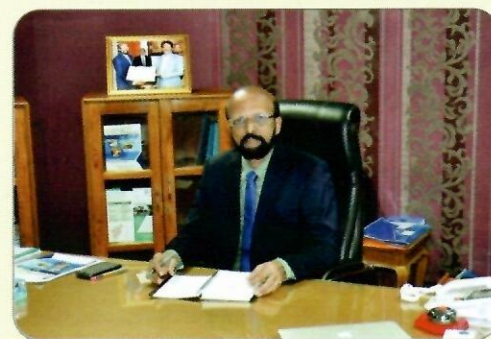


TNFU NEWS LETTER

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



The TNJFU successfully conducted its fourth Convocation at the IFPGS campus on 01.03.2018 in the gracious presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the university. Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the Pro-Chancellor of the university delivered a special address in the convocation. In a span of five years, since its establishment, the TNJFU conducted four convocations successively. Thanks to the great efforts of both staff and students of the university. From the next academic year, more number of degrees will be conferred in our convocation as we have started a couple of new programs in the TNJFU besides the regular fisheries program.

Ms. Rani Kumudini, I.A.S., Chief Executive, NFDB visited the ARFF, Madhavaram, RCeSA, Mandapam and PRFF, Pazhaverkadu during 12-14 March, 2018 on the occasion of conduct of NFDB-funded training programs in these centres and interacted with the trainees. She appreciated the facilities created in the TNJFU for conducting skill training programs.

Two MoUs were signed by the TNJFU during this month. The one with the NFDB, Hyderabad empanels TNJFU as a Regional Training Centre to conduct various skill training in fisheries. Another MoU with the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai will strengthen the TNJFU in the field of marine research.

The TNJFU, as a part of the Industry – Institute collaboration, signed an MoU with the Seribu Bio Systems SDN. MHD-Malaysia which will help to develop innovations in aquaculture and joint patenting of such innovations.

Attended the Annual conference of Vice-Chancellors of SAUs and Directors of ICAR Institutes in New Delhi on 07.03.2018. Thrust was given for doubling the farmer income by 2022 and to attract youth to entrepreneurship to make them job providers rather than job seekers. TNJFU works hard in these directions to achieve the goal.

Prof. S. Felix
Vice - Chancellor

Fourth Convocation of TNJFU



The Fourth Convocation of the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University was held at the Institute of Fisheries Postgraduate Studies, Vaniyanchavadi, Chennai on 01.03.2018 in the gracious presence of Hon'ble, Governor of Tamil Nadu and the Chancellor of the University, Th. Banwarilal Purohit. Th. D. Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries and Pro-Chancellor of the university delivered a special address. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor welcomed the gathering and presented the report of the University. The Chief Guest of the day, Dr. Narendra Singh Rathore, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education), ICAR delivered the convocation address. A total of 72 graduates were conferred the degrees which included one Ph.D., 30 Postgraduate (M.F.Sc.) and 41 Undergraduate (B.F.Sc.) degrees. Declaration of new endowments and awards was made by Dr. K. Gopal, Secretary to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu, AHD&F. Department. Dr. A. Srinivasan, Registrar i/c., declared the medal winners for academic excellence. A total of 25 medals were awarded for academic excellence. Remarkably a student, Ms. M. Muthu Abishag received ten gold medals for academic achievements in B.F.Sc. degree program. Dr. S. A. Shanmugam, Controller of Examinations coordinated the arrangements for the convocation.

TNJFU participation in the Krishi Unnati Mela 2018 Exhibition



The Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University participated in the "Krishi Unnati Mela 2018 Exhibition" in association with NFDB, Hyderabad at New Delhi during 16 - 18 March, 2018. In the TNJFU stall, charts on academic programs of TNJFU and technologies developed by the university were displayed. Besides the charts, fish feeds developed by the university, compost from fish waste and various Pulicate Omega and Poombuhar omega value-added fish products were displayed. Most of the visitors came as onlookers and some interested entrepreneurs and farmers asked queries about the technologies. Thiru. Kamalakannan, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Puducherry, Dr. M. M. Dwedi, Director of Fisheries, Jharkhand, Th. Ashishkumar, DDE, Jharkhand, Ashish Jindal, DDE, Chhattisgarh were some of the notable visitors to the stall. Dr. M. Nagoor Meeran, Director of Extension Education and

Th. M. Muruganantham, Assistant Professor, Dr. M. G. R. FCRI, Thalaigayiru made all arrangements for participating in this exhibition.

