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*From the Desk of  
Vice-Chancellor.....*



Dear Readers,

A lot of good news this month. Our students have made us proud by securing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions at the AIEEA 2020 organized by the ICAR. A total of 31 students of TNJFU made it to the 100 ranks, 13 students came within 25 and 5 among the top10 ranks. One of our Assistant Professors from DCeSA, Dr. Somusunder Lingam has won Prof. K.H. Alikunhi Gold Medal and an International Travel Award for having adjudged the best Ph.D. student by the ICAR. Hearty congratulations to the students and the staff and all who helped achieving this remarkable feat. The Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, SDPC during the visit to the Aquatic Technology Rainbow Park was lavish in his praise for the unit and assured of additional support. The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries personally distributed admission letters to the meritorious students who secured B.F.Sc. admission.

The World Fisheries Day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> November in all our constituent units, marked by webinars, awareness programmes, invited lectures, competitions involving fish farmers, fishermen and women, students and the general public to emphasize and promote fisheries in a responsible and sustainable manner. Besides, Vigilance awareness week, National Integration Day and Constitution Day were also observed. A few offline training programmes were initiated successfully following all precautions with care to impart hands-on experiential learning to the trainees and feel relieved from the clutches of restrictions experienced over the past.

I could complete visiting all institutes and the constituent units of TNJFU this month to get to know the activities first hand. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our staff especially at Fisheries College and Research Institute at Ponneri and Thoothukudi. As we know, nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm as it offers the best in any given situation. An effective way to cope up with any change in life is when we readily put us in that situation with enthusiasm without prejudice. This enthusiasm needs to be nurtured by encouragement and guidance to harness the potential of every individual for the benefit of the University.

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Vice-Chancellor

## VC EVENTS

### Hon'ble Minister distributed admission letter to toppers of U.G. Admission 2020-2021

Thiru. D. Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries and Pro-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University handed over the admission letter to the top five meritorious students admitted to B.F.Sc Program in the presence of Dr. K. Gopal, Principal Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, Chennai and Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU on 20.11.2020 at Secretariat, Chennai.



### UG Admission – Rank List Released

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor released the online rank list for UG Admissions for the year 2020-21 at the University Headquarters on 01.11.2020. Chairman of Admission Committee Dr.P.Jawahar and Dr. A. Srinivasan, Registrar, TNJFU also present.

### The Vice-Chairman, State Development Policy Council (SDPC) visited ARTP on 05.11.2020

The Hon'ble Vice-Chairman of State Development Policy Council (SDPC) visited the Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP), and the State Referral Laboratory for Aquatic Animal Health (SRLAAH) at Madhavaram and inspected the facilities at the premises created under TANII projects.



### Academic Council Meeting

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor chaired the 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held at Conference Hall, Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP), Madhavaram, Chennai on 03.11.2020.



### Visit of Constituent Units

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor visited the following constituent units of TNJFU: Dr. MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri, and Pulicat Research Farm Facility, Pulicat on 04.11.2020; Centre for Incubation and Vocational Training in Aquaculture (CIVA), Poondi on 06.11.2020; Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi and Maritech Research Farm Facility, Tharuvaikulam on 12.11.2020.

During the visits, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor met with staff and discussed the activities of the units, and viewed the availability of all facilities and resources at the premises.



Dr. MGR FC&RI, Ponneri

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PRFF, Pulicat

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CIVA, Poondi

FC&RI, Thoothukudi



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### New Boys Hostel inaugurated at FC&RI, Thoothukudi

The newly constructed Boys Hostel at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi with the funds under ICAR development grant was inaugurated by Dr. P.S. Pandey, Assistant Director General (EP & HS), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi through video conference on 12.11.2020 in the presence of Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU.



### Participation in Webinars

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the following National Webinars: "Water Quality Management for Aquaculture" organized by National Institute of Technology Puducherry, Karaikkal on 16.11.2020; "Aquaculture-Innovations, Sustainability and Beyond" Organized by FC&RI, Thoothukudi on 18.11.2020 and "Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources for Fish Production and Conservation" organized by FC&RI, Thoothukudi on 21.11.2020.

### College News

#### Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi:

#### 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> ranks in All India Entrance Examination for postgraduate admission

The final year B.F.Sc. students Selvi.S.Atshaya, Selvi.A.Jancy Robina and Selvan.T.Ganesh Kumar secured first, second and fourth ranks respectively in All India Entrance Examination (AIEEA) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India for Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.



The Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalithaa Fisehries University Dr.G.Sugumar, the Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi Dr.B.Sundaramoorthi and staff appreciated and felicitated the students for their accomplishments.

### Vigilance Awareness Week 2020

All the staff of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi observed the Integrity pledge on "Vigilance Awareness".

As a part of Vigilance Awareness Week, NSS unit of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi organized the online Intra University Quiz competition. Five colleges namely Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi, Dr.MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri, Dr.MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayeru, College of Fisheries Engineering, Nagapattinam and College of Fish Nutrition and Food Technology, Madhavaram participated.



### Visit of the Director EDII, Chennai to EDII - Marine Products Business Incubation Forum (EDII - MPBIF)

The Director, Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII - Chennai), Thiru. S. Nagarajan IAS visited EDII- Marine Products Business Incubation Forum (EDII- MPBIF), Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi on 06.11.2020. The activities of EDII- MPBIF, Thoothukudi were explained by Dr. B. Sundaramoorthi, Dean, and Dr. P. Ganesan, Project Co-ordinator



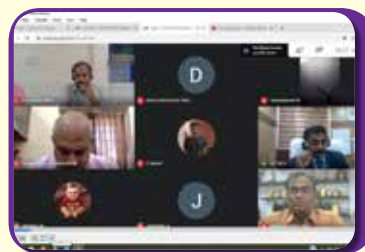
### National Integration Day

The "National Integration Day" was observed on 19.11.2020. All the staff of this institute were administered the pledge.



### National webinar on Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources for Fish Production and Conservation

A National webinar on "Sustainable Management of Aquatic resources for fish Production and Conservation" in commemoration of World Fisheries Day 2020 was organised on 21.11.2020. The Dean and Convener Dr. B. Sundaramoorthi welcomed the gathering and briefed about the importance of World Fisheries Day. The Vice-Chancellor Dr. G. Sugumar inaugurated the Webinar. Dr. A. Biju Kumar, Professor and Dean of the Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala delivered a lecture on "Biological Invasion in Inland Aquatic Ecosystem".



Dr. K.Venkataraman, Former Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, delivered a lecture on “*Management of Coral reefs*”. Dr.V. K Venkataramani delivered a lecture on “*Marine Vertebrates in Gulf of Mannar*”. Professor Dr. Sudhir Kumar Das, Head of the Department of Fisheries Resource Management, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Science delivered a lecture on “*Sustainable Management of Fisheries*”.

Dr. S. Ram Kumar, Scientist, ICAR – CMFRI, Mumbai and Dr. L. Ranjith, Scientist, ICAR – CMFRI, Thoothukudi delivered special talks for the students on Fisheries Management. Poster competition on “*Blue Revolution*”, short essay writing on “*Future of Indian Fisheries*” and Model making competition on “*Marine Turtle Conservation*” were conducted for the students. About 263 participants were registered for this programme. Department of Fisheries Biology and Resource Management coordinated the programme.

#### **An awareness programme on Preventive measures for common monsoon diseases**

An awareness Programme on “Preventive measures for common monsoon diseases” was organized on 24.11.2020. A talk on “Preventive aspects in Siddha Medicine” was arranged.



Dr. B. Sundaramoorthi, Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi spoke on the importance of herbal medicine in combating diseases. Dr. M. Sankararama Subramanian, Assistant Medical Officer, Government Headquarters Hospital, Thoothukudi mentioned the

ingredients and the method of preparation of the health drink which can be used both as a prophylactic and therapeutant. Dr. Latha, Assistant Medical Officer, Padukappathu, Thoothukudi district spoke on the health benefits of herbal medicine. She demonstrated Pranayama (breathing exercises). Finally, all staff and students were given with Nilavembukasayam.

#### **Constitution day**

Constitution Day” was celebrated on 26.11.2020. All the staff and students of this institute were administered the pledge.



As a part of the celebration, an online quiz on “Constitutional values and fundamental principles of the Indian Constitution” was conducted for students. E-certificate was issued to students. Total of eighty nine

students participated in the programme.

