Chola Aqua 2021' :

The Dr. MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayeru organized a Virtual National Workshop on 'Chola Aqua 2021' on 11.01.2021. During the inaugural session, Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor delivered the inaugural address, Dr.J.K.Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi delivered Chief Guest Address and Dr.S.Balasundari, Dean, Dr.MGR FCRI, Thalainayeru delivered the welcome address. The Vice-Chancellor also released the Souvenir of the workshop and a copy of the same was received by the Dean, Dr. MGR FCRI, Thalainayeru. A start-up cell was also inaugurated at this college premises to boost entrepreneurship among students and the general public on this occasion. In the workshop, Dr.Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean, College of Fisheries, CAU, Agartala, Tripura, Mr. B. Ravikumar, General Manager (Technical), Growel Feeds Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh, Dr. P.E. Vijay Anand, Senior



Consultant, Emerging Markets Development Programme, U.S. Soya bean Export Council and Mr. Eashwar Dev Anand, CEO, Farm hub Services (OPC) Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam have deliberated on various topics about the theme.

72nd Republic Day Celebration :



Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University celebrated the 72nd Republic Day on 26.01.2021. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor unfurled the National Flag. On this occasion, he remembered with gratitude the enormous efforts and sacrifices of millions of freedom fighters whose blood and sweat gave us Republic India and reiterated our commitment towards nation buildings. The Vice-Chancellor also honoured the best teaching (Dr. N. Jayakumar, Associate Professor), research (Dr. A. Uma, Professor) and extension (Dr. K. Chandrasekar, Subject Matter Specialist, KVK) faculty of the University by providing an appreciation award in recognition of their contribution. He also awarded Mrs. A.Ramani, Manager, Registrar office and G. Immanuel, Typist, CE office with a certificate for their best work.



Inauguration of Co-Working Space at FCRI, Thoothukudi :

The Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi organized a Programme on "Inauguration of Co-Working Space Popularisation of EDII-MPBIF to the Allied Departments" on 29.01.2021. Thoothukudi District Additional



Collector Thiru. B. Vishnu Chandran, IAS, inaugurated the programme in the presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr.G.Sugumar, the Director of Research and the Dean, FCRI, Thoothukudi. Around 150 members participated in the programme. In the function, the Dean, Dr.B.Sundaramoorthi, FC&RI, Thoothukudi delivered the welcome address. The Additional Director, Thiru. P. Selvarajan, EDII, Chennai, over his address insisted the gathering to become a part of EDII-MPBIF and to get benefited by putting forth the innovative ideas in the above-said forum. The Deputy Director, Thiru. R. Muthuraman, EDII, Chennai in his address overviewed the working strategies of EDII- MPBIF. MoU was signed between EDII – MPBIF, FC&RI, Thoothukudi and Kamaraj College, Holy Cross Home Science College and Annammal College of Education from Thoothukudi and Bishop Heber College from Trichy.

Inauguration of the New Building of CIVE, Thengapattinam (Thoothoor):

Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the New Building for the Centre for Incubation and Vocational Training in Fisheries at Fishing Harbour, Thangapattinam, Kanyakumari District on 29.01.2021. Dr. N. Neethiselvan, Director - Directorate for Incubation and Vocational Training in Fisheries(DIVF) Ramanathapuram in his felicitation address, stressed the need for the capacity



building of fisher youth in the field of Navigation and Seamanship and Marine Engineering so that they can emerge as certified personals to work in Deep sea and offshore fishing vessels as Skippers and Engineers. Mr. Ajith Stalin, Assistant Director of Fisheries also spoke on the occasion.

Vice-Chancellor's Visit to Constituent Units :

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor visited the following constituent units of TNJFU: Fisheries College and Research Institute, Mylaudy, and Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (CeSA) Kanyakumari-Parakkai on 30.01.2021.



In the Visits, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor met with staff and discussed the activities of the units, and viewed the availability of facilities and resources at the premises. The status of the infrastructure at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Mylaudy was reviewed.

College News

Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi National Youth Day:

National Youth Day celebration was observed at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Thoothukudi on 12.01.2021. On this occasion, an essay writing competition on Youth Power in National Development and Poetry Writing Competition on Modern Culture & Youth were conducted among the students of this Institute. Dr.S.Athithan, Vice-President of the Students' Association coordinated the entire competition.

