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



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

## VC EVENTS

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On the eve of Pongal, the Doordarshan, Chennai invited Dr.S.Felix, Vice-Chancellor to deliver a talk on the activities and achievements of the University which was broadcast in the "**Vayalum Vaallvum**" event telecast by the Doordharshan Station, Chennai on 10.01.2019

**Dr.S.Felix delivers lead speech at the National Seminar on Climate Smart Aquaculture**

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North East Society for Fisheries and Aquaculture (NESFA), Agartala, Tripura and Zoological Society of India (ZSI), Gaya, Bihar in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee Year celebration of the Central Agricultural University (Imphal). The inaugural programme was graced by Thiru. N.C. Debbarma, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue and Fisheries, Government of Tripura in the presence of Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (Fisheries Sciences) ICAR, Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Vice-Chancellor, CAU (I), Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU, Dr. Dilip Kumar, Former Director, ICAR-CIFE, Prof. V.L. Dharurkar, Dr. B.N. Pandey, President, ZSI, Dr. N.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-NIASM, Dr. A.K. Saxena, Former President, Indian Science Congress, Dr. P.K. Pandey, Dean, CoF, CAU (I) and other dignitaries.

- Dr. S. Felix also attended the "*International Conference On Challenges And Opportunities For Sustainable Fisheries And Aquaculture Development*" and delivered a key note talk on **Need of Advancements and advocacies in Indian Aquaculture (COSFAD 2019)** on 17.01.2019 at the College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri

**TNJFU mobilises Rs.75 crores investment for the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet - 2019**

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Nadu during 23-25 January 2019 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandampakkam. Dr.S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU and Dr. K. Karal Marx, Dean in-charge, IPGS participated in the valedictory ceremony presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 24.01.2019. Thiru. Venkiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President, Government of India was the chief guest of the function. M/s. BMR INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED, CHENNAI signed an MOU for investment of



Rs. 50 crores in Vannamei Shrimp hatchery and promised employment for about 450 persons and M/s. HAPPY VENTURES, SWEDEN with an Indian counterpart M/s. Shibin Nutraceuticals Private Limited signed an MOU for investment of Rs. 25 crores in algal culture and promised employment for about 150 persons.

#### 70<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION OF TNJFU

The Vice-Chancellor hosted the flag on the 70<sup>th</sup> Republic day function held at the University headquarters, Nagapattinam on 26.01.2019. He distributed *Best Workers Award* to selected staff of the University during the occasion.



- The Vice-Chancellor visited Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited, Thiruchirapallion 23.01.2019 to identify land for the TNJFU Kayalagam, a retail fish sales outlet, for hygienic fish consumption.



#### Certificate course on "Fishing Technology and Fish Product"

The Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Fisheries (DIVF), conducted a three months certificate course on "*Fishing Technology and Fish Product Preparation*". It was inaugurated by Dr. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor of TNJFU on 16.10.2018. Overall 22 fisher youth from various parts of Thoothukudi district participated in the course. The valedictory function was conducted on 25.01.2019. Dr. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor



presided over the function and distributed the certificates to the fisher youth. In his address the Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for skill development among youth of fisher community and detailed the certificate programmes, one-year diploma programmes and degree programmes to be offered by the University. Mrs. Balasaraswathi, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thoothukudi stressed the need for such vocational certificate courses for solving unemployment issues among fisher youth and demanded more specialized short term training programmes for the fisher youth. Dr. L. Ranjith, Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Thoothukudi gave the felicitation address.



#### DIRECTORATES

##### Brackishwater Aquaculture – BRAQCON 2019

The TNJFU team led by Dr.R. Jayaraman, Director of Extension Education, In-charge attended the International Conference on Brackishwater Aquaculture – BRAQCON 2019 conducted by the ICAR-CIBA at Chennai from 21-25, February 2019. The activities of the University were displayed

in a stall at the Exhibition arranged during the event. TNJFU publications worth Rs.2,120/- were sold to the farmers. Besides, 4 annual and 4 life membership for the Quarterly publication MEEN VALA SUDAR were collected from the farmers. About 300 persons visited the TNJFU Stall.



#### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT DIVA, MUTTUKADU

The 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebration was celebrated at the Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Aquaculture (DIVA), Muttukadu on 26.01.2019. Dr. N. Felix, Director i/c., unfurled the national flag and delivered the republic day address on the importance of the Republic Day of India and he reiterated it is the day which marks the adoption of the constitution of India by the people. Also, he emphasized on value of Diploma and B.Voc courses offered by TNJFU. Teaching, non-teaching and Diploma students participated on this occasion. Th. C. Manavalan, Project Manager, DIVA, Muttukadu made all arrangements for this program.

The Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Aquaculture (DIVA) signed MoU with various private fish/ Shrimp farms and feed additives company for the benefit of Diploma and B.Voc. students (internship program).

Sl. No.	Name of the Farm	Date
1.	M/s.Shibin Nutraceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Saligramam, Chennai – 600 093	28.12.2018
2.	M/s. Aquatic remedies, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099.	29.12.2018
3.	M/s. King Aquatic, Gummidipoondi, Thiruvallur Dt. – 601 201.	
4.	M/s. Periyar integrated fish farm, Vandalur, Chennai -600 048.	30.12.2018
5.	M/s. Monish Aquatics Pvt. Ltd. Palur, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram Dt.	30.12.2018
6.	M/s.Sun Marine Hatchery, Ramnagar south, Chennai – 600 091 (Chennai region)	02.01.2019
7.	M/s.Sun Marine Hatchery, Ramnagar south, Chennai – 600 091 (Nellore region)	

#### Pre Rabi Campaign-One Day Awareness Programme and World Soil Day.

“Pre Rabi Campaign-One Day Awareness Programme and World Soil Day” was conducted on 11.01.2019 at District Collectorate, Nagapattinam. Around 550 farmers from all blocks of Nagapattinam District participated in this



programme. Dr.R.Santhakumar, Programme Coordinator, KVK, welcomed the gathering. Dr.R.Jayaraman, DEE, Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalathaa Fisheries University gave felicitation address. Dr.S.Sureshkumar, IAS, District Collector, Nagapattinam presided over the function. The District Collector requested the farmers to utilise the KVK effectively for season and location specific technologies. Prof.S.Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU, Nagapattinam delivered special address. Th.M.Narayanasamy, Joint Director of Agriculture, Nagapattinam, Dr.P.Nedunchezhiyan Regional Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Th.N.Chandrakasan, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Th.K.Kirishnapillai, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Th.A.Manivannan, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Nagapattinam, Th.P.Prabhakaran, Asst. General Manager, NABARD, Th.V.G.Shankaran, District Manager, Lead Bank delivered keynote addresses. Exhibition was conducted with 14 stalls on Agriculture and allied activities. Booklet on Rabi crops and allied technologies was released during the function. 50 Soil Health Cards were distributed to the farmers. Th.N.Sampathkumar, Officer in charge, KVK, Sikkal gave vote of thanks. Subject Matter Specialists Dr.K.Chandrasekar, Th.E.Hino Fernando, Dr.S.Muthukumar and Th.V.Gnanabharathi, Programme Asst. (Technical) and Th.R.Vedharethinam, Farm Manager Selvi.G.Ramya, Programme Asst. (Computer) attended the programme.



## COMMON PROGRAMMES / EVENTS

### Boat Driving Training Programme conducted at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi



A 'Boat Driving Training Programme' with a duration of three days (19.12.2018, 20.12.2018 and 03.01.2019) was conducted by the Department of Fishing Technology and Fisheries Engineering of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi. The training included onboard driving sea voyage experience using 18' FRP boat fitted with 25 HP Out Board Motor (OBM). TNJFU Team manager and coach Dr.D.Natarajan, Asst. Director of Physical Education, FC&RI, Thoothukudi accompanied the students.

### Special programme on "Leadership skill" at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi



A special programme on "Leadership skill" was organized at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi on 22.01.2019 in collaboration with Rotary club of Spic Nagar. In the inaugural address, Rotarian V.R.Muthu, Chairman,



VVV & Sons edible Oils Ltd., Virudhunagar stressed on the need for developing a positive attitude towards life. Rotarian R.Radhakrishnan and Rotarian Rajesh delivered felicitation addresses. Mr.Ephram Xavier, International Trainer. Alchemist Academy, Chennai delivered a lecture on Leadership skills. Group activities were also conducted.

### The visit of World Bank Team to FC&RI, Thoothukudi

Thiru. Martin Kumar, the World Bank Expert explained the purpose of the visit and requested the members to come up with ideas on the sustainability of Punnakayal estuary in the light of the structure constructed across the estuary. The members discussed the ecological impacts of the estuary.



