



FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, TANUVAS

**Dear one and all,
Greetings!**

At the outset I convey my warm wishes and season's greetings for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year and Pongal.



The Government of Tamil Nadu, with a vision to protect the landless and the poorest of the poor farmers of Tamil Nadu from the impending agrarian crisis and to weed out poverty from Tamil Nadu has implemented several schemes to promote animal husbandry, poultry and allied activities for sustainable income. At the same time, to ensure the successful implementation of the schemes, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu strengthened the State Academia and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services.

To strengthen the infrastructural facilities of TANUVAS, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has allocated necessary budget for the construction of new buildings at Veterinary College and Research Institutes at Orathanadu and Tirunelveli, VUTRCs at Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Rajapalayam and Tiruchirapalli and FTC, Theni and inaugurated the same on 15.07.2015. Due to strengthening of the infrastructural facilities, from the academic

year 2015-16 onwards, the total intake for B.V.Sc. & A.H. degree course has been increased from 280 to 320. In order to conserve Bargur cattle from extinction and to provide livelihood to the local tribal population a Bargur Cattle Research Station was established at Bargur, Erode district with a budget of ₹8.00 crores.

**"Some men see things as they are and ask "WHY"
I see things as they have never been and ask "WHY NOT"**

-George Bernard Shaw

The "University Innovation and Instrumentation Centre" was established to promote low cost, farmer friendly livestock and poultry technologies and implements. The state of art facilities available at the various laboratories of the University are well recognized by National and International funding agencies. During the year, TANUVAS has signed two MoUs on skill development training in veterinary and animal sciences for students / Army personnel.

It is a well known fact that TANUVAS offers veterinary health and clinical services on par with international standards. To cater to the needs of the poorest of the poor livestock and poultry farmers of remote villages in Thanjavur, Namakkal, Madurai, Kancheepuram and Tiruchirapalli districts, the Government of Tamil Nadu allocated a budget of ₹6.34 crores for establishing Animal Medical Mobile Ambulance (AMMA) Services. Further, to treat avian and exotic pets requiring special interventions, an "Avian and Exotic Pet Unit" was started.

'FARMER FIRST' is the thumb rule of TANUVAS activities. For the first time, the TANUVAS Foundation day, which falls on 20th September every year was celebrated as Livestock and Poultry Farmers Day at Tiruchirapalli from 19.09.2015 to 20.09.2015. More than 5000 farmers got benefitted during the programme. Besides regular conduct of on-campus and off-campus capacity building programmes on farming and non-farming activities, the extension delivery system is also utilised in augmenting critical inputs to start an economic activity. A scheme on "Fodder production in meikkal poromboke lands" has been implemented at Vellore and Villupuram with a total cost of ₹694.80 lakhs. So far a total of 62 MT of fodder has been cultivated of which 42 MT was supplied to Cuddalore district as flood relief to the flood affected livestock farmers. A training programme on "Artificial insemination for bovines" under MAITRI (Multipurpose Artificial Insemination Technician of Rural India) programme to train 500 unemployed youth is being offered with a budget of 100.00 lakhs. Further, with an assistance of ₹86.95 lakhs from Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, skill training in non-farming based activities in livestock and poultry sector is being imparted so as to meet the required human resource demands as well to provide employment opportunities for the school dropouts.



During the hour of crisis, the “TEAM TANUVAS” rose to the occasion and stretched the much needed mile to support the livestock and poultry farmers in alleviating the pain and suffering of their livestock and poultry and to regain their production. Special TANUVAS Animal Health Camps are being conducted in and around the flood affected areas and so far more than 20,000 animals were treated. In addition to vaccination and deworming, critical inputs like fodder, pet food, mineral mixture, mineral salt lick, fodder slips etc. were distributed to the needy farmers to rebuild their economic activity. Further, every staff member of TANUVAS voluntarily and wholeheartedly contributed their one day salary to the Honourable Chief Minister’s Relief Fund. On behalf of ‘TEAM TANUVAS’ I once gain extend my **New Year and Pongal wishes** and reassure each and every livestock and poultry farmer of Tamil Nadu that it is always “FARMER FIRST” for ‘TEAM TANUVAS’.

My message to all for the New Year - 2016 is

“If you focus on results, you will never change.
If you focus on change, you will get results”

Best Wishes

Dr. S. Thilagar
Vice-chancellor, TANUVAS

INAUGURATION OF UNIVERSITY INNOVATION AND INSTRUMENTATION CENTRE



University Innovation and Instrumentation Centre (UIIC) was established at URF, Madhavaram for the first time to validate innovations in respect of appliances and machineries and to produce more numbers of validated innovations for sale and supply to various centres. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the Centre by lighting the *Kuthu Vilakku* on 20.11.2015. Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS, University Officers and teaching and non-teaching staff of TANUVAS were present.

