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Krishi Darshan Programme

The first phase of the Krishi Darshan programme was organized by the State Department of Agriculture at Ollukkara block of Thrissur district during October 25th-29th, 2022 with the active participation of scientists of Kerala Agricultural University. The programme aimed at documenting major challenges confronted by farmers and suggesting real-time solutions through direct interventions.



In the exhibition conducted in connection with Krishi Darshan Programme Kerala Agricultural University had a share of 11 Stalls. They represented by various research stations and propagated and the concept of value addition. Sri. P. Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Shri. K Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Housing, Agriculture Secretary, Director of Department of Agriculture, KAU scientists and officers of Department of Agriculture visited farms and participated in farmer gatherings.



DDG ICAR's Visit to KAU

Dr. R. C. Agarwal, Deputy Director General (Education), ICAR along with Co-ordinator, NAHEP and Dr. R. Chandra Babu, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, KAU visited various institutes/stations under Kerala Agricultural University from 13th-15th August 2022.



Thrissur Pooram Exhibition

Kerala Agricultural University participated in the All India Agricultural, Industrial, Educational and Cultural Exhibition organized as part of Thrissur Pooram 2022 conducted from 30th April to 31st May 2022. The exhibition was intended to create interest and awareness among the public on the latest technologies. Various agricultural inputs viz; seeds, planting materials, processed products and publications were made available to the general public through the exhibition. The KAU Pavilion was inaugurated by Dr. Madhu Subhramanian, Director of Research, KAU in the presence of the Director of Extension, KAU, President of the Exhibition Committee, General Council members and Heads of various institutions under the University. The KAU pavilion bagged first prize in the agricultural sector.



Kharif Forage Day

Forage Day' celebration was organized by All India Coordinated Research Project on Forage crops and Utilization (ICAR), Vellayani centre under Kerala Agricultural University on 9th September, 2022. This day was celebrated across the country to popularize and sensitize farmers, students and other stakeholders as well as policy makers on the use of nutritious and green forage feeding.



Dr. K. N Anith, Associate Director of Research, Regional Agricultural Research Station (Southern Zone) presided over the function. Shri. K. K. Chandu Krishna, Kalliyoor Panchayath President, Dr. Roy Stephen, Dean of Faculty, CoA Vellayani, Shri. Sreejin Palapporu, Gramapanchayat Member, Dr. Thomas George, General Council Member, Dr. Ameena M., Officer incharge, AICRP Forage crops and Dr. Gayathri G., Asst. Professor, RARS (SZ) were present.

"Nakshatravanam" at Choondal Grama Panchayath

The College of Forestry in association with Choondal Grama Panchayath, Thrissur District and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Scheme (MGNREGA) established 'Nakshatravanam' at Choondal Panchayath during September, 2022. A mass planting programme was conducted along the banks of Kechery river in connection with protection of Kechery river under the name "Punnarjani." Sri. Murali Perunally, MLA, Manalur inaugurated the function at Choondal. The Punnarjani programme was carried out in two phases with the objective of river bank stabilization and beautification.



Cashew Museum

Planting of dwarf cashew genotypes in the AICRP experimental plot at Cashew Research Station, Madakkathara, Thrissur was inaugurated by Dr. R Chandra Babu, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of KAU on 23rd September, 2022. The inauguration of the renovated cashew museum was also done by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on the same day.



Fertilizer orientation programme

The Fertilizer Association of India - Southern Region in collaboration with College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara conducted a fertilizer orientation programme for students on 14th September, 2022. Mr. Arvind Chaudhary, Director General, Fertilizer Association of India, New Delhi inaugurated the programme. Eminent personalities from different fertilizer companies like IPL, SPIC, FACT and IFFCO delivered lectures on different topics.



INM Training Programme

Central Training Institute of Kerala Agricultural University along with the College of Agriculture, Padannakkad conducted 15 days training program from 10th to 29th August, 2022 for fertilizer dealers. Dr. Mini P. K., Dean, College of Agriculture, Padannakkad inaugurated the function. A total of 30 individuals who registered via Krishi Bhavans participated in the training programme.



Parthenium Awareness Week

An awareness programme on the noxious alien weed *Parthenium hysterophorus* was organized by the Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara in collaboration with AICRP on Weed Control at Vadakarapathy panchayath of Chittur block of Palakkad district on 20th August, 2022. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. P. Prameela, PI, AICRP on Weed Control. Farmers of the area and 2021 batch B.Sc. (Hons.) students of CoA, Vellanikkara participated in the programme. Apart from manual removal of weeds from the farmers' field, ecofriendly management measure developed by KAU viz. NaCl (15%) spray was also demonstrated for the control of *Parthenium* in coconut plantation.