According to the members, the present structure has only one outlet to let out the excess water and during rainy season, the water level will out flow the structure through the adjoining areas without creating major changes in the ecology of the estuary. To study the ecology of Punnakayal estuary, it is necessary to have a short term study (at least 3 months duration) covering the ecological parameters of the estuary so that a report can be prepared for the sustainability of the estuary. The Additional Director expressed that the project



will be closed by march 2019 without extension and she mentioned that cages could be installed in the Punnakayal estuary for nursery rearing of commercially important fishes like mullets, Cobia, Pampano and Sea bass. She said that PG and Ph.D students can use it for their studies also.

### Organised New Year 2018 celebration by Students' Association of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi

The Students' Association of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi celebrated the New Year on 02.01.2019. Mr.G. Guru Prasana, Literary Association

Secretary of Students' Association welcomed the gathering. Dr.R.Jayaraman, Professor, Dept. of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics, Dr. S. David Kingston, Professor



and Head, Dept. of Fisheries Biology and Resource Management, Dr. P. Jawahar, Professor and Dr. M. Rajakumar Professor delivered felicitation addresses on the occasion. Dr.P. Velayutham, Dean i/c. delivered the presidential address and highlighted the need for improvement on a daily basis and that New Year is an occasion to have newer resolution to achieve our goals and dreams. The students organized a colourful display of cultural events that included group dance, solo dance, group singing etc. Thiru. P. Sivaganesh, General Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

#### 'Pongal Vizha' celebrated at FC&RI, Thoothukudi

The students and staff of the Fisheries College and Research Institute celebrated Pongal festival on 11.01.2019. The students and staff attended with their traditional attire, performed pooja, made pongal and celebrated with pomp. Traditional games activities including Pot breaking (Uri), Lucky Corner for girls & Staffs, Breaking of sugarcane and eating of sugarcane for boys and girls were conducted. Pot breaking game was won by Thiru. Subam of I M.F.Sc., Lucky corner was won by Selvi. Kavaiyarasi of I B.F.Sc., Lucky corner for staff was won by Selvi. Anusiya & Sugarcane eating won by Selvi. Sanofer Nisha II B.F.Sc., and Selvan. Guruprasana IV B.F.Sc., Sugarcane breaking was won by Selvan.Udhayakumar I B.F.Sc.



#### 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi

Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi, celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day in a grand manner.

On this occasion, Dr.P. Velayutham, the Dean i/c. presented the Best Teacher Award to Dr.R.JeyaShakila, Professor and Head, and Mrs.R.Shalini, Assistant Professor, Department of Fish Quality Assurance and Management. Thiru. U. Arisekar received Best Teaching Assistant Award. The Best Worker Award was given to Mrs. G. Booma and Th. K. Titus Mohan. Best Contractual worker Award was given to Th. A. Chandrasekaran. The Best Students award was received by Selvi.S.Deepika, II Ph.D., Selvi.A. Brita Nicy, III Ph.D., Selvi. M.Muthu Abisha, II M.F.Sc, Selvi. N.N. Naga



Kalpatha Shree, II B.F.Sc., Selvi.S. Thanga Anusya, III B.F.Sc., Selvi.K.Shasti Risha, IV B.F.Sc.,

#### Traditional day (Paarambariya Vizha) Celebrated

Pongal festival combined with Traditional day "Paarambariya Vizha" was celebrated at Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri on 08.01.2019. Dr.B. Ahilan, Dean, presided over the function and delivered address on the importance of cherishing traditional values.



Three batches of students prepared sweet pongal and based on a taste panel remark they were rewarded. Rangoli completion, Uriadi competitions were held for students and staff. Essay and elocution completions were conducted for students on "Character Building with special focus on making youth sensitive to traditional values". The students' Club Secretary Thiru. Vignesh (III B.F.Sc) and his Team organised all the activities of celebration under the guidance of Dr.D.Manikandavelu, Vice President, Students' Association.

#### Five days training programme on "Entrepreneurship development in brackishwater finfish and shellfish farming" conducted

Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College & Research Institute, Ponneri in collaboration with National Institute of



Agricultural Extension Management [MANAGE], Hyderabad conducted MANAGE's off-campus training programme for five days (21-25, January 2019) on "Entrepreneurship development in brackishwater finfish and shellfish farming". Overall, twenty six participants participated in the training.



Institute Faculty and external experts gave lectures on entrepreneurship development in brackishwater finfish and shellfish farming. The participants were taken to the Institute's on-campus and off-campus facilities, CP Aqua feeds, Chennai, FIMSUL project, a Mussel culture farm and a shrimp farm. Selvi Agnes DaneyAngela, Head, Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics (DFEES) and Dr. C. Lloyd Dr.LloydChrispin, Assistant Professor, DFEES co-ordinated the training.

