



## SEVENTEENTH CONVOCATION OF TANUVAS



The Seventeenth Convocation of TANUVAS was held at Anna Auditorium, Madras Veterinary College on 20.03.2015. His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the University, DR. K. Rosaiah presided over the convocation, conferred degrees and diplomas to 250 candidates *in person* and 109 candidates *in absentia* and administered the pledge to the new graduates.

Thiru T.K.M. Chinnayya, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of the University participated and instituted four endowments viz., "N.P. Sellappan Chinnammal Memorial Gold Medal", "SKGR Gold Medal" and "Dr. K.R. Gunasekar and Dr. Prabu Ram Sankar Optima Gold Medal" for highest OGPA secured by B.V.Sc.&A.H. student of VC&RI, Namakkal in the subjects of Animal Nutrition, Veterinary Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Gynecology and Obstetrics and "Dr. V.D. Padmanaban Gold Medal" for the best faculty of Animal Biotechnology.

Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS delivered the welcome address and presented report on the academic, research and extension accomplishments of the university. In his welcome address, the Vice-chancellor pointed out that the great interest taken by His Excellency in higher education and his scholarly advice served as unstinted motivating factors to move ahead rapidly in ensuring quality education, outstanding research and effective outreach programmes to serve the people of this great nation. The Vice-Chancellor complimented the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry for effectively implementing the Government's scheme on "Free distribution of milch cows, goats and sheep" in which a total of 16 lakh goats /sheep and 36,000 milch cows have been distributed to the needy poor families in Tamil Nadu. These cows contribute about 80,000 litres of milk daily. On academic front, the Vice-chancellor said that the University is taking several measures to ensure the quality of education imparted and 19 experts from Universities in USA, Spain, Denmark, Korea and certain National Institutes were enrolled as adjunct faculties to teach and train the students and faculty in specific areas. He placed on record the continued support of the Government of Tamil Nadu by granting a total sum of Rs. 89.28 crores to develop infrastructure including buildings and equipment at VC&RI, Tirunelveli and Orathanadu which has enabled to get the mandatory approval from the Veterinary Council of India. While addressing about research, the Vice-Chancellor said that TANUVAS Research Corpus Fund was created to inculcate research attitude among the young faculty and a total of 30 projects to the tune of Rs. 58.63 lakhs were sanctioned. He added that a total of 209 research projects funded by various national and international agencies with a total outlay of Rs. 613 crores are currently in operation and also highlighted some of the important research projects





and worth mentioning contributions. While detailing about the vast extension network of the University, the Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the University is offering free training to the beneficiaries of the government schemes on free distribution of milch cows, goats and sheep through the peripheral centres of the extension network. He said that a scheme on "Establishment of fodder production units in Meikkal Poromboke Land in Vellore and Villupuram Districts" with a total budget of Rs. 694.80 lakhs was obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu to address the problem of fodder shortage and utilization of wastelands and a weekly shandy named as வானவில் வாரசந்தை was started at KVK, Kattupakkam to eliminate the exploitation of farmers by the middlemen.

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi participated as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. In his address he said that Climate change is threatening the growth and sustainability of the agricultural sector in India. Hence, ICAR has launched National Initiative on Climate Resilient



Agriculture (NICRA) with the main objective to assess the impact of climate change on agriculture and allied sectors in the country and evolve cost effective adaptation and mitigation strategies. He added that in order to improve the technology dissemination, 'FARMER FIRST' is contemplated to enrich farmers-scientists interface for technology development and application. While congratulating the candidates, the DG said that in the 12th Plan, new initiatives viz., Student READY (Rural Entrepreneurship and Awareness Development Yojana) and ARYA (Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture) are proposed to inculcate the concept of entrepreneurship development and build capacity of rural youth through special programmes and projects and motivated the candidates to take up agriculture as their profession.

A total of 98 medals and awards were awarded for academic excellence and performance. Selvan Jitendra



Kumar Yadav received 18 medals and Selvan S. Sasikumar, Selvi P. Annal Selva Malar and Selvi R. Saahithya received 8 medals each. The members of the Board of Management, Academic Council and Committees constituted for the conduct of 17<sup>th</sup> Convocation, former Vice-chancellors, University Officers and faculty members, parents of the candidates and staff and students of TANUVAS attended.