#### **Awareness Training Programme on Fish based Bakery Products**

EDII- MPBIF organized an awareness programme on “Fish based Bakery Products” on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Th.Simranjeeth Singh Kahlon, IAS, Sub – Collector has organized the meeting at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi. A total of 22 participants from different bakery shops in

Thoothukudi participated in this awareness training programme. Dr. B. Sundaramoorthi, Dean, Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi delivered the special lecture. Dr P. Ganesan, Assistant Professor and Project Co-ordinator, EDII - MPBIF, delivered a talk on the importance and health benefits of fish. Further, he explained the process of converting into fish-based bakery products with scientific accomplishments. He connected the incubate Mr. Suresh, M/s. JSF Delish Foods, Thoothukudi who is engaged in producing surimi powder (Fish Powder) to the participants.



#### **Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College & Research Institute, Ponneri:**

#### **Training programmes on Culture of Asian Seabass using Recirculating Aquaculture System**

Two NADP funded 5 days training programmes on Culture of Asian Seabass using Recirculating Aquaculture System were conducted by Department of Aquaculture. The first training was held for 20 beneficiaries from 02.11.20 to 06.11.20.

The second training was held for another 20 beneficiaries from 23.11.20 to 28.11.20. Dr.C.B.T. Rajagopalasamy, Professor and Head, Department of Aquaculture welcomed the gathering. Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean, presided over the function. Thiru. G. Ajay Anand, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thiruvallur was the chief guest. The faculty of Dr. M.G.R. FC & RI, Ponneri delivered lectures on various aspects of the culture of Asian seabass using Recirculating Aquaculture system. The training programmes also included field visits to Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Muttukadu and Directorate of Vocational Training in Aquaculture, Muttukadu.



#### **New laboratory facilities inaugurated**

Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the new microbiology laboratory in Department of Fish Processing Technology, Wet labs of Department of Aquaculture and Department of Aquatic Animal Health Management. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean accompanied the Vice-Chancellor during the visit and briefed the ongoing activities in the institute.



#### **Virtual Training on Biofloc Technology-based Tilapia and Shrimp culture**

The Department of Aquaculture & Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics (DFEES) jointly organized a three days virtual training on “Biofloc Technology-based



Tilapia and Shrimp culture" from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, November 2020. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean of the institute, inaugurated the training and delivered the first technical lecture of the training. The three days virtual training had 15 technical lectures of the institute as well as invited lectures of Programme Coordinator, KVK, Sikkal and Er. B. Suryakumar, CEO, Hitide sea farm, Mahendrapally. The virtual training was attended by 30 participants. Dr. C.B.T. Rajagopalasamy, Professor & Head, DAQ organised the event.

#### Training programmes on 'Freshwater Ornamental Fish Farming Technology'



Two 3 days of training programmes on "Freshwater Ornamental Fish Farming Technology" were conducted by Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP) with the financial support from Jeevajothi NGO, Madhavaram.

The first training was conducted for 15 women beneficiaries from Avurivakkam Village, Ponneri Taluk from 17.11.20 to 19.11.20. The second training was conducted for 15 women beneficiaries from Kulathumedu Village, Ponneri Taluk on 24.11.20, 27.11.20 and 28.11.2020. Topics on ornamental fish farming, water quality and disease management, biofloc technology, feed preparation and government schemes for Ornamental Fish Farming were delivered. Dr.K.Ravaneswaran, Project Officer, ARTP coordinated both the training.



#### NADP funded training and Entrepreneur e-meet

The Department of Fish Processing Technology (DFPT), conducted two days training program on Production, Packaging, Quality Control, and Marketing of value-added fish and seaweed products from 19.11.20 to 20.11.20. Eighteen from different sectors have participated. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean delivered the inaugural address and briefed about the Business opportunities



of value-added Aquatic Food products. Faculty of Dr. M.G.R. FC & RI, Ponneri and Official from TNFDC delivered lectures on various aspects. Participants had a hands-on experience on the processing of retort pouch products (Retort Pouch Fish & Shrimp curry and Retort Pouch Fish & Shrimp Biriyan). Entrepreneur e-meet of NADP scheme - Kayalagam was also conducted, and 28 entrepreneurs participated in the event. Food Industrial expert Mr. Kumaraswamy, Director of Nector Exports Private Limited and Mr. Mohammed Harris Khan, R & D Officer of Mondelez

India Pvt. Ltd a leading snack company delivered special lectures on the need for innovation for the sustainability of marketing.

