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'Intellectuals are Not Born But are Made'



As Knowledge is power, focus must be given to grooming dynamic leaders, not graduates. Our society needs enthusiasts with passion to transform India into a force to reckon with. I believe that the aim of education is the knowledge not of facts but of values. Our chairman always believed in value-based education, where modern quality education is imparted in an environment that is in conformity with our rich traditions and heritage. I strongly believe in the capabilities of the student community and ensure everything is done to reach them for their promising growth.



TALENTIA 2023



Students of Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences participated in the Talentia on 23th, and 24th of June, 2023, at AC and RI Madurai under the guidance of Dr. S. Vinoth Kumar, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Agri. Entomology, and Ms. J. Jessy Margaret, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Science and Nutrition. Students at PCAS actively and enthusiastically participated in all events and won many prizes in the cultural competitions.

World Anti-Drug Day – Awareness Rally



Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences, Pudukkottai, and Prohibition of Enforcement Wing, Pudukkottai, jointly organized the World Anti-Drug Awareness Rally. Students of our College actively participated in the Anti-Drug Awareness Rally. The Awareness Rally was initiated by Mr. T. Prabhakaran, Additional Superintendent of Police, Prohibition of Enforcement Wing, Pudukkottai. Mr. M. Sadasivam, Forest Ranger, Pudukkottai Range, visited the campus on World Anti-Drug Day (26.06.2023). He went around the farming fields in our campus and discussed the various schemes available.

Collaboration with UK Project



The Department of Agricultural Entomology (PCAS), Pudukkottai, has undertaken the Indo-UK Agriculture Research Project since September 2022 and the cost of the project is 3.5 Lakhs. The title of the project is ' Invasive Species Sentinel Sensor Network Project against Fall Armyworm (FAW) on Maize'. The Principal Investigator of the Indo-UK project is Dr. S. Vinoth Kumar, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Agri. Entomology, PCAS, Pudukkoatai, and the UK Scientists are Derek Scuffel, Knowmatics Data Architect, U.K., Dr. Mark Neal ystumtec Ltd. Electronics Engineer and Director, U.K., and Dr. VinodPandit, CABI, New Delhi. Dr.R. Rajkumar, Principal Scientist, MSSRF, Pudukkottai . The objective of the project is to Identify the flight behaviour of the Fall Armyworm *Spodoptera frugiperda* J.E. Smith, and the morphology of Pheromone trap.

Scientists visit to PCAS, Pudukkottai

The UK Scientists and the Indo-UK high commission members visited the Department of Agricultural Entomology for evaluation of the research project. They also actively participated in the stakeholder's meeting conducted by MSSRF, Puduikkottai, and CABI, New Delhi on June 29, 2023.



Achievers



IMPERIAL SCHOOL OF AGRI BUSINESS, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (Co-founded by alumnus of IIM Ahmadabad and GBPUA&T, Pantagar) jointly with MOSAA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE SCIENCE TRAINING, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH organised online training workshop for faculty members on June 20, 2023. Dr. Selva Anbarasu, Associate Professor, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, participated and received the Award of Appreciation. The Management and the Principal of Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences appreciated him for getting this prestigious award.

Agricultural Exhibition



Mr. R. Prabhu, Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Agricultural Extension, Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences, Pudukkottai, has completed a 14-day National Level Faculty Development Programme on Innovative Teaching Strategies and Tools in the Digital Age from 1st of March to 14th of March 2023.

Guest Lecture and Workshop



A guest lecture on Entomophilately and a workshop on insect stamps and coins: Collection, Presentation, and Maintenance were organised on 21st and 22nd of June, 2023 at Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu. The programme was inaugurated by PCAS Principal Dr. S. Raguraman, and Dr. A. YUVARAJ Ph.D., Principal, Institute of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University NPRC Campus, Vamban, Pudukkottai, Dr. M. Swamiappan Ph.D., President MAPNA, Madurai Former Registrar, and Retd. Professor, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University was the guest speaker of the programme, Dr. M. Swamiappan, spoke in detail about the importance of entomophilately. He also explained how to collect the insect stamps and showcased his own collection of insect stamps to the students of our college and Vamban College.



We appreciate Dr. Menakachellasamy Ph.D., Dr. Anand vetrivel Ph.D., , Ms. R. Shanmugapriya Assistant Professor and Mr. R. Neppolian Accounts Manager from PCAS, on receiving the Financial Assistance of about 35,00,000 for the project entitled ' An innovative Geospatial framework for Precision agriculture: leveraging the Synergy of satellite and Drone imagery, Artificial Intelligence, Big data, and Cloud Computing' from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Hence our College Recognized Under DST Scheme National Geospatial Programme Funded Institution-New Delhi.



