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ASCI Training on Organic Grower

KVK, Namakkal conducted 25 days skill training on Organic grower to 25 participants of Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission sponsored by Agriculture Skill Council



of India (ASCI) from 19.07.2021 to 31.08.2021 at KVK Campus. The programme was inaugurated by Tmt.M.Priya, Project Director, District Project Implementation unit (Mahalir Thittam), Namakkal and Dr.N.Akila, KVK Senior Scientist and Head delivered welcome address. Dr.P.Murugan, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) delivered lectures on Organic farming practices and coordinated the entire period of programme. Exposure visits made to Successful organic farms at various places in Namakkal, Salem, Dharmapuri, Karur and TNAU research stations. During valedictory session, Th.P.Ashokan, Joint Director of Agriculture, Namakkal delivered presidential address & distributed training manual and training kit to the participants. Assessment for trainees was conducted through Tab test, viva-voce and practical demonstration by SHL Assessor team at KVK, Namakkal on 28.09.2021.

Appreciation Awards to KVK Namakkal

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namakkal bagged 5 Appreciation awards for the excellent activities carried out in Best CFLD Oilseeds scheme, Best CFLD Pulses scheme, Best Annual report, Best Revolving fund status and Best Demonstration units during 2020-2021 from ATARI, Hyderabad during valedictory session of virtual annual review workshop held on 6 – 8, July, 2021.



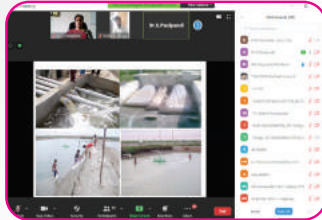
Mass Tree Plantation Drive

KVK, Namakkal organized Mass tree plantation drive programme on 16 July 2021 with the theme “Atma Nirbhar Krishi” as part of “Bharat Ki Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav” on the eve of ICAR foundation day. A total of 110 nos of multipurpose fast growing tree saplings of Pongamia pinnata were planted in the KVK farm premises by farmers, farm women, youth, and children. Also, Farmers Scientist interaction was conducted to create awareness on tree plantation and good agricultural practices. Totally 57 participants were attended the programme and planted tree saplings.



National Fish Farmers Day

Celebrated National Fish farmers day through virtual mode on 10.07.2021 with 100 fish rearing farmers in Namakkal district. Chief guest R. Karumalaikannan, Farm sector technical officer, SBI, zonal office, Trichy delivered special address through virtual mode. The fish farmers were trained in advanced fish culture technology and availability of bank loan for fish sector.



Professor (Agronomy), KVK, Namakkal delivered role of integrated farming for income generation and proposed vote of thanks. A total of 58 participants were attended and benefitted.

Awareness on Food and Nutrition for Farmers

KVK Namakkal conducted special programme on “Food and Nutrition for Farmers” under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” with farmers seminar and exhibition in the theme of value added



nutritious foods from millets, milk, meat and fish products on 26.8.2021 at KVK Campus. Webcasted Honourable Agricultural Minister, Govt of India, Mr Narendra Sing Tomar special address was done by virtual mode among the participants. Cooking healthy food competition was conducted and the winners were rewarded. Awareness also created about healthy food and its Nutrition by different rangolis, series of lectures and exhibition. Nutritious Thali was provided for all participants in the lunch. A total of 213 farmers were attended and benefitted.

STRY Training



KVK Namakkal conducted two 6 days Skill training of Rural youth (STRY) on Bee keeping and Intergrated dairy devlopement under the financial assistance of SAMETI (ATMA) from 26.07.21 to 31.07.21 & 19.09.21 to 24.09.21. A total of 56 rural youth were participated and benefitted.

Farm Radio School Programme

KVK Namakkal and All India Radio, Trichy jointly organized Farm radio school contact class on Integrated farming system on 22.09.2021 at KVK Campus. Dr.M.Selvaraju, Dean, VCRI, Namakkal delivered presidential address and distributed certificates to the participants, Th.K.Natarajan, Station Director, AIR Trichy delivered special address and released booklets on integrated farming, Th.P.Chinnasamy, Programme executive, AIR, Trichy briefed about farm radio school classes, Dr.C.Sharmila Bharathi, Asst Professor and Head, KVK, Namakkal delivered welcome address and importance of farm radio school to the farmers and Dr.P.Murugan, Asst



World Rabies Day

KVK Namakkal celebrated World Rabies Day on 28.9.2021 at NICRA village Muttanchetti of Erumapatti block, awareness created among the farmers and 10 dogs were vaccinated with Anti Rabies Vaccine.



Nutri-cereals and Tree plantation Campaign

KVK, Namakkal conducted Campaign on Nutri-cereals Multi-stakeholders Mega convention, Poshan Vatika and Tree plantation for International Year of Millets 2023 with 161 participants at



KVK, Campus on 17.09.2021. Technical lectures on concept of nutri cereals & their role on human health, role of tree

plantation on sustainable agriculture were delivered and created awareness nutri-cereals through rangoli, provided millet-based food products to all participants. During this event, 161 Pungam saplings were planted at KVK pungan park, various value-added products of cereals & millets were exhibited by KVK farmers producer organization. Th.Arulmani, Regional Manager, IFFCO distributed seed pockets & fruit saplings to rural youths and ICDS anganwadi workers sponsored by IFFCO company. Webcasted the programme inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. KVK, Namakkal also exhibited Traditional nutritious foods in the exhibition organized by the Poshan Abhiyaan, ICDS, Namakkal held at Namakkal Municipality Hall on 30.09.2021

NABARD Scheme Training

KVK, Namakkal conducted 5 number of one day trainings on desi bird farming, desi poultry rearing, scientific goat farming, diseases management of desi bird, biosecurity & disposal of dead birds and sheep & goat farming for farmers and farm women at KVK Campus on 14.07.21, 23.07.21, 05.08.21, 18.08.21 & 09.09.21 sponsored by NABARD Scheme.