WORKSHOP ON BLUETONGUE DISEASE



The Vaccine Research Centre - Viral Vaccines, Centre for Animal Health Studies, Madhavaram simultaneously organized a workshop on “Bluetongue vector identification” from 02.11.2015 to 06.11.2015 and Annual Scientist Meet of All India Network Programme (AINP) on bluetongue on 02.11.2015 and 03.11.2015 under the TANUVAS Centre of AINP on Bluetongue (AINPBT) with the funding from ICAR. The inaugural function of the two programmes were held

on 02.11.2015. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Gaya Prasad, ADG (Animal Health), ICAR participated as the Guest of Honour and highlighted the importance of the workshop. Dr. V.K. Gupta, Joint Director, CADRAD and Project Coordinator, AINBT, IVRI, Izatnagar presented an introduction about the programme. Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS spoke on the importance. Dr. Glenn Bellis, Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Australia participated and shared his expertise. Earlier, Dr. P.I. Ganesan, Director, Centre for Animal Health Studies, TANUVAS welcomed the gathering. Scientists and personnel working on bluetongue and its biological vector control programmes from different parts of India participated. Further, a one day Workshop on “Bluetongue Diagnosis and Control” under ASCAD was also organized on 17.11.2015. Dr. D. Thyagarajan, Director of Extension Education, TANUVAS presided and delivered the presidential address. Director, CAHS stressed about the importance of timely vaccination in controlling bluetongue. A total of 75 veterinarians from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Tamil Nadu and 20 resource personnel participated. Dr. Y. Krishnamohan Reddy, Professor and Head, Vaccine Research Centre - Viral vaccines organized the above programmes.

COLLEGE, HOSTEL AND SPORTS DAY CELEBRATIONS



The College and Hostel Day was celebrated at VC&RI, Namakkal on 06.11.2015. Dr. C. Swaminathan, Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University, Salem participated as the chief guest, delivered the special address and distributed prizes and awards to the rank holders, best performing



NSS volunteers and awards of best room maintained. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal presented the college annual report and Dr. V. Ramesh Saravanakumar, Hostel Warden presented the Hostel annual report. Earlier Selvi S. Sahana, final year student welcomed the gathering and Selvan M. Divakar, final year student proposed the vote of thanks.

The Annual Sports Day was celebrated at VC&RI, Namakkal on 05.11.2015. Dr. T.J. Hari Krishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS participated as chief guest and delivered the presidential address. Lt.Col.RSN. Satish, Administrative Officer, NCC, Salem inaugurated the programme and distributed prizes to the winners of various sports events. Dr. P. Vasanth, Sports Secretary welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Anbarasi, Joint Sports Secretary presented the annual sports report. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal felicitated. Final year sports representative Selvan S. Senthamizhselvan delivered the vote of thanks. A total of 9 games including basket ball, cricket, volley ball, shuttle and 12 track events were organized. Final year student Selvan D. Sathish Kumar and Second year student Selvi M. Priya won the over all championship for men and women track events category respectively.

MUTHAMIZH VIZHA

Muthamizh vizha was celebrated at VC&RI, Namakkal on 04.11.2015. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal presided over the function. Dr. Bala. Ramani, Assistant Director, Doordharshan, Chennai participated as the chief guest delivered the special address, released the students' magazine "*Ilan thenral*" and distributed prizes to the winners. Dr. Peru. Mathialagan, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education, MVC participated as a special guest and delivered the felicitation address. Dr. G. Balasundaram, Organiser, Tamil Mandram presented the Tamil Mandram report. Selvan G. Saravanan, Student Secretary, Tamil Mandram welcomed the gathering and Selvan M. Sivamanikandan, student editor of *Ilanthenral* magazine delivered the introductory speech. Selvi K. Nandhini, Joint Secretary of Tamil Mandram proposed the vote of thanks.

ICAR SPONSORED SHORT COURSE

The Department of Animal Nutrition, VC&RI, Namakkal organized a short course on 'Production of designer milk, meat and egg by dietary manipulation' sponsored by ICAR from 16.11.2015 to 25.11.2015. Besides a series of lectures, Hands-on training, practical demonstrations and field visit to a commercial feed production unit, egg grading and export unit, desi chicken unit and AFQCAL were arranged. A total of 15 participants from all over India attended.

SKILL TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED

The Departments of Poultry Science, Livestock Products Technology (Dairy Science) and Animal Nutrition, VC&RI, Namakkal conducted Skill Training Courses on "Hatchery operation and management", "Poultry



vaccinator", "Dairy Plant Operation and Management", "Value Added Milk Products Preparation Techniques", "Feed Mill Plant Operation and Management" and "Concentrate Feed Preparation Technique" respectively during September and October 2015. The valedictory function was held at VC&RI, Namakkal on 26.11.2015. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal presided over the function. Dr. S.A. Asokan, Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS participated and distributed the certificates to the successfully completed candidates. Dr. K. Mani, Professor and Head, Department of Poultry Science, delivered the vote of thanks. The Director of Distance Education, TANUVAS during his visit, shared his expertise on programmed breeding and obstetrical interventions with the undergraduate and postgraduate students at the newly established Murrah buffalo unit.

