

ICAR - KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, THIRUVANNAMALAI

Kilnelli, Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu – 604 410.

Proceedings of the 25th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting

The 25th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting (SAC) of ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thiruvannamalai held on February 11, 2026 at the KVK premises chaired by Shri. S.Ramesh, President, Tamil Nadu Board of Rural Development. The meeting commenced with a welcome address and an outline of the objectives for the SAC meeting delivered by Mr. V. Suresh, Senior Scientist and Head.

Dr. A. Bhaskaran, Principal Scientist at ICAR - ATARI, Zone X in Hyderabad participated virtually urging all line department officials to discuss the key points necessary for implementing the mandated activities of KVK, particularly addressing the critical issues faced by farmers in the district.

Dr. K. Natarajan, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR KVK, Cuddalore represented the Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore, emphasizing the significance of the SAC meeting, the roles of its members and the activities aimed at enhancing the KVK's operations.

Shri. V. Suresh, Senior Scientist and Head, presented the action taken report regarding the recommendations from the 24th SAC meeting, which was held on March 03, 2024 along with the Annual Progress report of KVK for the year 2025-26. Members of the SAC from various line departments as well as farmers, farm women, entrepreneurs and SHG members participated in the meeting, providing their recommendations and suggestions for the effective operation of KVK.

The 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, TNBRD.
 - KVK may document success stories of TSP and SCSP beneficiaries.
 - The creation of a fodder bank is essential, along with ensuring the production of high-quality seeds and planting materials.
 - KVK may undertake seed production with farmers on the improved varieties as PPP mode.
 - KVK should conduct comparative studies on crop economics and reasons for the crop shrinkage or increase area for the year 2025-26 and 2026-27
 - Focus should be directed towards affordable agricultural machinery and farming tools for small and medium-sized farmers.

- ❖ **Dr. A. Bhaskaran**, Principal Scientist, ICAR ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad.
 - Raise awareness about welfare schemes for farmers and collateral-free loans available for women in agriculture through both central and state government initiatives.
 - Agri entrepreneur training for rural youth shall be conducted.
 - Emphasis should be placed on seed production for paddy and groundnut crops.
 - Provide training focused on value addition in groundnut.

- ❖ **Dr.C.V.Sairam**, Principal Scientist, ICAR CIBA, Chennai.
 - Focus on one or two distinctive activities that align with the district's cropping pattern.
 - Regularly update the District Profile on the portal.
 - Provide training on inland fish farming and its value addition.

- ❖ **Dr. K. Natarajan**, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Cuddalore
 - Promote green manure variety of Daincha Trichy 1 and sunhemp ADT 1.
 - Promotion of paddy varieties CO57, CO 58, ADT 54, ADT 59 in the district.
 - Importance may be given on seed production of groundnut variety VRI 10.
 - Promote sesame variety VRI 4, VRI 5, VRI 6 and TMV 7.

- ❖ **Mr. J.Gopalkrishan**, DD Agriculture (FTC) Thiruvannamalai
 - Awareness on *Metarhizium*, VAM, Parasitoids in the district.
 - Create whatsapp group consisting of successful farmers and entrepreneurs.