One Day On-Campus Training on Farm Made Fish Feed Preparation:

Department of Aquaculture offered one day On-Campus training programme on Farm Made Fish Feed Preparation on 22.01.2021. A total of 10 trainees (including 1 woman) in and around Thoothukudi have participated. Dr.B.Sundaramoorthi, Dean distributed the certificates to the participants.



National Voters Day:

Staff and students administered the pledge on "National Voters Day" on



25.01.2021 on the theme "Making our Voters' Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed".

72nd Republic Day :

The teaching and non-teaching staff of Fisheries College and Research Institute celebrated the 72nd Republic Day. Dr. B. Sundaramoorthi, Dean unfurled the National Flag and the College Staff, Students and Security Personnel honoured the National flag. Mr.S.Nandhagopal and Ms.Amirtha Kayalvizhi of Final Year students of B.F.Sc. delivered their speech on patriotism in Tamil and English respectively.



On this occasion, Dr.B.Sundaramoorthi, the Dean presented the Best Worker Awards to Mr.S.Thanapaul Sebastin, Computer Operator among group 'B' employees, Mr.A.R.Prakash, Electrician among group 'C' employees and Mr.V.Thanuskodi, AAO and Mr.S.Suthakar, Electrician among contractual employees for their best performance during the year 2020.

Martyr's Day:

"Silence was observed and pledge against untouchability" was administered on 29.01.2021 in connection with Martyr's Day.



Dr. M.G.R FC & RI, Ponneri

Traditional day (Paarambariya Vizha) :

The Pongal festival combined with Traditional day (Paarambariya Vizha) was celebrated on 12.01.2021. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean, presided over the function and delivered an address on the importance of cherishing traditional values as it is necessary to boost morale during the COVID-19 scenario. As a part of the celebration, Students' prepared sweet Pongal and based on a taste panel the tastiest Pongal was rewarded. Uriadi competition was also conducted for students and staff. Final year B.F.Sc students Mr. Ashik and Mr. Dhinakaran under the guidance of Dr.D.Manikanavelu, Vice President, Students' Association coordinated the arrangements for the event.



Celebrated the 72nd Republic Day :

Dr. M.G.R Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri, celebrated the 72nd Republic day at its main campus on 26.01.21. The Dean of the institute, Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean unfurled the National flag and the college staff, students and security personnel honoured the National flag. On this occasion, Kamali, A. I Year M.F.Sc., gave extempore about women empowerment and Dr. L. Suruveli, AP, DFEES spoke about the role of Indian fisheries in food security. To acknowledge their contribution to the overall development of the Institute, Dean presented Best Worker, Best Contractual Labourer (Male) and Best Contractual Labourer (Female) awards to Mr. Srinivasan, Mr.N.Suresh and Mrs. V. Sathya respectively.



Training programme on Culture of Asian Seabass using Recirculating Aquaculture system:

NADP funded 5 days training programme on the Culture of Asian Seabass using Recirculating Aquaculture System was conducted by the Department of Aquaculture. The training was conducted from 18.01.21 to 22.01.21. The training programme also included field visits to PRFF, Pulicat and ARFF, TNJFU Madhavaram Campus. In valediction, Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean of the institute distributed participation certificates to the 20 beneficiaries of the training. Mr. T. L. S. Samuel Moses served as the coordinator for the training programme.



Voters' Day observed :

All the teaching as well as non-teaching staff of Dr.M.G.R Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri assembled



in front of the institute's main building at 11.00 a.m. on 25.01.2021 to take a pledge on the "Voters Day". The Dean of the institute, Dr. B. Ahilan read out the pledge which was recited by the employees of the institute.