#### World Fisheries Day

The World Fisheries Day celebrations started with the World Fisheries Day address by Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean. This was followed by a speech on "Future in the hands of fisheries" by S.Abirami of Second B.F.Sc. There was a special talk by Dr.Sheela Immanuel, Principal Scientist on the topic "Social skills: A Sensitization for Fisheries graduates to empathize and serve the Fisher community". All the students and faculty of Dr. MGR FCRI, Ponneri participated in the Programme. The Staff team interacted with the Fishers of Pazhaverkadu on the theme "Ways for sustainable Fisheries Productivity and the contribution of each one of us". Twenty four Fishermen Cooperative Society Presidents and Fishers of nearby villages. Thiru. Uthandu Raman, Inspector of Fisheries, DoF was also present during the interaction.



#### National Integration Day

Staffs took National Integration Day pledge on 19.11.2020.

#### College of Fisheries Engineering, Nagapattinam:

In view of the World Fisheries Day on 21-11-2020 three different events were organised.

#### Awareness program on Why Small-Scale Fish Processing Matters

The World Fisheries day was celebrated at the Fish Processing Incubation Facility, on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. One day awareness program was conducted on the topic "Why Small Scale Fish Processing Matters" for the wards of fishermen and college students. Further, the valedictory session was headed by Mr. P.S. Kamalakannan, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Nagapattinam Dr. N. Manimehalai, Dean i/c, College of Fisheries Engineering explained the importance of celebrating world fisheries day and fish processing potential. Certificates were distributed to the participants.



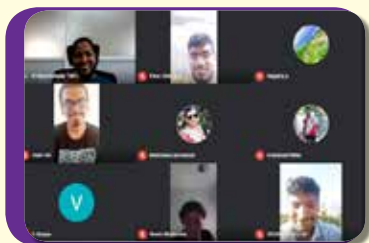
#### Fish farmer's interaction meet

Farmer meeting was arranged at Mallipattinam wherein Mr.Palanithurai farmer association president welcomed the gathering. Mr.T.Anand, Assistant Professor delivered a lecture on the importance of World Fisheries Day and better management and Disease prevention measures to be adopted to improve



shrimp production. 20 fish farmers participated. Mr. Govindaraj, shrimp farmer thanked CoFE and TNJFU for conducting such programmes at field level.

#### Video Contest on Blue Economy



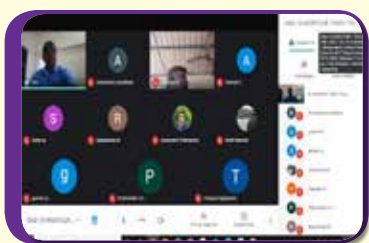
The video contest on the theme of 'Blue Economy' was conducted for the students. Dr. N. Manimehalai, Professor & Head, Department of Fish Process Engineering briefed on the opportunities available in the fisheries sector for the fisheries engineering graduates. The students showcased their videos online. The event was coordinated by Dr. D. Kesavan, Assistant Professor.

#### National Integration Day

The National Integration Day was observed on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Dr. N. Manimehalai, Dean i/c of this College presided over the event. She emphasized the importance of being united and maintain the secularism of India. Staff and Students and office workers took the National Integration Day Pledge-2020.



#### Dr. M.G.R Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayaru:



#### Training programme on GIFT Tilapia Farming

A one-day online training programme on GIFT Tilapia farming was offered on 10.11.2020. Topics on the current scenario of GIFT Tilapia culture in India & World were taught to the trainees. A total of 15 trainees (12 from various parts of Tamil Nadu and 3 from various states of India) participated. Department of Aquaculture organised the training.

#### World Fisheries Day

The "World Fisheries Day" was celebrated for the benefit of fish farmers, fisheries entrepreneurs, fisherfolk and aqua industries personnel on 21.11.2020.

#### Online "Question-Answer Programme"

Online "Question-Answer Programme" was organized in which 26 participants (11 from various parts of Tamil Nadu and 15 from various states of India) participated. Queries of fish farmers, fisheries entrepreneurs, fisherfolk and aqua industries personnel were answered by the experts of this college.



