

ICAR - KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, THIRUVANNAMALAI

Kilnelli, Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu – 604 410.

Proceedings of the 24th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting

The 24th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu, was held on March 12, 2025, at the KVK premises. The meeting began with a welcome address by Mr. V. Suresh, Senior Scientist and Head. Mr. S. Ramesh, President of the Tamil Nadu Board of Rural Development, delivered opening remarks and introduced the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the KVK.

On behalf of Director, ICAR - ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad Dr. A.Bhaskaran, Principal Scientist delivered a special address online urging all line departments to share the key points to improve the farming community in implementing the mandated activities of KVK in the district. He also requested the KVK and line departments to develop a large number of small-scale entrepreneurs in the district.

On behalf Director of Extension Education, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore Dr. A.Thirumurugan, Programme Coordinator, ICAR KVK Vellore participated and explained the objectives of SAC, the role of its members and activities to strengthen the KVK's functioning.

Mr. V. Suresh, Senior Scientist & Head presented the action taken report on the recommendations of the 23rd SAC meeting held on February 03,2024 and the Annual Progress report of the KVK for the year 2024-25. During the meeting, the dignitaries launched the KVKs own mobile application *Agriismart* and commercial sale of organic inputs for the benefit of farmers. The SAC members from various line departments, farmers, farm women, entrepreneurs and SHG members participated in the meeting and gave their ideas and suggestions for the effective functioning of KVK.

The 24th SAC meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt.T.Margaret, Subject Matter Specialist (Home Science).

I. SALIENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SAC MEMBERS

- ❖ **Mr. S. Ramesh**, President of TNBRD, suggested that the KVK should promote fodder production and marketing among farmers. He also emphasized the need for KVK to focus on soil and water conservation.
- ❖ **Dr. A. Bhaskaran**, Principal Scientist, ICAR ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad, recommended to identify the reasons for production losses in paddy, groundnut, blackgram, sugarcane, milk and work on mitigating these issues. He mentioned that KVK should fill the vacant position of Senior Scientist and Head and increase the revolving fund in the upcoming year. He also suggested that the KVK should document success stories showcasing the technology interventions it has implemented and broadcast them on radio and television for the wider spread.
- ❖ **Dr. A. Thirumurugan**, Programme Coordinator, KVK Vellore stressed the importance of documenting the impacts of training conducted by KVK. He suggested conducting demonstrations on fine grain paddy varieties and displays all departmental schemes on the KVK premises.
- ❖ **Dr. M. Kumaran**, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, recommended that KVK should promote fish farming in the district and publicize the success stories of farmers through mass media.
- ❖ **Mr. S. Sundaram**, DD Agriculture (GOI) Thiruvannamalai proposed to promote the use of groundnut seed drill and pod stripper among farmers and conduct awareness sessions on drone applications in the district.
- ❖ **Dr. M. Vaithiyalingan**, Professor and Head, CEM, Thiruvannamalai suggested to utilize the services of CEM experts and organize an exposure visit to the Community Science College and Research Institute in Madurai, as well as to the Centre for Post Harvest Technology and Department of Agribusiness Development at TNAU Coimbatore. KVK should also demonstrate the Finger millet ATL-2 variety in the district.

- ❖ **Mr. M. Vijay Neehar**, DDM, NABARD, Thiruvannamalai recommended to focus on branding and marketing of value-added products and pursue eco-tourism development at Jawadhu hills.
- ❖ **Mrs. S. Shemila Jeyanthi**, Deputy Director, Department of Agribusiness and Agrimarketing, Thiruvannamalai suggested creating awareness on millet marketing among millet growers. She also suggested including directors CEO's of FPOs in the KVK buy & selling group.
- ❖ **Dr. S. Babu**, Associate Professor, AC&RI, TNAU, Vazhavachanur, recommended that KVK should conduct training on nutrient management in paddy and demonstrate the use of chisel ploughs among farmers.
- ❖ **Mrs. P. Deivasigamani**, ADH, Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Anakkavur suggested to produce and supply vegetable seedlings to farmers and conduct training on off-season production of horticultural crops. She also recommended conducting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training for chillies, mangoes, and combating the coconut rugose spiralling whitefly.
- ❖ **Dr. R. Durairajan**, Associate Professor, VUTRC, Melmaruvathur, recommended to promote the use of ethanoveterinary practices among farmers and the 10-cent model fodder production technology. He also suggested utilizing TRPVD technologies in KVK programs and publishing the success stories of farmers through mass media.
- ❖ **Mr. M. Palani**, Assistant Engineer, Department of Agri Engineering, Anakkavur recommended that KVK to demonstrate groundnut diggers and pod strippers. He also suggested conducting water budgeting for the effective utilisation of available water.
- ❖ **Mr. S. Ganapathy**, Inspector of Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare, Thiruvannamalai proposed that KVK should conduct off-campus training programs on fish value addition for fishermen communities.