Visit of Chief Executive, NFDB to ARTP, TNJFU Madhavaram Campus :

The Chief Executive of the National Fisheries Development Board, Dr. (Smt.) Suvarna Chandrappagari, IFS., visited Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP) at TNJFU, Madhavaram on 29.01.2021. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean, Dr.M.G.R FC&RI, Ponneri welcomed the Chief Executive and explained the purpose of ARTP and briefed the technical aspects of Hatchery, Nursery, Live feed, Growout, Health Care and Fish packing units to the Chief Executive at the respective units. The Chief Executive also visited Biofloc, Azolla, Aquaponic units and Kayalagam at TNJFU Madhavaram Campus. The Executive Director of NFDB Dr. Vijay Kumar and Joint Director of Fisheries (Research) Dr. P. Reena Selvi, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu accompanied the Chief Executive and participated in the discussion



Observed Martyrs Day :

All the teaching as well as non-teaching staff observed two minutes of silence and a pledge against untouchability on the "Martyrs Day" on 29.01.2021.



Two days Workshop:

The Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics [DFEES], Dr. M.G.R. FC & RI, Ponneri conducted two days' Workshop on 'Application of Statistics Using MS Excel in Research' from 29.01.21 to 30.01.21. Dr.S.Suresh,



Asst. Professor, Dept. of Statistics, University of Madras and Dr.N.Kumar, Asst. Professor, School of Management Studies, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology are the two external experts of the workshop who delivered lectures on various aspects of the application of Statistics using MS Excel in research. In valediction, Dr. B. Ahilan - Dean of the institute distributed participation certificates to the 19 participants.

Student Secured Ph.D admission in Foreign University :

Bharathipriya Rajasekaran, who completed Master of Fisheries Science (2018-19 Batch) in Fish Processing Technology at Dr. M.G.R FC & RI, Ponneri got selected for the Doctor of Philosophy [Ph.D] Programme under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Soottawat Benjakul in Food Science and Technology in Faculty of Agro-Industry at Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Hat Yai, Thailand. The Student is awarded PSU President Scholarship for her entire duration of the study.



Dr. M.G.R Fisheries College & Research Institute, Thalainayeru

Blood Donation Camp:

A blood donation camp was arranged in coordination with the Blood Bank, Government Hospital, Nagapattinam, under NSS programme on 08.01.2021. The final year students and staff have donated the 15 units of blood.



Pongal festival celebration:

Students and Staff have participated in the Pongal festival with traditional attire on 08.01.2021.



MoU Signed with progressive farmers:

TNJFU has signed MoU with a progressive fish and shrimp farmer, Mrs. S. P. Saravanan, Proprietor of M/s. Siva Neela Fish Farm at Mayiladuthurai with 30 years of experience in rearing freshwater and brackishwater fishes and Mr. N. Durairasan, Proprietor of M/s. Bharat Aqua Farm at



Kilvelur, Nagapattinam district with 21 years of experience in shrimp farming. The MoU was signed on 8.1.2021 on the occasion of the National Workshop, Chola Aqua 2021 organized by Dr. MGR FC&RI, Thalainayeru.

Voters Day Pledge, 2021:

Voters Day Pledge was taken by the employees on 25th January 2021 at 11 am.



Pledge against 'Untouchability':

The staff administered the pledge against Untouchability and observed silence in connection with Martyr's day on 29th January 2021 at 11.00 a.m.



Republic Day Celebration:

Republic Day was celebrated on 26.01.2021. Dean, Dr.S.Balasundari hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering. Selvi. P.N. Aishwarya, III B.F.Sc has delivered a speech on online mode through online. Dr. A. Subburaj, Assistant Professor coordinated the event.



Fisheries College and Research Institute (Mylaudy)

Pongal celebration :

On this day all the staff came in traditional attire and celebrated Samathuva Pongal.



Technical guest lecture:

Dr. P. Velayutham, Dean In Charge, Fisheries College and Research Institute, (Mylaudy) Parakkai, Kanniyakumari District has delivered a Technical awareness guest lecture on Value-added Fishery products, to the Fisherwomen on Prime Minister Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PMFME - ODOP). The programme was arranged by District Industrial Centre (DIC), Nagercoil on 19.01.2021 and 100 fisherwomen



participated in the technical awareness programme. Mr. M. Aravind, IAS, District collector, Kanniyakumari District inaugurated the programme and delivered the inaugural address.

Mrs. A. Swarnalatha, General Manager, District Industrial Centre, Nagercoil. Mr. M. Kasinatha Pandian, Deputy Director, Fisheries Department, Nagercoil. Mr. L. Prabhakar, Regional Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Nagercoil, Mr. Mariya Dhasan, Costal People Development Association, Nagercoil, Father M. Stephen, Director, Coastal Peace and Development, Nagercoil were present.