#### Release of Grass Carp Fingerlings in Community Ponds

Grass carp fingerlings were stocked in village community ponds at Oradiyambulam to control aquatic weeds. Dr. S. Athithan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Aquaculture Coordinated event.

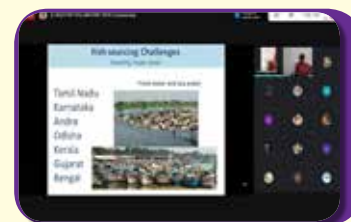


#### Essay writing, poetry and drawing competitions

Essay writing, poetry and drawing competitions were conducted for the students on the themes "Key role of fishers in food security, and Fish as Food and Small-Scale Fisheries", respectively. A total of 29 students took part in the competition.

#### Guest lecture

A guest lecture on "Marketing and value chain with special reference to modern trade practices in fisheries" by Mr. M. Dayalan, Consultant, World Fish Centre, Bangalore was arranged.



#### Cookery competition

A cookery competition on traditional fish food preparations was conducted for the employees of the college. 13 fish dishes were prepared and displayed. The food from Apple snail was the highlight.



#### Constitution Day Awareness programme

The Constitution day was organized with a special talk on "Constitutional values and principles of Indian constitution". The Dean, Dr. S. Balasundari inaugurated the programme. Th. Krishnakumar, Joint Secretary to Govt. (Rtd.), Personal and Administrative Reforms Department, delivered a special talk and detailed the preamble of the Indian constitution. Dr. P. Padmavathy, Vice President of Students' Association coordinated the programme. A total of 86 participants including Faculty and Students were benefited.



#### College of Fisheries Nautical Technology, Thoothukudi:

#### Constitution Day

The Constitution Day was celebrated on 26.11.2020 in Fishing Harbour Campus. As part of the celebration, "Preamble" of the constitution has been readout. The Dean captain. S. Viswanathan gave a special speech about the importance of constitution





and responsibilities of the citizens of India. Staff Mr. Dason Maria Santiago, Mr. A. Karthy, Ms. Barkavi, and Mr. Maria Gunasekaran gave speech.

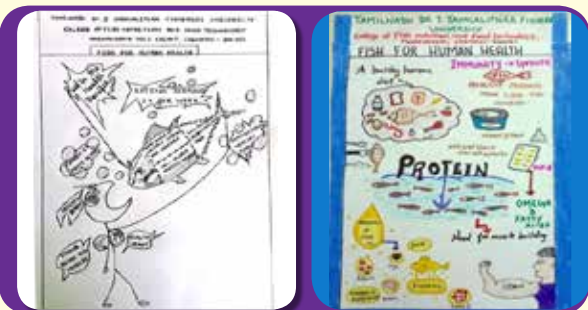
#### World Fisheries Day – 21.11.2020

Online Quiz Competition has been conducted as the part of the World Fisheries Day-2020 for the cadets. Staff have actively participated in the World Fisheries Day - 2020 program organized by the State Fisheries Department, Thoothukudi. Joint Director of Fisheries (In-charge), District DSP, Dean, CFNT, Assistant Professors from FC&RI attended. Dean Capt. S. Viswanathan gave a speech on the importance of adhering to the latest technology for the safe operation of the fishing vessel and safe navigation by using the Automatic Identification System (AIS). Fish food competition for the local fisherwomen was also conducted.



#### College of Fish Nutrition and Food Technology: World Fisheries Day

The "World Fisheries Day" was celebrated on 21.11.2020. Dr. Usha Antony, Dean gave the welcome address. Dr. A. Uma, Professor and Head, Paraprofessional Institute of Aquatic Animal Health Management delivered the message on the nutritive value of fishes. The Chief Guest Mr. Joseph Ragunath, Managing Director, Danica Aqua Exports Private Limited, Vishakhapatnam gave a lecture on "Seafood Processing and Industry Perspectives". An E poster competition was conducted for the students. on the theme "Fish for Human Health". E-certificates were issued to the winners.



