

# **ICAR - KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, THIRUVANNAMALAI**

**Kilnelli, Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu – 604410**

## **Proceedings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu, was held on February 3, 2024, 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.

Dr. P. P. Murugan, Director of Extension Education, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore participated and explained the objectives of SAC, the role of its members, and activities to strengthen the KVK's functioning.

Dr. Shaik.N.Meera delivered a special address urging all line departments to improve the standard of living of 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.

Mr. V. Suresh, Senior Scientist & Head i/c, presented the action taken report on the recommendations of the 22<sup>nd</sup> SAC meeting held on March 20, 2023, and the Annual Progress report of the KVK for the year 2023-24. During the meeting, the chief guests inaugurated a millet-based value-added products retail outlet specifically for the SC/ST category with the help of a women's self-help group.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> SAC meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K. Mayakrishnan, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Science).

## **I. SALIENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SAC MEMBERS**

- 🗣️ **Mr. S. Ramesh, President, TNBRD** suggested that KVK should promote natural farming practices and bio inputs among farmers. He also suggested that KVK should prepare a booklet containing all department schemes and circulate it to farmers during all its activities.
- 🗣️ **Dr. P. P. Murugan, Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore** stressed the importance of promoting natural/organic farming and soil health management practices in the district. He also recommended that KVK ensure its activities cover all sections of farmers in the entire district.
- 🗣️ **Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad** suggested that KVK should identify 20 critical problems that affect farmers' income and agriculture development in the district. KVK should provide end-to-end solutions for the identified problems in the form of OFT/FLD and capacity building trainings to farmers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders in collaboration with all the line departments. KVK should also develop more narratives/success stories for the impact-oriented activities implemented in the district. Furthermore, KVK should concentrate on promoting secondary agriculture practices like animal husbandry, particularly backyard poultry, sericulture, and fisheries to bring employment opportunities and livelihood changes for farmers and entrepreneurs.
- 🗣️ **Mr. C. Harakumar, JDA, Thiruvannamalai** suggested that KVK should promote the use of agri drones involving rural youth. He recommended that KVK should provide more training on value addition in millets and promote newly released varieties in blackgram (VBN-11) and groundnut (VRI-10) in the district. Additionally, KVK should give fish farming training to beneficiaries who have farm ponds established by various stakeholders.
- 🗣️ **Dr. N. Muthukrishnan, Dean, AC&RI, TNAU, Vazhavachanur, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK may engage in the production and supply of organic inputs. He suggested that KVK should take up an awareness program on tapioca mealy bug with the concern line department.
- 🗣️ **Dr. G. Somasundram, Regional Joint Director, Animal Husbandary, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK may promote multi-cut fodder varieties among farmers. He also suggested that KVK should create awareness on milking machines among dairy farmers.

- ❏ **Dr. K. Premavalli, Professor and Head, FTC, TANUVAS, Kanchipuram** recommended that KVK should organize an exposure visit to Poultry Research Station, Madavaram, Chennai, for farmers. She also suggested that KVK should concentrate on value addition in milk, meat, and egg.
- ❏ **Dr. M. Vaithiyalingan, Professor and Head, CEM, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK should take up demonstrations on newly released millet varieties by CEM, Athiyandal. He also recommended that KVK should give importance to millet value-added products and utilize the services of CEM experts for the conduction of training programs.
- ❏ **Mr. M. Vijay Neehar, DDM, NABARD, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK should impart training on value-added products in millets for the FPOs in the district. He also recommended that KVK should create awareness on digital platforms established for the FPOs to enhance the marketing opportunities. Additionally, convergence programs should be taken up by KVK for the tribal families of Jawadhu hills in collaboration with other line departments.
- ❏ **Mrs. S. Gowri, Lead District Manager, Indian Bank, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK should utilize the services of bankers during its activities to create awareness on bank schemes available for farmers and SHGs.
- ❏ **Mr. R. Panchapakesan, Executive Engineer, Agri Engineering, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK should undertake demonstrations on power weeder.
- ❏ **Mr. M. Shanmugam, ADA, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Vembakkam** recommended that KVK should demonstrate Nithya haritha groundnut variety and barnyard millet variety in Cheyyar and Vembakkam blocks.
- ❏ **Mr. N. Arulmani, ADH, Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Vembakkam,** recommended that KVK should conduct training on crop diversification and should promote oil palm under dry land horticulture in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops. Additionally, IPM trainings should be conducted in coconut, watermelon, and brinjal. Awareness should also be created on wild boar management.
- ❏ **Mrs. E. Gayathri, AO, Department of Agri-marketing and Agribusiness, Thiruvannamalai** recommended that KVK should conduct flower-based value-added training programs.