New MoUs signed

- **With the NFDB, Hyderabad (TNJFU as the Regional Training Centre for Skill Development Trainings)**



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam and the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad by Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor and Smt. I. Rani Kumudini, IAS, Chief Executive, NFDB on 14.03.2018 at Chennai. As per the MoU, NFDB empanels TNJFU as its Regional Training Centre (RTC) to conduct skill development programs for sustainable development of fisheries through RAS technology, biofloc technology, cage farming, etc. and replicate these technologies in potential states of India to realize the goal of Blue Revolution scheme. Dr. G. Jeyasekaran, Director of Research i/c., made all arrangement for signing this MoU.

- **With Seribu Bio Systems SDN. MHD, Malaysia**

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam and Seribu Bio Systems SDN. MHD, Malaysia by Dr. G. Jeyasekaran, Director of Research i/c., TNJFU and the Managing Director of M/s. Seribu Bio Systems SDN. MHD, Malaysia, Dr. Chandra L. Ramprakash at Chennai on 14.03.2018 in the presence of Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor. This MoU provides opportunities for collaboration to undertake research to develop innovations in aquaculture and / or related fields for mutual benefit and to jointly patent any innovations. This MoU also provides opportunities for interested students of TNJFU to pursue practical training at their aquaculture farms in Myanmar.

- **With the NIOT, Chennai**



An MoU was signed between the TNJFU, Nagapattinam and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai

on 15.03.2018. Dr. G. Jeyasekaran, Director of Research i/c., TNJFU and Dr. M. A. Atmanand of NIOT signed this MoU in the presence of Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU and Dr. R. Kirubakaran, Head of Marine Biotechnology Division and other scientists of NIOT. This MoU facilitates the arrangements and understandings that will lead to co-operation of activities and programs in the area of ocean sciences and resource propagation, which will enhance the quality of marine research.

Distinguished visitors to Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri



Mr. S. Murugavel, Professor (English) and Dean-Languages, The Oxford College of Arts, Bengaluru visited this institute on 28.03.2018 and delivered a guest Lecture on "Communication skills and personality development". Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c welcomed and felicitated the expert. Dr. C. Lloyd Chrispin, Asst. Professor coordinated the event.

Women's Day celebrations in TNJFU

• FCRI, Thoothukudi

International Women's Day was celebrated at the FCRI, Thoothukudi on 08.03.2018. On the occasion, entertainment programs such as dance performances and skit were enacted by the students of the institute. A special video show highlighting the women achievers among the students and staff of this institute was played to mark the women's day.

• Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri



On March 8, 2018, Women's Day was celebrated at the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c, in his presidential address, highlighted the importance of women for the development of the society. The Chief Guest of the day Ms. Vajeyanthi Mala, a fisheries entrepreneur, Pazhaverkadu shared her success story with the audience.

• CoFE, Nagapattinam



International Women's Day was celebrated at the CoFE on 08.03.2018. In his inaugural speech of the event, Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean, highlighted the value and achievements of women in the various fields. During the celebration, various literary competitions entitled 'Women empowerment' were conducted.

• IFPGS, Chennai

International Women's Day was celebrated at the IFPGS, Chennai On 08.03.2018. Dr. K. Karal Marx, Dean presided over the event and in his address highlighted the importance of women for the all round development in the various fields in future.

STUDENTS CORNER

I. FCRI, THOOTHUKUDI

NSS Special Camp



The NSS unit of the institute organized a special camp at Kurukattoor village of Thoothukudi district from 12.03.2018 to 18.03.2018. The week-long program included conduct of awareness on dengue and tuberculosis, village household surveys, village cleaning, total sanitation and hygiene, awareness on aquaculture and on preparation of fishery products, general medical camp, agriculture camp, veterinary camp, and other programs for school children. Dr. G. Sugumar, Dean inaugurated the medical camp and planted trees at the village in the presence of key village personnel. Thiru. T. Ravikumar, Assistant Professor and NSS Programme Officer co-ordinated the program.

