

Bee Keeping – A new hope for Farmer Entrepreneurs

A two days training programme on bee keeping was organized at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra on 11th & 12th April 2018. The training was organized with an aim to create awareness among the farmer entrepreneurs across the district on Apiculture - an emerging income generating enterprise in the recent years. There were more than 50 farmers registered for this particular training and the KVK pooled 20 farm entrepreneurs for the training programme.

The training programme was started with the welcome address by Shri.V.Suresh, SMS (Agricultural Extension) and Shri. N.Rameshraj, Senior Scientist & head i/c inaugurated and has narrated about the importance of Bee keeping for the regular income of the farmers. The KVK had invited Shri. A. Parthiban and his wife Smt. P.Manjula, Manjari Farms, Kolappalur, Erode as resource persons for the training programme due to their immense experiences in apiculture field for more than a decade.

Mr. A.Parthiban, the bee expert had explained in details about the weather, types of bees their roles and activities, establishment of bee hive and its maintenance, marketing and the constraints involved in apiculture with required demonstrations. Smt. Manjula had given the special training on value addition which included Bee wax, jelly and honey dipped Amla, fig & dates candy, etc

Totally, 20 farmers attended the training programme and few of them procured the bee hives in the training itself and most of the farmer entrepreneurs showed real interest to establish the apiary unit in their farms.

Shri P.Narayanan, SMS Plant Protection had arranged the entire training programme and the programme was ended up with a vote of thanks by Shri.P.Rajesh, SMS Agronomy.



Inaugural session of Bee Keeping Training



Demonstration by the bee expert

Farmers' Welfare Workshop for Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022

As a part of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, the KVK scientists had participated in the Kisan Kalyan Karyashala (Farmers' Welfare Workshop) organized in Arni, Anakkavoor, Chetpet, Vandavasi and Vembakkam blocks of Thiruvannamalai District. The Event was organized by the Joint Director of Agriculture Office, Thiruvannamalai in coordination with the line departments.

More than 1620 progressive farmers participated in the workshops. Resource persons from Agri and allied departments delivered lecture and interacted with farmers and gave them tips to achieve the goal of doubling farmer's income by 2022. Fifteen progressive farmers were felicitated for their outstanding performance in Agriculture and allied activities. Exhibitions were also organized to display the recent advancements in agriculture and allied fields for the benefit of the farmers.

Honorable Shri.S.Ramachandran, Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Mr. K.Mohan, MLA, Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu, Mr.K.S.Kandasamy, District Collector, Thiruvannamalai, Mr.Haridass, Revenue Divisional Officer, Cheyyar, & Mr.C.Muralidharan, Tahsildar, Vandavasi were the chief guests participated in the workshops and delivered special address.



Krishi Kalyan Karyasala at Arni Block



News coverage on Kisan Kalyan Karyashala at Vandavasi block