International Workshop on "Understanding Tanzanians Agricultural Practices"



International Workshop on 'Understanding Tanzanians Agricultural Practices' was jointly organized with Ms. Swaminathan Research Foundation ,Pudukkottai on 18.07.2023

Overview

Agriculture in Tanzania represents almost 30 percent of the country's GDP. With three quarter of the country's workforce involved in the sector. Agriculture sector is undoubtedly the largest and most important sector of the Tanzanian economy, with the Country benefitting from a diverse production base that includes livestock, staple food crops and a variety of cash crops . There are plenty of business opportunities across domestic, regional and international markets for both traditional and new products.

Dr. S. Raguraman, Principal, PCAS welcomed the gathering of the international workshop. Dr. V. R. Saminathan, Professor, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered an introduction on SRI Cultural practices at Tanzania and new adapted technologies.



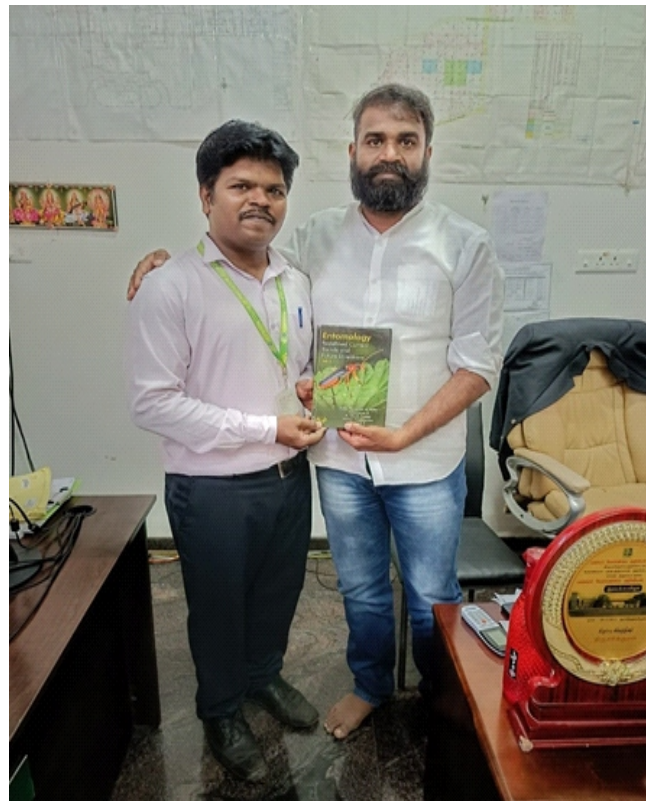
Dr. Atugonza Billaro, Principal Research Scientist delivered a speech on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) Cultural practices adapted in Tanzania area and Farm development activities as well.

Dr. Furahisha Miraj, Research Officer, Mrs. Fabiola Langa, Assistant research Officer, Miss Atwebembela Kasenene, Irrigation Engineer, Daniel Dawson, Assistant Field Officer accompanied the Principal research Scientist for International Workshop.

Dr. S. Selva Anbarasu, Associate Professor, SS& AC, PCAS and Ms. Ayisha Siddhika, Assistant Professor, Horticulture, PCAS, organized the International Workshop. Ms. M. Jaya Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy proposed Vote of Thanks.

Publication of Entomology Book

Secretary of PCAS Mr. M. Rajaram appreciated Dr. S. Vinoth Kumar, Associate Professor on publishing a book entitled "Entomology Refined Current Trends and Future Directions, Volume I."



International Conference on Modern Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture and Global Food Security

India and Republic of Ghana jointly organized International Trade Conference at Madurai. India trade representatives, Ministers and Indian High Commissioner of Republic of Ghana were participated. On behalf of Pushkaran College of Agriculture Sciences, Mr.M.Rajaram, Secretary, Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences as a Chief Guest. Many MOUs were signed with industries and ready for implementation.



International Conference on “Modern Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture and Global Food Security” was conducted at Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences on 8th and 9th of September, 2023. The Vice Chancellor of TNAU, Dr. V. Geethalakshmi felicitated the conference through on – line mode .Dr. M.V. Sriramachandrashekar, Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Annamalai University, Chidambaram inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp. Dr. R. Rajkumar, Principal Scientist (MSSRF), Pudukkottai, Dr. V. Ambethgar, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, ADAC and RI, Trichy and Mrs. B. Kanchana, Deputy Director, National Agro Foundation, Chennai graced the conference with their valuable presence.

NATIONAL CHILDREN CONGRESS



The Tamil Nadu Science Directorate and the Department of Science and Technology jointly organized the 31st National Children's Science East Zone Conference at Pushkaram Agricultural Science College on 6th of Nov, 2023.