FARMERS WORKSHOP



A one day farmers workshop entitled "Strategies to increase the reproductive efficiency in dairy cattle" sponsored by TNLDA was conducted by KVK, Kundrakudi at Salaigramam, Sivagangai District on 24.11.2015. Tmt. S. Malarvizhi, I.A.S, District Collector, Sivagangai District presided over the function, delivered the presidential address, released the booklets and pamphlets and distributed critical inputs to the progressive farmers. Dr. R. Vishwanathan, RJD(AH) and Thiru. R. Gurumurthy, JD(Agri) spoke. Earlier, Dr. S. Sendurkumaran, Associate Professor and Head, KVK, Kundrakudi welcomed the gathering. A total of 525 farmers got benefitted.

BEST AGRO METEORIOLOGICAL FIELD UNIT AWARD

The Agro Meteriological Field Unit (AMFU) of AFAQAL, VC&RI, Namakkal was awarded the "Best AMFU Award - 2015" for outstanding dissemination of Agromet Advisories for the farming community. The award was presented on the occasion of the Ninth Annual Review Meeting of 'Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa' scheme conducted by the India Meteorological Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad from 23.11.2015 to 26.11.2015.



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PHARMACO-CONNECTION QUIZ HELD

The NSS unit of VC&RI, Orathanadu conducted Pharmaco-connection quiz competition for III and IV year B.V.Sc. & A.H. Students on 24.11.2015. A total of nine teams participated in the competition. Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Dean, VC&RI, Orathanadu inaugurated the programme. Dr. V. Ranganathan, NSS Programme Officer organized the programme.

APPRECIATION FOR VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

VC&RI, Namakkal was selected as one of the best coordinators for National Voluntary Blood Donation. Thiru. V. Dakshinamoorthy, I.A.S., District Collector, Namakkal presented the appreciation certificate along with a memento to the college during the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day held on 29.10.2015. Dr. T.J. Harikrishnan, Registrar, TANUVAS presented the same to the NSS and RRC student volunteers during the College Sports Day Celebrations on 05.11.2015. Dr. L. Gunaseelan, Dean, VC&RI, Namakkal and Dr. M. J. Raja and Dr. K. Devipriya, NSS Programme Officers were present.

DONATION FOR TANUVAS ALUMNI HOUSE



The 1985 batch of MVC comprising of 40 members donated a total sum of ₹6.15 lakhs towards the construction of TANUVAS Alumni House at Nandanam Campus. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice- Chancellor, TANUVAS received the cheque on 20.11.2015 from the representatives Dr. N. Rajasekaran, Dr. K.N. Selvakumar, Dr. A. Srithar, Dr. S. Venkateswaran and Dr. P. Ramar. Dr. C. Balachandran, Dean, MVC and Dr. T. Sivakumar, Dean, CFDT, Koduvalli and Chairman, TANUVAS Alumni House were present.

NAMING OF BLOCKS AT VC&RI, NAMAKKAL

In order to honour the pioneers instrumental in development and progress of VC&RI, Namakkal the administrative building was named as Dr. M.P. Arumugam Block and the Academic Blocks were named as Dr. R.

Ramamurthi Block, Dr. S. Shanmugasundaram Block and Dr. P. Sadasivam Block. Dr. S. Thilagar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS inaugurated the renamed blocks on 30.11.2015.

SUPERANNUATION

Dr. N. Ramamurthy, Professor and Head, Department of Poultry Science, MVC retired on 30.11.2015. Born on 22.11.1955, he had put in a total service of 35 years and 07 months.



Dr. S.R. Srinivasan, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, MVC retired on 30.11.2015. Born on 01.12.1955, he had put in a total service of 33 years and 06 months.



Thiru. C. Jeganathan, Executive Engineer (Electrical), Estate Office retired on 30.11.2015. Born on 13.11.1957, he had put in a total service of 29 years and 01 month.



Thiru. R. Bojaraj, Provincialised Mazdoor (Super Grade), SBRS, Sandynallah retired on 30.11.2015. Born on 13.11.1955, he had put in a total service of 37 years and 03 months.



OBITUARY

Dr. S. Panneerselvam, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, VC&RI, Namakkal passed away on 20.11.2015 in his native place, Rasipuram at the age of 59. Born on 29.06.1956. He got graduated from TNAU in 1979 and started his career as Assistant Professor in the year 1980. He became the Professor and Head, Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, VC&RI, Namakkal in 2007. He did extensive research work on Kangayam breed of cattle and Coimbatore sheep and has published monographs on these breeds. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and grand-child.