- ❖ **Mr. K. Dhanapal**, District Industrial Centre, Thiruvannamalai suggested that KVK to explain the schemes of DIC in its programs.
- ❖ **Mr. P. Mani**, Junior Silk Inspector for Sericulture, Thiruvannamalai suggested focus on training and awareness programs for mulberry production and silkworm rearing.
- ❖ **Mr. K. V. Palani**, a progressive farmer from Kalambur, Polur, Thiruvannamalai recommended to increase KVK staff strength for the effective implementation of its activities.
- ❖ **Mr. M. Velayutham**, a progressive farmer from Brammadesam, Vembakkam, Thiruvannamalai suggested to promote natural and organic farming in the district.
- ❖ **Mr. K. Karthikeyan**, an agripreneur from Mottur, Kalasapakkam, Thiruvannamalai proposed to demonstrate newly released crop varieties in the district.
- ❖ **Mr. P. Manimozhi**, a farm woman from Sorappathur, Thiruvannamalai recommended that KVK should conduct training on millet value addition and help develop entrepreneurs.

II. List of members participated in the SAC meeting

Sl.No.	Name and Address	Affiliation
1.	Mr. S. Ramesh President, Tamil Nadu Board of Rural Development, Chennai.	Chairperson
2.	Dr.A. Bhaskaran Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad.	Member
3.	Dr.A. Thirumurugan Programme Coordinantor, ICAR KVK, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Vellore.	Member
4.	Dr. M. Kumaran Principal Scientist, ICAR, CIBA, Chennai.	Member

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5.	Mr.S. Sundaram Deputy Director of Agriculture(GoI), Thiruvannamalai.	Member
6.	Dr.S. Babu Associate Professor, Agriculture College and Research Institute, TNAU, Vazhavachanur, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
7.	Dr. R. Durairajan Associate Professor, Department of Animal Husbandry, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
8.	Dr.M. Vaithiyalingan Professor and Head, Centre for Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
9.	Mrs. S. Shemila Jeyanthi, Deputy Director, Department of Agribusiness and Agrimarketing, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
10.	Mr.M. Vijay Neehar District Development Manager, NABARD, Chennai Metro Cluster.	Member
11.	Mr. M. Palani Assistant Engineer, Department of Agriculture Engineering, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
12.	Mrs. P. Deivasigamani Assistant Director of Horticulture, Anakavur.	Member
13.	Dr. J. Karthik Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Chithathur, Vembakkam Taluk.	Member
14.	Mr.K. Dhanapal Assistant Director, District Industrial Centre, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
15.	Mr.S. Ganapathi Inspector of Fisheries, Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare, Vellore.	Member
16.	Mr. P. Mani, Junior Silk Inspector, Department of Sericulture, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
17.	Mrs.D. Mageswari Rural Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department, Vembakkam.	Member

Sl.No.	Name and Address	Affiliation
18.	Mr.N. Ravichandran, District Correspondent, Doordarsan, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
19.	Mr.K.V. Palani S/o.Vellai, Kalambur, Polur Taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farmer)
20.	Mr.M. Velayutham S/o.Munusamy, Brammadesam, Vembakkam Taluk,Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farmer)
21.	Mr.K. Karthikeyan S/o. Kannan, Mottur, Kalasapakkam Taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Agripreneur)
22.	Mrs.N. Meenatchi W/o. Nandakumar, Chinnasenkadu, Cheyyar Taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farm women)
23.	Mrs.P.Manimozhi W/o.Perumal, Sorappathur village, Thellar block, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farm women)
24.	Mrs.S. Bhuvaneswari W/o.Selvathambi, Chithathur, Vembakkam taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (SHG)
25.	Mr.V. Suresh Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR KVK, Thiruvannamalai.	Member Secretary