Students won National Safety, Science and Productivity Day Competitions

Mr. C. Rajkumar, II B.F.Sc. and Mr. S. Babu Ganesh, III B.F.Sc. students of the FCRI, Thoothukudi won first and second prizes, respectively in essay competition (Tamil) and Ms. V. Subhashini, III B.F.Sc. and Ms. Jancy Robina, II B.F.Sc. won



first and second prizes, respectively in essay competition (English) and Mr. T.Ganeshkumar, II B.F.Sc. won first prize in poster competitions organized by Heavy Water Plant, Thoothukudi on 28.02.2018 in connection with National Safety, Science and Productivity Day Celebrations 2018.

Annual Sports Meet



The Annual Sports Meet 2017-18 was conducted at the college grounds on 23.03.2018. During inaugural function, Dy. Inspector General SB Venkatesh, Commanding Officer, ICGS, Thoothukudi declared open the sports meet in the presence of Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean. About 25 athletic events were conducted.

In the valedictory function, Mr.F.Parthiban, Sports Secretary welcomed the gathering. The Annual Sports Report was presented by Dr.D.Natarajan, Assistant Director of Physical Education. The Chief Guest, in his address, emphasized the need of sports to maintain physical fitness and hard work to achieve success in life. Presidential address was delivered by Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean. The best march past contingent was won by III B.F.Sc., students. Individual athletic championship for men and women were bagged by Mr.Tamilarasan, III B.F.Sc. and shared by Ms.S.Sangeetha, II B.F.Sc. & Ms.K.Kanimozhi, I B.F.Sc., respectively. The overall championship was won by III B.F.Sc. students. Mr.L.Sudhakar, Games Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

College Day celebrations

The College day of the FCRI, Thoothukudi was celebrated on 28th March, 2018. Various off-stage and on-stage events were conducted as a part of the celebrations. Ms.H.Benazir, Literary Association Secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr.S.Athithan, Vice-President of Students' Association presented the annual



report (2017-18) of the activities of the association. Shri.A.P.C.V.Chockalingam, Secretary, V.O.Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi was the Chief Guest of the event. In his address, he exhorted the students to exhibit dedication and devotion in their efforts to achieve greater goals. Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean & President of Students Association delivered the presidential address. The II B.F.Sc. students bagged the overall winners trophy and the III B.F.Sc., students won the runners' shield. Mr.P.Subash, General Secretary of the Students' Association proposed vote of thanks.

II. CoFE, Nagapattinam Sports Day Celebrations



Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean, CoFE, inaugurated the sports day celebrations on 09.03.2018 at the District sports stadium, Nagapattinam. Mr. B. Siva, District Sports & Youth Welfare Officer, Nagapattinam was the chief guest for the event. Mr. A. Surya, Games Secretary, CoFE, Students Association gave the sports day address. Mr. R. Pradeep, General Secretary, Students Association proposed vote of thanks. This program was coordinated by Er. R. Regupathi, (Sports Secretary), Assistant Professor.

Blood Donation Camp

A voluntary blood donation camp was organized on 13.03.2018 at the CoFE, Nagapattinam in association with



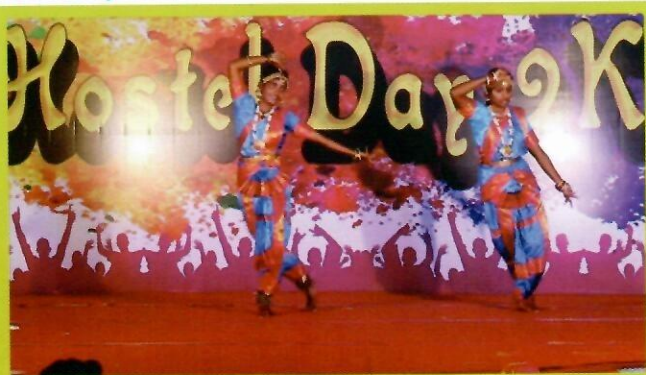
Government General Hospital and Lion's club, Nagapattinam. Mr. V. Rajsekar, Secretary, Blood Donation Club, Students' Association welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean, CoFE in his speech underscored the importance of blood donation. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Vice President, Students Association, Lion G. Devaraj, President, Lion's Club were also present. About 35 units of blood was donated during this camp. This program was co-ordinated by Er. R. Regupathi, Asst. Professor.