Farmers Scientist interface meet on CRA

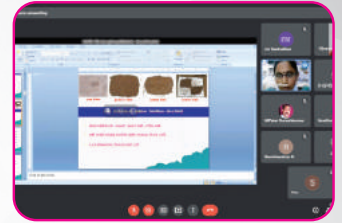
KVK, Namakkal conducted Farmers Scientist interface meet on Climate Resilient varieties, technologies and practices at KVK campus on 28.9.2021. KVK scientists and Deputy Director (Agri), FTC delivered lectures on importance of climate resilient technologies viz., abiotic stress tolerant varieties, crop diversification, Inter cropping systems, importance of soil testing, soil health management based on soil health card report, exsitu & insitu moisture conservation practices, better management practices for dairy, small ruminants, back yard poultry rearing & use of farm implements, farm machinery to overcome the labour shortages and also webcasted the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address



& interaction with farmers. A total of 157 farmers, farm women & students were participated and benefitted.

KVK Training - Off campus & Virtual

KVK, Namakkal conducted off campus training programme on ICM practices in Small onion at Valayapatti village (04.08.21), ICM Practices in Black pepper at Adukkampatti, Kollihills (13.08.21) and Biosecurity in field crop areas at Pallakkapalayam village (16.09.2021) in Namakkal district and demonstrated seed treatment of small onion seed var.Co(On) 6 with Arka Microbial Consortium, IISR pepper booster application, herboliv foliar spray to protect the field from wild animals. A total of 124 farmers were attended and benefitted. Also KVK Organized 4 Virtual training on ICM in minor millets, soil health management, best management practices in fish farming, integrated fish farming on 02.07.21, 15.07.21, 09.08.21 & 23.08.21 with 180 farmers.



ATMA Convergence Programme

KVK Scientists delivered technical lectures on Integrated crop management in field crops, ICM in Coconut, Organic vegetable cultivation and Green fodder production technologies in different villages of Namakkal district on 11.08.21, 16.08.21, 17.08.21 & 24.09.21 organized by ATMA, Department of Agriculture, Namakkal district during this quarter. Also 11 exposure visits were conducted and 710 farmers benefitted.



Parthenium Awareness Camp

KVK Namakkal observed "Parthenium Awareness Week" from August 16.08.21 to 22.08.21. During this week, parthenium weeds are uprooted from KVK farm primises, farm labourers were



instructed about the illness of parthenium weeds to animals, humans and loss to agricultural crops and its control measures among KVK Trainees in various dates. A total of 145 participants were benefitted from this event.

Tribal Sub Plan at Kollihills

Tribal Sub Plan scheme was implemented by KVK, Namakkal at Gundurnadu and Vazhavanthinadu panchayat of Kollihills during 2021-22. Demonstration was conducted on Minor millets primary processing unit (Dehuller, Destoner, Aspirator, Grader, Pulverizer, sealing machine, electronic weighing balance and accessories items) for development of EDP activities at Thambapadipatti village of Kollihills on 20.07.2021. Conducted training cum awareness programme Nutrigarden with focussing a theme on "Agriculture and Nutrition - the way of tribal agriculture" to 21 tribal farmers and farm women at TSP village Elangiyampatti on 28.07.2021 and visited Nutritional vegetable garden established under the technical guidance of KVK at KGBV school, Ariyur Kizhakkulavau, Kollihills. Inaugurated primary processing unit for spices and plantation crops consisting of Disc type coffee pulper, Pepper grader, Pepper dust extractor, Pepper powder making machine, Cardamom dryer and Organic shop at Elangiyampatti village on 15.09.2021 and made field visit to finger millet field to observe the performance of variety and farmers feedback. Exhibited organic spices, fruits, plantation & vegetables produced by KVK Namakkal Masila Organic farmers group in an area of 50 acre at organic shop at Masila Aruvi tourist place and also distributed PGS organic certificates to the 21 farmers. Conducted Off Campus training programme on Desi bird rearing, Vermicompost production technologies



and Organic farming practices in Paddy cultivation, value added fish products to farm women and rural youth at Maruthankulam & Elangiyampatti villages on 13.08.2021, 15.09.2021 & 30.09.2021. EDP training programme on Bee Keeping, Mushroom production was conducted in Nathukulipatti village on 30.9.2021 and observed the growth performance of desi chicken and goat distributed under EDP mode on 13.08.2021.

NFSM - CFLD Programme

Under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) - Cluster Front Line Demonstration (CFLD), KVK, Namakkal was allotted 10 ha of Groundnut, 10 ha of Castor, 20 ha of Green gram & 20 ha of Black gram for Kharif 2021 season. A total of 150 demonstrations were undertaken in a cluster approach in potential, DFI and NICRA villages by covering 60 ha in 150 farmers field. Critical inputs viz., seeds (Green gram – CO-8, Black gram – VBN-8, Groundnut – Dharani, Castor – YRCH1), bio agents, crop boosters, IPDM inputs to all the beneficiary farmers and demonstrated seed treatment, foliar spray of crop booster, yellow sticky trap & pheromone trap installation, mechanical harvest among cluster farmers and conducted Orientation training on pulses production technology and frequent field visits. Out of 100 pulses farmers, 45 farmers (18 ha) were motivated and involved in foundation seed production by tie up with KVK Seed hub projects and department of seed certification. Kharif Groundnut field day was conducted at Kokkalai village on 14.09.2021, recorded higher pod yield of 35-40 pods/plant and obtained farmers feedback during harvest.



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