### INAUGURATION OF THREE MONTHS SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The inauguration of three months duration skill development project titled "Empowerment of Recovered Persons of Mental Illness through Dairy Farming activity in Madurai District" was organized by the Directorate of Distance Education, TANUVAS, Chennai in collaboration with M/s. Mahindra Consulting Engineers Ltd, Chennai and M.S. Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation, Madurai on 28.03.2015 at M.S. Chellamuthu Gardens, Ayyuthampatti Village, Madurai. The Project is being implemented on a joint initiative between the three organizations with sponsorship from Mahindra Consulting Engineers Ltd,

Chennai. As a novel attempt, the project aims to equip the recovered persons of mental illness through dairy farming skill activity for rehabilitation and livelihood. On the occasion, Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS, Chennai inaugurated the programme and delivered special address. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, underlined the compassionate role played by animals in general and the mental solace offered by animals during distress or sadness to human beings. Further, he stated that TANUVAS will extend all technical guidance for the upliftment of mentally challenged persons through various programmes. Dr. L. Subramanian, District Collector, Madurai released the Dairy Farming Skill activity book and delivered special address. The District Collector requested the bank





officials and concerned department officials to extend all financial help for the rehabilitation of recovered persons of mentally ill persons. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS, explained about the skill development project formulation and its execution at Madurai. Dr. R. Gopinath, Regional Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Madurai, Thiru. Christy, General Manager, Aavin, Madurai, Thiru. R. Murugaprabu, District Lead Bank Manager, Madurai, Thiru. C.S. Narayanan, Chief Operating Officer, Mahindra Consulting Engineers Ltd, Chennai and Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Director of Extension Education, offered felicitations. Earlier, Dr. C. Ramasubramanian, State Nodal Officer, District Mental Health Programme, Tamil Nadu delivered welcome address and explained about the mission of M.S. Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation. Dr. B. Muruganandan, Professor and Head, Veterinary University Training and Research Centre, Madurai proposed the vote of thanks.

#### EXAMINATION HALL INAUGURATED



Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR, New Delhi declared open the Examination Hall constructed under ICAR Development Grant at the III floor of Kamaraj Block on 20.03.2015 in the presence of Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS. Dr. T.J. Hari Krishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS, Dr. C. Balachandran, Dean, i/c, MVC, Dr. T.N. Ganesh, Director of Clinics i/c, TANUVAS, Dr. K. Kumanan, Director of Research, TANUVAS and the teaching staff of MVC participated.

#### TWENTH-FOURTH RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

The twenty-fourth Research Council meeting was conducted by the Directorate of Research, TANUVAS at MVC on 05.03.2015. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS chaired the meeting, launched the Research Project Monitoring System developed by the Directorate

of Research and Digital Archives of Indian Journal of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Research developed by the Department of Library Science, MVC and released the manual on Standard Operating Procedure pertaining to the Directorate of Research. Dr. K.S. Palaniswami, former Director of Research and Dr. B. Mahendran, Additional Director, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary



Services, Government of Tamil Nadu participated as expert invitees. Dr. K. Kumanan, Director of Research, TANUVAS explained about the action taken on the minutes of the previous Research Council meeting and new schemes obtained by TANUVAS during 2014. He placed before the forum, the further continuance proposals of the 72 plan schemes for the year 2015-16 for approval. The Principal Investigators of the 15 completed projects (during the year 2014) presented their research findings. The Members of the Research Council, Heads of VUTRCs/KVKs/FTCs/Farms and Departments at MVC participated in the meeting. The meeting concluded with the suggestions of the members, external experts. The Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS concluded the Research Council Meeting to fine tune the future research activities of TANUVAS.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH EXTENSION EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING



The twenty-sixth Extension Education Council Meeting of TANUVAS was conducted at MVC on 06.03.2015. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the meeting, released the Farm Radio School book on "Scientific technologies for profitable goat farming" and offered suggestions. Dr. C. Chandrahasan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS and Member Secretary of Extension Education Council presented the minutes of the 26th Extension Education Council meeting and work done particulars for the year 2014. Dr. F.R. Sheriff and Dr. G. Thulasi, former Directors of Extension Education,



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TANUVAS, External Experts, nominated farmers and the members of the Extension Education Council participated and offered their valuable suggestions. The members of Extension Education Council, University Officers of TANUVAS and Heads of the VUTRCs, KVKs, FTCs and Research Stations and the Heads of the Departments of MVC participated.

#### SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The 18th Scientific Advisory meeting of KVK, Kattupakkam was conducted at KVK campus on 07.03.2015. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS chaired the meeting and offered suggestions for the work plan. Dr. C. Chandrasaran, DEE, TANUVAS, Dr. K. Ponnuswamy, DEE, TNAU, Dr. D. V. Srinivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist, Zonal Project Directorate, Zone VIII, ICAR, Bengaluru and members of the SAC attended and offered suggestions. Dr. P. Kumaravel, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Kattupakkam presented the Action taken report for the minutes of 17th Scientific Advisory meeting.

#### VETERINARY COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, NAMAKKAL

##### INAUGURATION OF PET FOOD PROCESSING UNIT

The Pet Food Processing Unit of the Department of Livestock Products Technology (Meat Science) established under "ICAR Experiential Learning Scheme" with an outlay of 60.25 lakhs was inaugurated by Dr.S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS on 02.03.2015. Dr. K.A. Doraisamy, Dean and the staff members of VC&RI, Namakkal graced the occasion. This unit operates with the rationale of utilizing spent hen meal/meat bone meal in pet food manufacture and preparation of good quality pet food for different categories of pets as per their nutritive requirements.

#### VETERINARY COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, TIRUNELVELI TRAINING

VC&RI, Tirunelveli in association with Pudhuvazhu project organized three days training programme on "Goat farming" for 3 batches and 2 days training programme on "Chick nursery farmer training" for 2 batches and a 2 days training programme on "Management strategies to alleviate heat stress in cross breed cattle for sustainable production" under the scheme of Dissemination of Innovative Technology of Tamilnadu State Council for science and Technology. Dr. S. Prathaban, Dean, VC&RI,

Tirunelveli participated in the valedictory programme and distributed certificates to the participants. A total of 183 farmers were benefitted.

#### VETERINARY COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ORATHANADU

##### MASS VACCINATION PROGRAMME AGAINST FMD

The Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex, VC&RI, Orathanadu conducted mass vaccination against FMD in co-ordination with State Animal Husbandry Department at Thennamanadu, Pulavankadu, Pudhur, Telungankudikadu, Orantharayankudikadu, Kannanthangudi Melaiyur, Kannanthangudi Keelaiyur, Kakarai and Palampattur villages from 05.03.2015 to 20.03.2015. A total of 2,238 cattle were vaccinated.

#### SUPERANNUATION

Dr. R. Balagopal, Professor and Head, VUTRC, Coimbatore retired on 31.03.2015. Born on 21.03.1955, he had put in a total service of 34 years and 03 months.



Dr. S. Kumaran, Associate Professor, URF, Madhavaram Milk Colony, Chennai retired on 31.03.2015. Born on 28.03.1955, he had put in a total service of 31 years and 07 months.



Thiru. S. Gnanam, Boilerman (Spl.Gr.), Department of Dairy Science, MVC retired on 31.03.2015. Born on 14.03.1957, he had put in a total service of 30 years and 11 months.



Thiru. P.V. Ravikumar, Attender (Spl.Gr.), Finance Office, TANUVAS retired on 31.03.2015. Born on 12.03.1957, he had put in a total service of 32 years and 11 months.



Thiru. V. Marimuthu, provincialized Unskilled Mazdoor(SG), PGRIAS, Kattupakkam retired on 31.03.2015. Born on 10.03.1955, he had put in a total service of 18 years.