Dr. M. Vaithiyalingan, Professor and Head, CEM, Thiruvannamalai

- Arrange a millet exhibition at KVK.
 - Educate farmers about the agri cart portal and TNAU during KVK programs.
 - An exposure visit for farmers could be arranged to CEM, Athiyandal.
 - Emphasis should be placed on Natural farming.
 - The KVK may develop a PPP model for seed production in millets.
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- ❖ **Mr. M. Vijay Neehar**, DDM, NABARD, Thiruvannamalai
 - Develop and implement entrepreneurship training programs aimed at rural youth.
 - Collaborate with bankers during KVK initiatives.
 - An eco-tourism project could be established in KVK with financial support from NABARD.
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- ❖ **Mr.S.Murugan, LDM, Indian Bank, Thiruvannamalai**
 - KVK may conduct orientation training programme for the bankers
 - May assist the local bankers to identify the eligible farmers/farm women to avail the loans for their proposed activities.
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- ❖ **Mr. N. Mohan**, ADH, Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Cheyyar
 - KVK ought to provide training for appropriate crops cultivated using shadenet and nursery production methods.
 - Training should be conducted on the scientific beekeeping and the management of Rugose spiraling whitefly in coconut.
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- ❖ **Mr. M. Palani**, Assistant Engineer, Department of Agri Engineering, Cheyyar
 - Convergence with Agri engineering during the related training and demonstration in the KVK activities.

- ❖ **Mr. K. Srinivasan**, District Industrial Centre, Thiruvannamalai
 - Training on value addition fruits and vegetables and conduct demonstration of low cost machineries.

- ❖ **Mr. P. Mani**, Junior Silk Inspector for Sericulture, Thiruvannamalai
 - Training on mulberry nursery production to farmers.
 - Silk based value added training may be given to SHG women.

- ❖ **Mr.Y.Sadhik**, Department of Agribusiness and Agrimarketing, Thiruvannamalai
 - KVK to conduct training on millet value addition and marketing among millet growers.

- ❖ **Mr. K. V. Palani**, a progressive farmer from Kalambur, Polur, Thiruvannamalai
 - Groundnut seed production training may be given to farmers
 - Training on natural farming may be given.

- ❖ **Mr. M. Velayutham**, a progressive farmer from Brammadesam, Vembakkam,
 - Groundnut mechanization training may be conducted.

- ❖ **Mr. P. Manimozhi**, a farm woman from Sorappathur, Thiruvannamalai.
 - KVK may develop more number of 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. C.V.Sairam Principal Scientist, ICAR, CIBA, Chennai.	Member
4.	Dr.K.Natarajan Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Cuddalore.	Member
5.	Dr.M. Vaithiyalingan Professor and Head, Centre for Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
6.	Mr.J.Gopalakrishnan Deputy Director, Farmer Training Centre, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
7.	Mr.M. Vijay Neehar District Development Manager, NABARD, Chennai Metro Cluster.	Member
8.	Mr.K. Murugan Lead Bank Manager, Indian Bank Thiruvannamalai.	Member
9.	Dr.N. Mohan Assistant Director of Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, Cheyyar.	Member
10.	Dr. J. Karthik Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Chithathur, Vembakkam Taluk.	Member
11.	Mr. M. Palani Assistant Engineer, Department of Agriculture Engineering, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
12.	Mr.K. Srinivasan Assistant Director, District Industrial Centre, Thiruvannamalai.	Member

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13.	Mrs. Y. Sadhik, Assistant Director Officer, Department of Agribusiness and Agrimarketing, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
14.	Mr. P. Mani, Junior Silk Inspector, Department of Sericulture, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
15.	Mr.N. Ravichandran, District Correspondent, Doordarsan, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
16.	Mr.S.Murugesan Programme Executive, AIR, Chennai.	Member
17.	Mr.K.V. Palani S/o.Vellai, Kalambur, Polur Taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farmer)
18.	Mr.M. Velayutham S/o.Munusamy, Brammadesam, Vembakkam Taluk,Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farmer)
19.	Mr.K. Karthikeyan S/o. Kannan, Mottur, Kalasapakkam Taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Agriprenneur)
20.	Mrs.N. Meenatchi W/o. Nandakumar, Chinnasenkadu, Cheyyar Taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farm women)
21.	Mrs.P.Manimozhi W/o.Perumal, Sorappathur village, Thellar block, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farm women)
22.	Mrs.S. Bhuvaneswari W/o.Selvathambi, Chithathur, Vembakkam taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (SHG)
23.	Mr.V. Suresh Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR KVK, Thiruvannamalai.	Member Secretary