- ☛ **Mr. B. Vivek, Sub-inspector, Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare, Thiruvannamalai** suggested that KVK should conduct training programs on recent technologies in fish farming.
- ☛ **Mr. K. Dhanapal, District Industrial Centre, Thiruvannamalai,** recommended that collaborative training programs should be organized with District Industrial Centre.
- ☛ **Mr. K. V. Palani, Farmer, Kalambur, Polur, Thiruvannamalai** suggested that KVK should conduct training on low-cost household fish farming and promote millet cultivation in the district.
- ☛ **Mr. M. Velayutham, Farmer, Brammadesam, Vembakkam, Thiruvannamalai** suggested that KVK should prepare and circulate pamphlets on crop production technologies.
- ☛ **Mr. K. Karthikeyan, Farmer, Mottur, Kalasapakkam, Thiruvannamalai,** suggested that KVK should organize an exposure visit to the Central Tuber Crop Research Institute, Trivandrum, Kerala.
- ☛ **Mr. P. Manimozhi, Farm woman, Sorappathur, Thiruvannamalai,** suggested that KVK should develop entrepreneurs in agri and related value-added products.

## **II. List of members participated in the SAC meeting**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1.	<b>Mr. S. Ramesh</b> President, Tamil Nadu Board of Rural Development, Chennai.	Chairperson
2.	<b>Dr.P.P.Murugan</b> Director of Extension Education, TNAU Coimbatore	Member
3.	<b>Dr.Shaik N Meera</b> Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad.	Member
4.	<b>Mr.C.Harakumar</b> Joint Director of Agriculture, Thiruvannamalai	Member
5.	<b>Dr.N.Muthukrishnan</b> Dean, Agriculture College and Research Institute, TNAU, Vazhavachanur, Thiruvannamalai.	Member

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6.	<b>Dr.G.Somasundaram</b> Regional Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Thiruvannamalai	Member
7.	<b>Dr.M.Vaithiyalingan</b> Professor and Head, Centre for Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
8.	<b>Dr. K.Premavalli</b> Professor and Head, Farmers Training Centre, TANUVAS, Kanchipuram.	Member
9.	<b>Mr.M.Vijay Neehar</b> District Development Manager, NABARD, Chennai Metro Cluster	Member
10.	<b>Mr.R.Panchapakesan</b> Executive Engineer, Department of Agriculture Engineering, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
11.	<b>Mrs.S.Gowri</b> Lead Manager, Indian Bank, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
12.	<b>Mr.K.Dhanapal</b> Survey and Statistical Inspector, District Industrial Centre, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
13.	<b>Mr.M.Shanmugam</b> Assistant Director of Agriculture, Vembakkam	Member
14.	<b>Mr.N.Arulmani</b> Assistant Director of Horticulture, Vembakkam, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
15.	<b>Mr.B.Vivek</b> Sub Inspector of Fisheries, Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare, Vellore.	Member
16.	<b>Mrs.E.Gayathri</b> Agriculture Officer, Department of Agrimarketing and Agribusiness, Cheyyar, Thiruvannamalai.	Member
17.	<b>Mrs.C.Kavitha</b> Assistant Inspector, Department of Sericulture, Thiruvannamalai	Member
18.	<b>Mr.A.Chinnappan</b> Ranger, Department of Forest, Cheyyar	Member
19.	<b>Mr.S.Kannagi</b> CDPO, Social Welfare & Women Empowerment Department, Vembakkam.	Member
20.	<b>Mr.N.Ravichandran,</b> District Correspondent, All India Radio/ Doordarsan, Chennai	Member
21.	<b>Mr.K.V.Palani</b> S/o.Vellai, Kalambur, Polur taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farmer)

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22.	<b>Mr.M.Velayutham</b> S/o.Munusamy, Brammadesam, Vembakkamtaluk,Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Farmer)
23.	<b>Mr.K.Karthikeyan</b> S/o. Kannan, Mottur, Kalasapakkam taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Agripreneur)
24.	<b>Mrs.N.Meenatchi</b> W/o. Nandakumar, Chinnasenkadu, Cheyyar taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Fam women)
25.	<b>Mrs.P.Manimozhi</b> W/o.Perumal, Sorappathur village, Thellar block, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (Fam women)
26.	<b>Mrs.S.Bhuvaneswari</b> W/o.Selvathambi, Chithathur, Vembakkam taluk, Thiruvannamalai.	Member (SHG)
27.	<b>Dr.T.Sundarraaj,</b> Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR KVK, Krishnagiri.	Special invitee
28.	<b>Dr.M.Senthilkumar,</b> Associate Professor, Directorate of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore	Special invitee
29.	<b>Mr.S.Tamilmaran</b> District Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Vazhdhu Kattuvom Project, Thiruvannamalai	Special invitee
30.	<b>Mr.M.Narasimmapallavan</b> Assistant Horticulture Officer, Vembakkam	Special invitee
31.	<b>Mr.Murugan,</b> Manager, Mannuyir FPO, Cheyyar	Special invitee
32.	<b>Mr.V.Suresh</b> Senior Scientist and Head i/c, ICAR KVK, Thiruvannamalai.	Member Secretary

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