145 research papers from 10 districts were presented at the National Science Regional Conference Science Movement District President M. Veera Muthu, Pushkaram Agricultural Science College Director Dr. R. Durai and Secretary Mr.M. Rajaram presided over the opening ceremony of the conference. The function was inaugurated by Minister for Law courts ,prisons and prevention of corruption Hon. S. Regupathy and Thani Youngi inaugurated the seed machine as well. Pudukkottai Constituency Legislative Council Member Dr. Y.Muthu Raja, State Secretary for Science Movement Mr. Stephannathan, Treasurer Mr. R. Jeevanantham, Vice President Mr.M.Manikathai, College Manager Mr. R. Napoleon Spoke. A seminar was held under the chairmanship of District Child Welfare Committee Chairman Mr. K. Sathasivam for the mentor teachers who have participated in the conference. State Vice President Mr.V. Sethuraman, General Committee member Mr.A. Manavalan spoke on the topic 'Education from a scientific perspective'.

State Coordinator Mr. V. Sukumaran presided over the awarding and appreciation function. Zonal Coordinator Mr. Arunvivek welcomed the gathering 145 research papers were submitted by school students from 10 districts in the Eastern Region this year. More than 300 child scientists and more than 200 mentor teachers participated. 47 best research papers were selected in the conference..State Secretary Mr. S. D. Balakrishnan submitted the compilation for the report. District Coordinator Mrs. I. Ramathilagam proposed vote of thanks.

Appreciation to Blood Donors by District Collector



Mrs. I. S. Mercy Ramya I.A.S District Collector Pudukkottai appreciated and issued Certificates to the blood donors belonging to Pudukkottai district. After this, under the leadership of the Collector, all government officials and employees took the blood donation pledge.

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day event was organized by Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society and District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit at Pudukkottai District Collector's Office, in the presence of District Collector.



TNAU Vice Chancellor Surprise visit to PCAS



Dr. V. GEETHALAKSHMI, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore visited Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences on 29/11/2023. She was welcomed by all the faculty members of PCAS. She interacted with the Students and Staff. She visited all the laboratories and farming fields. She had an interaction session with faculty members.

Students Study Visit -2022 batch

Students of 2022 batch visited the Horticulture college & research institute Periyakulam, Horticulture college & research institute, Thadiyakudisai, Horticulture college & research institute, kodaikkanal and Solar observatory museum at kodaikkanal.



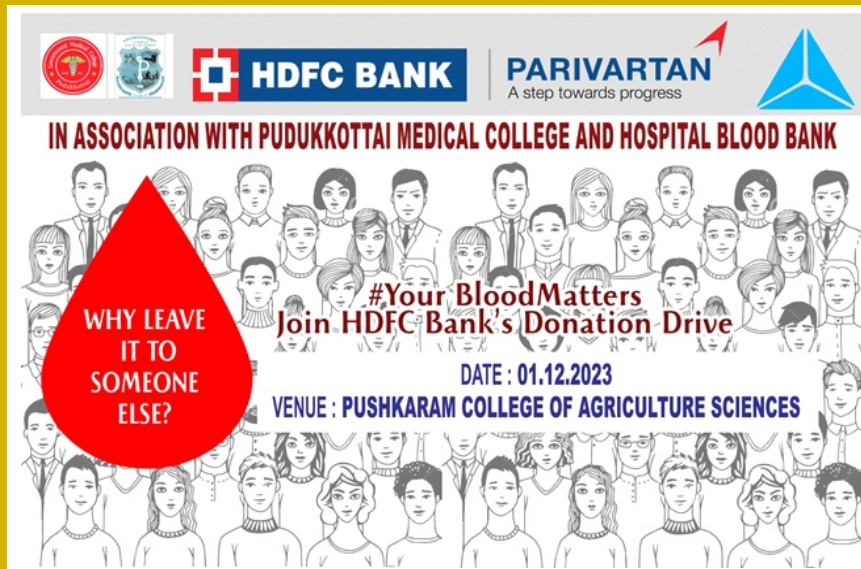
Book Publication Programme – Neerindri Amaiyaadhu Ulagu



The Concern of water management is necessary for every individual person , Tamil Nadu University Vice Chancellor Dr. V. Thiruvalluvan released a book “Neerindri Amiyatu Ulagu”–“Science in three words” Published by Dr. P. M. Natarajan .at a function held at PCAS, Pudukkottai on 02.12.2023.

This book on water management is the need of the hour and it was highly appreciated by all the guests and participants of the function.

Blood Donation Camp at PCAS



In a significant step towards promoting community well-being, Pushkaram College of Agriculture Sciences proudly hosted Donation Camp on 01.12.2023. This event witnessed an overwhelming response from Students and Staff members, marking a milestone in the organization's commitment to save lives through voluntary blood donation.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, who have donated 30 units of blood. These units will go a long way in supporting patients in need of critical medical care.