72th Republic day celebration:

Fisheries College and Research Institute, Parakkai has celebrated the 72nd Republic day. Dr. P. Velayutham, Dean In-charge, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Dr. J. Stephen Sampath Kumar, Director, DSA. All the teaching and non – teaching staff attended the program maintaining social distance.



Pledge against Untouchability:

Staff administrated the pledge against untouchability on 29.01.2021 by maintaining social distance.



College of Fisheries Engineering, Nagapattinam

11th National Voters Day:

This day was celebrated to spread awareness regarding effective participation in the electoral process among voters. Dr. R. Rajendran, Dean (i/c), College of Fisheries Engineering preside at the event on 25th January 2021. The coordinator of this event, Dr. M. Kamalakannan, Assistant Professor, thanked the gathering.



Institute of Fisheries Post Graduate Studies, Chennai

Republic Day celebration :

The Institute celebrated the 72nd Republic Day of India. On this occasion, Dean of the Institute Dr. S.A. Shanmugam, Dean unfurled the national flag and addressed the gathering



College of Fisheries Nautical Technology, Thoothukudi

National Youth Day:

The National Youth Day was celebrated on 12.01.2021. The Dean of the college, captain. S. Viswanathan gave a special speech about the importance of Youth in the country. The cadets voluntarily gave a speech on the youth day and its importance.

Pongal Celebration:

The students and staff of CFNT, Thoothukudi celebrated the Pongal festival on 13.01.2021. Dr. Neethiselvan, Director, DIVF and Captain. S. Viswanathan, Dean of this institute distributed the Pongal sweets to the staff.



72nd Republic Day Celebration:

Capt. Viswanathan, Dean, COFNT, Thoothukudi unfurled the National Flag and the College Staff and Security Personnel honoured the National flag. Subsequently, his Republic Day address reminded the constitutions of India, plans of the college and training to the fishermen.



Directorates

Directorate of Sustainable Aquaculture, Thanjavur

The Republic day was celebrated on 26.01.2021 by hoisting national flag at Thanjavur Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (MCeSA), Mandapam Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (MCeSA), Krishnagiri-Barur Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (KBCeSA), Kanyakumari Parakkai Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (KKPCeSA), Kanyakumari Ganapathipuram Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (KKGceSA) and Erode-Bhavanisagar Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (EBCeSA)



Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Aquaculture

Shrimp harvest day:

"Shrimp harvest day" was done on 07.01.2021 at the outdoor aquaculture



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unit, DIVA, Muttukadu in the presence of Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor. About 181 kg of shrimps weighing 20gm each was harvested in 150 sq.m. It was sold for Rs 300/kg earning a profit of Rs.24,567.

National voters day pledge:

All the staff of DIVA have administered the National Voters Day pledge based on the theme "Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed" on 25.01.2021.



Pledge against untouchability:

All the staff of DIVA have observed two minutes of silence in connection with Martyr's Day as well as administered the pledge against untouchability on 29.01.2021.

Sale of floating feed:

Aquafeed (180 kg) manufactured from the mill at DIVA campus was sold to the fish farmers in the presence of Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor on 07.01.2021.



Republic Day on 26.01.2021:

Dr. N. Felix, Director, DIVA, hoisted the flag and delivered a presidential address. On this occasion, to



appreciate the efforts of staff, best worker awards were given to Mrs.S. Vijayalaksmi (Assistant) and Th.K. Paramasivan (Office Assistant).

Directorate of Extension Education KVK, Sikkal

Field Level Demonstration:

A field-level demonstration of Hygienic Masala Dry fish production was done between 19.01. 2021 to 25.01.2021 using Solar Dryer. Dryfish and Masala flavoured Dryfish were hygienically prepared from anchovies. Dr. A. Mathivanan, SMS (Fish Pro. Tech.) explained the operational and packing procedure of Solar Dryer to the villagers.



National Voters Day:

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sikkal, Nagapattinam observed "11th National Voters Day" on 25th January 2021 to make our voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed. Dr. A. Gopalakannan, Programme Coordinator, KVK administered the pledge. All other staff of KVK were present on the occasion.