Inauguration of CoFE Students Association



The Students' Association of the CoFE was inaugurated by Dr.S. Balasubramanian, Dean and President of Students' Association on 17.03.2018. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Vice President of the Students' Association, in his speech, dealt about the duties of the office bearers. All the Secretaries took oath to put their efforts for college welfare. Mr. R. Pradeep, General Secretary, Students' Association, presented the work plan for the current year. Mr. R. Aravind, Students' magazine editor proposed vote of thanks. As a mark of the day, Ms. R. Raghasudha, Student Secretary, Eco club, arranged for tree planting at the students hostels.

Hostel Day Celebrations



CoFE-Hostel day function was celebrated on 17.03.2018. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean and President of Students' Association presided over the function. The hostel and mess secretaries (boys/girls) Mr. Mohammed Imthathullah and Ms. Sana gave a brief note on hostel facilities. Various cultural events were conducted by the students during the celebrations.

III. Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR FCRI, Ponneri Ponfima'18

The inter collegiate cultural competition, PONFIMA'18 was organized by the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. FCRI, Ponneri on 23rd



March, 2018 and a total of seven colleges participated in the competition. There were 14 competitive events under four categories. The First prize - Overall Rolling Trophy was won by the Madras Veterinary College; the second and third prizes were won by FCRI, Thoothukudi and CoFE, respectively. Winners were felicitated by the chief guest of the event Mr. Mohanasundaram, Additional Director of Fisheries (Marine). Dr. B.Ahilan, Dean i/c, appreciated the student and staff committee members for organizing the event successfully.

NFDB-SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training on Vannamei shrimp culture using Biofloc Technology at Madhavaram



The NFDB-sponsored training program on "Vannamei Shrimp culture using Bio-floc technology" was conducted at the ARFF, Madhavaram of Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri during 12-14 March, 2018. Fifty farmers from the various states attended the program. National and international speakers were invited for the deliberations. In the valedictory function, Ms. I. Rani Kumidini, IAS, Chief Executive, NFDB delivered the Chief Guest address and distributed certificates to the participants. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU accorded his gratitude for rendering financial support for the training program and he urged the farmers to get connected with the university for the technical updation. During this event, a practical manual on "Standard Management Practices for Shrimp farming: Farmer friendly Handbook on Aquaculture" and a brochure on "Advanced Research Farm Facility" were released. Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean i/c., felicitated the event. The second spell of this training program was conducted during 22-24 March, 2018. Dr.A. Gopalakannan, Asst. Professor organized these programs.

Training on Crab Fattening at PRFF, Pazhaverkadu



A three-day training program on 'Crab Fattening' organized by Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri was conducted at the Pulicat Research Farm Facility (PRFF) during March 14-16, 2018. This program was inaugurated by Ms. I. Rani Kumudini, CEO, NFDB, in the presence of Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor. Dr. B. Ahilan, Dean i/c, formally welcomed all the dignitaries. Prof. S. Felix briefed on the thrust areas of training in which TNJFU is currently active. During the inaugural program, a manual and brochure on "Crab Fattening" was released. Mr. Viswanath, Senior Executive, NFDB and Father Alwin from Pulicat were also present during the inaugural ceremony. Mr.T.L.S Samuel Moses, Assistant Professor organized this training.

Training on Contemporary Value-Added Fish Products at Ponneri



A training program on 'Contemporary value added fish products' was conducted at the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R FCRI, Ponneri during 14-16 March, 2018. This program was inaugurated by Ms. I. Rani Kumudhini, IAS, Chief Executive, NFDB in the presence of Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor. A total of 50 participants attended program. The training was coordinated by Dr. S. Balasundari, Professor and Head, Department of Fish Processing Technology. The second batch of this training was conducted during 20-22 March, 2018.