Sexual Harassment-Prevention/Awareness Programme



An awareness programme on Preventing Sexual Harassment was organized in PCAS campus on 15.12.2023 to sensitize the girl students and women staff members about the provision of the Sexual harassment of Women at Work place Act (2013). In this context an Internal Complaint Cell (ICC) was formed in PCAS for Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment awareness programme was headed by Chairman of the ICC committee Dr V.Shanthi, Vice Principal. All the Female faculty members and Girl students participated in the programme. Dr V.Shanthi elaborated the provision of the Sexual harassment of Women at Work place Act (2013). She explained various types of sexual harassment that can happen to girls. She asked the students to be alert and feel free to make a complaint with ICC members.

Rally - Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat

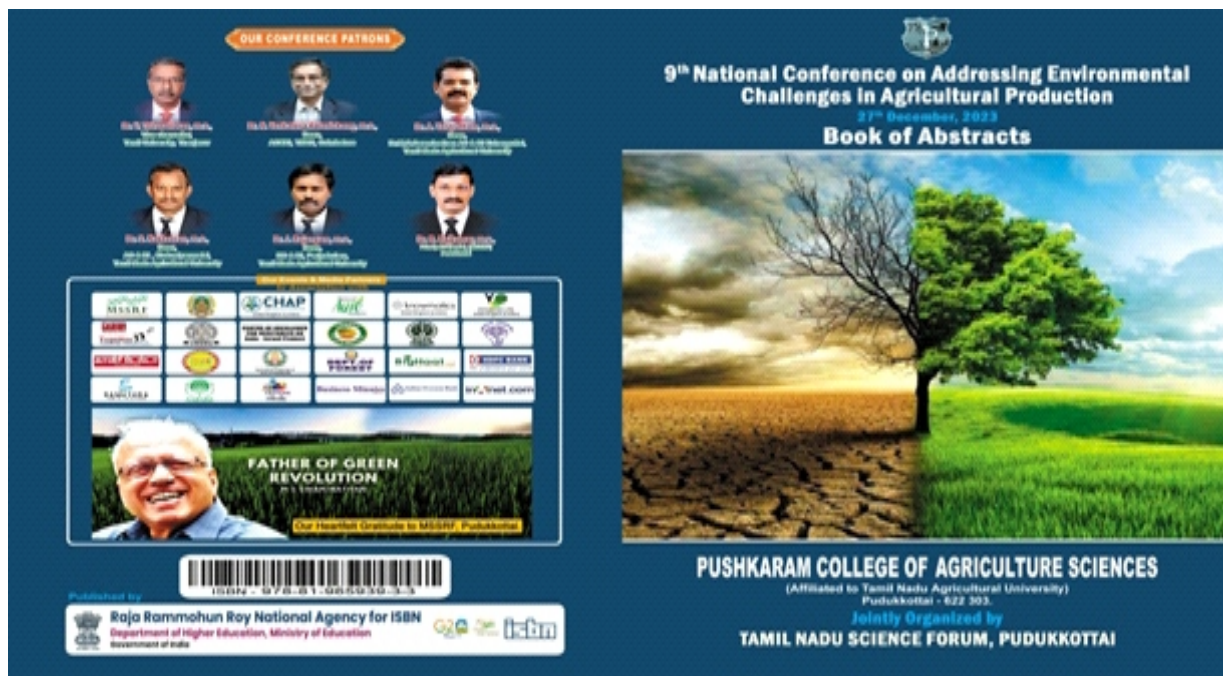


We have conducted the Rally Programme on HAMARA SANKALP VIKSIT BHARAT in our College and taken Pledge on 19.12.2023

9th National Conference on Addressing Environmental Challenges in Agricultural Production



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The 9th National Conference on Addressing Environmental Challenges in Agricultural production was organized by Pushkaram College of Agricultural Sciences in association with Tamil Nadu Science Forum (TNSF) on 29/12/2023. The Conference was inaugurated by SHRI. MM. ABDULLA, M.P Member of Parliament, and Dr. S. Raguraman, Principal of PCAS, offered the welcome address. Dr. R. Rajkumar Principal Scientist, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation delivered the Presidential Address. Proceedings of the Conference book with ISBN was released during Inaugural Session of the Conference. The book consisted of a total of 120 abstracts from Various International and National Delegates. The Conference encompassed of themes with 30 oral, 2 poster and 6 Online Presentations. The Valedictory Session was Presided over by Dr. A. Velayutham, Dean, M. S. Swaminathan Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangottai, Thanjavur. He Distributed the Prizes and honoured the Participants. The Vote of thanks was rendered by Dr. S. Selva Anbarasu, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry.

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