Demonstration of Mini Combine Harvesters

Kerala Agricultural University demonstrated tractor operated mini combine harvester for the first time to the farmers through AICRP on Farm Implements and Machinery on October 8, 2022 at Kumaranellur Mavara Padasekharam. Dr. M.B. Rajesh, Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government, inaugurated the demonstration. Shri. Sharafudeen Kalathil, President Gramapanchayath, Dr. Jayan P.R., Dean of Faculty (Agrl.Engg.) & Associate Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University, Er. Sindhu Bhaskar, Principal Investigator, AICRP on FIM, Dr. Abdul Jabbar, P.K, Head, Instructional Farm, KCAET, Tavanur and Benny Sebastian, Assistant Director of Agriculture were present.



Niraputhari Koithulsavam

IFSRS, Karamana supplies rice panicles (*Nelkathir*) to major temples of Thiruvananthapuram as well as adjoining districts during the *Niraputhari* harvest festival in August every year. *Niraputhari* Koithulsavam 2022 was celebrated by handing over the harvested rice panicles to representative of Pazhavangadi Ganapathy temple by Sri. Karamana Ajith, ward councillor, Nedumcaud. Dr. Jacob John, Professor and Head, IFSRS, Karamana presided over the function.



Kisan Mela

A sequence of mass sensitisation and capacity-building campaigns with hands-on trainings, demonstrations, lecture sessions, outreach programmes, release of extension literatures, etc. were taken up by KVK, Thrissur from April to September, 2022 to meet the expectations of value chain factors in agriculture. The *Kisan Bhagidhari Prathamikta Hamari* was a mass campaign organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in April, 2022 and regionally celebrated at KVK Thrissur in association with the Department of Agriculture and ATMA, Thrissur.



Inaugural function of BLFO

The Inaugural function of BLFO, Irikkoor, Kannur was carried out on 13th August, 2022. Dr. Yamini Varma C.K., Professor and Head, PRS Panniyur introduced the ready to use product of KAU Neem Oil Garlic Soap (*Raksha*) to Sri. M. V. Govindan Master, Hon. Minister of Local Self Govt. & Excise during the function.



Njanggalum Krishiyilekku Campaign

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra Thrissur steered the regional-level inauguration of 'Njanggalum Krishiyilekku,' an event offering support to farmers right from the commencement of the farming activity to the marketing of produce during May, 2022. The event was set in motion by film director Sri. Sathyan Anthikkad by sowing vegetable seeds in the 2.5 acres of model vegetable plot at KVK Thrissur.



The institute level inauguration of much reputed programme of Kerala Government "Njanggalum Krishiyilekku" was done at RARS Pilicode on 25th April, 2022. The program was inaugurated by Sri. Rajagopalan M., Hon'ble MLA, Thrikkaripur. During the occasion, "Krishivandi" was also flagged off. The krishi vandi intended to provide quality seeds and seedlings and organic production inputs to farmers all over Kasaragod District. The journey was for two weeks covering all the 41 panchayats of the district.

Rice Research station, Moncombu inaugurated 'Njanggalum krishiyilekku' on 22nd April, 2022 by planting banana suckers, moringa seedlings and sowing of vegetable seeds at office premises of RRS, Moncompu.



Earn while you learn programme for school students

This program was conducted at RARS, Pilicode on 3rd June, 2022 with an intention to attract school students to agriculture and provide an earning to students during their vacation. The program focused on collection of mango stones involving students of schools in the Thrikaripur legislative assembly. They were also given training on nursery operations and grafting techniques at the station. The program was inaugurated by Sri. M. Rajagopalan, Hon'ble MLA, Thrikaripur.



International Fruit Day

International Fruit day was celebrated by RARS, Pilicode on 1st July, 2022 at Ponniyan, Kadirur Grama panchayath of Kannur district. As part of this programme an agricultural seminar was conducted for providing awareness on importance of GI tagging as well as IPR. Efforts are being made by the Horticultural department of the Station for availing GI tagging for the nendran variety "Ponniyan" unique to the locality. The program was inaugurated by Smt. A. Shailaja, President, Panoor Block.



Achievements

1. Neethu George Thoppan (2013 admission B.Sc. Forestry) secured 28th rank in the Indian Forest Service Examination-2021 conducted by UPSC.
2. Sri. Mubashir P T (2005 admission B Sc. Forestry) has secured first rank in the Range Forest Officers Examination to the Kerala Forest Department through KPSC.
3. Dr. Yamini Varma C. K. Professor and Head, PRS, Panniyur participated as the delegate of Kerala Government in the "Namaste Vietnam" festival organized by the Indian Consulate at Vietnam as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav from August 22 to 27, 2022 at Vietnam.