#### DIRECTORATES

##### Directorate of Extension Education:

##### World Fisheries Day 2020

ICAR - Krishi Vigyan Kendra, a constituent unit of Directorate of Extension Education celebrated World Fisheries Day at the centre on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. Dr. A. Gopalakannan, Programme Coordinator delivered a talk on fisheries activities of KVK. Mr. R. Amal Xavier, Joint Director of Fisheries, the chief guest of the programme briefed about various activities of the fisheries department for fishermen. Mr. E. Hino Fernando, SMS (Fisheries Extension) imparted training on carp culture technologies. Dr. A. Mathivanan, SMS (Fish Processing Technology) imparted

training on preparation of fish and shrimp pickle and other value-added products from fishes. Memory Challenge competition on fisheries was conducted to the participants and prizes distributed to the winners. Ornamental fishes, water quality analyzing tools and value-added fish products were exhibited. Around 45 nos of fishers, fish farmers and entrepreneurs from the district participated.

##### PoshanMaah

Under this programme a Nutri-garden Training was conducted at Anganwadi Center, Thalainayeru by ICAR-KVK, on 06.11.2020 in the presence of Dean, Dr. MGR Fisheries College & Research Institute, Thalainayeru and Project Officer, ICDS, Kizhaiyu. 29 Anganwadi Workers participated. Protein, Carbohydrates, Fat, Fibre, Vitamins & Mineral rich Cereals, Pulses, Fruits, Vegetables and Value-added fishery products were displayed and distributed seeds kit. Technical sessions Models of Nutri-garden, Package of practices of vegetables and Nutri-thali were handled in the technical session.



##### Livelihood Enterprise Development programme (LEDP)

Poultry rearing (Other than Chicken) Skill Training was conducted for 7 days at Kutrampurinthaniruppu village, block Nagapattinam from 28.10.2020 to 04.11.2020. 30 women groups were benefitted. Manager, IOB, Sikkal inaugurated the programme. Prof. M. Kathirchelvan - Head, FTC, Tiruvarur, TANUVAS handled sessions.



##### Directorate of Incubation and Vocational training in Aquaculture (DIVA):

##### Fish harvest day and awareness program on cage culture of fish

A one-day programme on "Fish harvest day and awareness program on cage culture of fish" on 06.11.2020 at the cage culture unit, Poondi reservoir. Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU commenced the harvesting of fish and sales. Pangasius and GIFT tilapia were sold to the participants. Fish seeds were stocked by the respected Vice-Chancellor in the cages and the hapas. He has also delivered a presidential address to the beneficiaries highlighting the importance of the culture



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of fishes in cages. A total of 30 Inland fishermen participated. Dr. N. Felix, Director, welcomed the gathering and proposed vote of thanks.

#### National Integration day pledge



All the staff of DIVA took the National Integration day pledge on 19.11.2020. Dr. N. Felix, Director, read out the pledge.

#### World Fisheries Day

The Fisheries Awareness Meet was organised at Muttukadu on 21.11.2020. A total of 18 fisherfolk from Kundrukkadu fishing village participated. Dr. N. Felix, Director, DIVA emphasized the importance of responsible fishing. The participants were taken to research and production facilities of the Directorate. At the end of the program, saplings were planted.



#### Directorate of Incubation, and Vocational Training in Fisheries (DIVF) Ramanathapuram:

##### Special fishermen webinar

A special fishermen webinar was organized in connection with the World Fisheries Day 2020 on 21-11-2020 in association with Reliance Foundation, Madurai. Dr. N. Neethiselvan, Director, gave an introductory talk. He also made a note on the role of Centre of Incubation, and Vocational Training in Fisheries

(CIVF), Thoothukudi and CIVF, Thengapattinam in the promotion of deep-sea fishing. A total of 50 fishermen from Chinna Earwadi of Ramanathapuram district participated.

#### Directorate of Sustainable Aquaculture: World Fisheries Day

The Directorate of Sustainable Aquaculture centres at Thanjavur, Parakkai, Ganapathipuram, Bhavanisagar, Barur and Mandapam conducted events like Farmers meet, Awareness Programme and Field visits with lectures on Sustainable Use of Aquatic Resources and Conservation. The Faculty in each centre arranged and coordinated the event.



#### Awards / Medals

Prof. K.H. Alikunhi Gold Medal for overall best PhD Student and Prof. Ravindranath Krothapalli International Travel Award was announced by the ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai to Dr. Somu Sunder Lingam R, Assistant Professor, KBCeSA, Barur, for the significant contribution to the research output of the sector. The award includes a certificate with a gold medal and financial support of Rs. 20000/- for an International trip.