#### Sapling plantation programme conducted at Dr.M.G.R. FC&RI, Ponneri

The NSS unit of Dr.M.G.R. Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri and Nethaji Tree Bank, Ponneri jointly organised sapling plantation programme on 23.01.2019



at Dr.M.G.R. FC & RI campus premises in commemoration of Nethaji Subhas Chandra Bose birth anniversary. Dr. S. Balasundari, Professor and Head, Department of Fish Processing Technology presided over the function and Thiru. Paulraj, Inspector of Police, Ponneri, inaugurated the function by planting a sapling. Representative from Nethaji Social organisation and Nethaji Tree Bank, Ponneri and public volunteers participated. Thiru. R.Velmurugan, NSS programme officer and Asst. Professor, DFTFE coordinated the event.



#### Republic Day celebrated at Ponneri

The students and staff of Dr.M.G.R Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Republic day at the Institute's main campus at 9 am on 26.01.19. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean was escorted to the celebration dais by the Chief of the security staff and a guard of honour was performed by the students and security staff of the Institute. The Dean unfurled the National flag and the college staff, students and security personnel honoured the National flag. In the republic day address, the Dean spoke on the history as well as importance of India becoming a republic and ICAR's participation in the Republic Day parade with its tableau showcasing "KISAN GANDHI". On this occasion, three students gave ex-tempore speech on different facets of Republic day celebrations. The Dean then honoured the University award winners and felicitated the winners of all India cultural and sports competitions. Thiru.R.Velmurugan, Assistant Professor, DFTFE coordinated the republic day celebrations.

#### New Year 2019 celebration at OMR Campus

The Staff and students of the IFPGS, OMR Campus celebrated the New Year 2019 with the joy and happiness. Everyone took part in the celebration and shared their New Year wishes. The cake-cutting ceremony was organized, led by the Dean in-charge, IFPGS. The students of I year B.Tech (Biotechnology) performed a group dance. The Dean-in-charge, IFPGS wished all a happy New Year.

#### Pongal Celebration at OMR Campus, Chennai

The Tamil farm harvest festival of Pongal was celebrated at the IFPGS campus on 10.01.2019. Students decorated the campus with *kolam* (rangoli) and cooked "Chakkaraipongal"



in earthenware pots. The expression of "Pongalo Pongal" song was sung by faculties and students of the campus. The pongal was shared by all and the day ended with the traditional Tamil game called "Uriyadi" in which everyone in the campus participated and enjoyed.

#### **PONGAL DAY CELEBRATION-2019 IN DR.MGR FCRI, THALAINAYERU**

Pongal day was celebrated in the campus on 10.1.2019. Traditional games and sports were conducted for teaching, non-teaching and students. The events were orchestrated by the students. Rangoli was the special competition conducted for girls and boys. Prizes were distributed to the all the participants. The day whole day went with gaiety and traditional fervor.



#### **Republic Day Celebration at IFPGS, OMR Campus, Chennai**

The IFPGS, OMR Campus celebrated 70<sup>th</sup> National Republic Day on 26.01.2019. Dr. K. Karal Marx Dean-in-charge hoisted the national flag and gave Republic Day address. He distributed honoured award for best teaching and non-teaching staff with medals and certificates, IFPGS. The best M.F.Sc., students were also awarded on the day.

#### **A reflection on the activities of the Ist Batch of MBA (Fisheries Enterprises Management) for the month of January 2019.**

To get students aligned with the industry practices and procedures, the students of the MBA programme were on an industrial visit to Butterfly Gandhimathi Appliances Ltd., (Manufacturers of Butterfly Brand of appliances). The visit helped them to gain knowledge and insight into the functioning and management of a manufacturing unit.

A visit to the Golden jubilee Biotech Park for Women Society was also undertaken by the staff and students of TNJFU - MBA along with their fellow students of TNJFU-IFPGS On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, students of First year MBA along with faculty Dr.Karunakaran attended a seminar on "Mindfulness" by Senior Corporate Trainer Thiru Suresh Vijendran at Andhra Chamber Conference Hall. The seminar aided the students in being empathetic towards the stress levels in companies and how to cope up with the same. The seminar helped them to mould the way of thinking of students about the emotional stress levels of employees of various organizations. Dr.Karunakaran and Mrs R S Vinitha joined TNJFU Business School (Fisheries) as Teaching Assistants, to guide and develop the students of MBA.

Pongal was celebrated in a grand way at the TNJFU-IFPGS campus. Students of the MBA class were delighted and happy to be part of the celebrations.

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