Training on Marine Ornamental Fish Farming and Cluster Group Formation at RCeSA, Mandapam

The Ramanathapuram Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (RCeSA) organized a training program on "Marine ornamental fish farming and cluster group formation" for three days from 13.03.2018 to 15.03.2018. The program was inaugurated on



13.03.2018 in the premises of RCeSA. Prof. S.Felix, Vice-Chancellor, Mrs. I. Rani Kumudini, Chief Executive, NFDB, Hyderabad, Dr. J. Stephen Sampath Kumar, Director, DCeSA, Dr.D.Sukumar, Director, Directorate of Fishing Technology, Training and Incubation, Dr.A.Nasser, Officer ic/, Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI, Mr.Isaac Jayakumar, DDF and Mr.Ganesan, Senior Scientist, Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute were present during the inaugural ceremony. A training manual entitled 'Marine Ornamental Fishes – An Introduction' was released during the occasion. Seabass fingerlings were also distributed by the Chief Executive, NFDB to the fish farmers of this region. This program was co-ordinated by Dr.C. Anand, Asst. Professor.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

I. FCRI, Thoothukudi

NET-FISH, MPEDA –Sponsored Awareness Programs



As a part of the National Science Day Celebration, an awareness program on 'Endangered Marine Organisms' was organized by the Department of Fisheries Biology and Resource Management, FCRI, Thoothukudi on 02.03.2018. Twenty nine participants attended the program. Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean, inaugurated the program and delivered the presidential address. The NET-FISH, MPEDA Co-ordinator, Dr.Vinoth, S. Ravindran, Thoothukudi and Dr.Thilaga, St. Mary's College delivered felicitation addresses.

Another awareness program on "Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing with special reference to minimum legal size (MLS)" was conducted on 07-03-2018. Forty participants including fishermen and students attended the program. Dr.G.Sugumar, Dean inaugurated the program and delivered the presidential address. The NET- FISH, MPEDA State Co-ordinator,

Thoothukudi, Dr.Vinoth S Ravindran, delivered the felicitation address. Dr. S.David Kingston, Professor and Head, Dr. P.Jawahar, Professor and Mr. P.Pavinkumar, Assistant Prof., Dept. of Fisheries Biology and Resource Management organized these awareness programs.



Training on "Tilapia Farming"

Dept. of Fisheries Biotechnology, FCRI, Thoothukudi, organized a one-day training on "Tilapia farming" on 21.03.2018. A total of 24 trainees attended the program. Dr. G. Sugumar, Dean distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. J. Jaculine Pereira, Asst. Professor and Head i/c., of the Department coordinated the program.

Training program on 'Recent Packaging Techniques for Fish and Fishery Products'

Dept. of Fish Processing Technology, FCRI, Thoothukudi conducted a vocational training program on "Recent packaging techniques for fish and fishery products" on 27.03.2018. A total of 18 trainees attended the program. Packaging materials, labeling and marketing strategies for fish and fishery products were explained to the trainees. Dr. G. Sugumar, Dean, inaugurated the event and motivated the trainees. Mr. V. Vijayarahavan, Assistant Professor, coordinated this program.

II. CoFE, Nagapattinam

Workshop on Scientific Writing

A workshop on 'Scientific writing' was organized on 08.03.2018 at CoFE, Nagapattinam. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean addressed the importance and need for documentation of research work, writing of manuscript and thesis in a scientific manner. Different lectures viz., art of scientific writing, ethics, plagiarism, and avoiding plagiarism, scientific writing using LaTeX were delivered. The workshop was co-ordinated by Dr. D. Kesavan and Er. S. Monikandon.

Workshop on 'Computer Aided Designing'

A workshop on 'Computer aided designing' was organized on 11.03.2018 at CoFE, Nagapattinam. This program was organized by Dr. M. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Basic Engineering.

Workshop on 'Solar Cell Panel and its Applications'

A Workshop on 'Solar cell panel and its applications' was organized on 21.03.2018 at CoFE, Nagapattinam. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean spoke about the solar cell panel and its applications in various fields on the occasion. More than 20 participants attended the program. This program was co-ordinated by Dr. M. Ramar, Assistant Professor.

Awareness Program on 'Preparation of Value added Fishery Products and Marketing'

A three-day skill development program on 'Production and marketing of value-added fish products' was conducted at Nagapattinam from 21.03.2018 to 23.03.2018 under the ongoing NADP scheme. A total of 28 fisherwomen attended the program. Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean inaugurated the program. The trainees were given exposure to hygienic handling of fishes and preparation of various value added fish products in this program. In the valedictory session, Mrs. Reenaselvi, Joint Director of Fisheries, Nagapattinam advised fisherwomen for opening of kiosk/stall for marketing the developed products. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Professor and Head, DFPE advised the fisherwomen to utilize the facility to produce more value added products from locally available fishes. This program was organized by Dr. N. Manimehalai, Assoc. Professor and Dr. P. Karthickumar and Dr. R. Brimapureswaran, Assistant Professors, DFPE.

III. Directorate of Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture, Thanjavur

a.Kanyakumari Parakkai Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (KPCeSA), Parakkai

Training program on Preparation of Value added Fishery Products

The KPCeSA conducted a training program on "Preparation of value added fishery products" on 28.02.2018 and 01.03.2018. A total of 20 fisherwomen affected by the recent Ockhi cyclone from Thoothoor and nearby villages of Kanyakumari district attended the program.

Training on "Freshwater Fish Farming Technology"

The KPCeSA conducted a training program on "Freshwater fish farming technology" from 12.03.2018 to 16.03.2018 under NADP Scheme on "Demonstration and training for farmers capacity building in CeSA of TNFU (2017-18)". Dr.J.Stephen Sampath Kumar, Director, DCEsA, inaugurated the program. Thirty six participants attended the program. Dr.K.Ravaneswaran, Prof. and Head, KPCeSA organized these events.

b. Erode Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture, Bhavanisagar

NADP training program on 'Freshwater Fish Farming Technologies'

A five-day training program on 'Freshwater fish farming technologies' was organized at the ECeSA at Bhavanisagar from 19.03.2018 to 23.03.2018. A total of 30 participants attended the program. Dr. S. Aanand, Assistant Professor and Head i/c., and Ms.C. Rajeswari, Teaching Assistant organized this program.

c.Thanjavur Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture, Thanjavur (TCeSA)

Training on "Advanced Freshwater Fish Farming Technologies"

A five-day training program on 'Advanced freshwater fish farming technologies' was organized at the TCeSA, Thanjavur from 20.03.2018 to 24.03.2018 under NADP Scheme. A total of 30 participants attended the training. Dr.V.Senthil Kumar, Asst. Prof. and Head of the centre organized this program.



DIARY OF EVENTS

- The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu conducted a day-long review meeting for Vice-Chancellors of the state universities on 03.03.2018. Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor participated in the meeting and made a detailed presentation about various activities of TNJFU. The Hon'ble Governor advised the VCs to improve university's rankings and to take steps to get into the category "one" of the UGC. The Chancellor also asked for the selection of best faculty members following the UGC regulations.
- The Vice-Chancellor of TNJFU Prof. S. Felix was felicitated as the "Guest of Honour" in the inaugural function of the National Science Day celebration at Pondicherry University held on 05.03.2018. The theme of the program was "Skill Development in Frontier Areas of Biological Sciences for Nation Building". Prof. S. Felix delivered an elaborate presentation on the various milestones crossed by TNJFU to become a leading Fisheries University in the country. He also briefed about the various programmes offered by the university.



- Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor attended the annual conference of Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Directors of ICAR Institutes at the NASC Complex, New Delhi on 07.03.2018. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare inaugurated the event. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR), in his welcome address, informed the ways to double farmers' income by 2022 and how to attract youth towards entrepreneurship. Shri Chhabilendra Roul, Special Secretary (DARE) & Secretary (ICAR) proposed vote of thanks.
- Prof. S. Felix, Vice-Chancellor visited the KVK campus, Sikkal and reviewed the ongoing activities on 12.03.2018. During his visit, he had a meeting with the staff members of the centre. He also visited the entire campus and various facilities available with the centre to carry out training programs for farmers. The Vice-Chancellor also spoke about development of several agriculture and aquaculture components in the KVK to promote and develop the farmers of the nearby region.

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