

Executive Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- First women VVV club was launched by MYRADA KVK in Erode Dt. It is the first time that such a club has been formed in the whole of Tamil Nadu.
- Saturday and Sunday Bazaar –Innovative Marketing Outlet for SHG products by KVK Gadag
- Commissionerate of Agriculture, Chennai has selected MYRADA KVK, Erode as supporting organization in the implementation of National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas (NWDPA). Kendra is been identified as a source center for exposure on soil and water conservation activities and role of community based organizations in implementation of watershed program for Tamil Nadu.
- Newsletter has been released by the following KVKs/TTC
 - Gadag
 - Dindigul
 - Erode
 - Nilgiris
 - Perambalur
 - Thanjavur
 - Tirunelveli
 - Calicut
 - Pathanamthitta
 - Pondicherry
 - TTC Coimbatore
- Website has been launched by the following KVKs/TTC
 - Gadag
 - Erode
 - Calicut
 - Pathanamthitta
 - Pondicherry
 - TTC Coimbatore
- Review meeting on "KVK Success Stories and Entrepreneurship Development" on 18 January, 2003 at CPCRI, Kasaragod

Zonal coordinating unit VIII of ICAR monitors the transfer of technology activities of 39 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and 3 Trainers Training Centres (TTCs) in the state of Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Goa and UT of Pondicherry and Lakshadweep. In addition it

monitors Institute Village Linkage Programme (IVLP) activities at 13 centres, Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATIC) at 10 centres and activities of ZARS KVKs at 13 centers.

The present report highlights the various activities undertaken by different TOT centres in the zone for the period October 2002 to September 2003. During the period the major activities undertaken by various TOT centers is briefed below.

Training Programmes

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

All the KVKs of the Zone conducted 5405 training programmes benefiting 163468 farmers and farm women of which 29382 were socio-economically backward classes. A total of 914 training courses were conducted for crop production technologies to increase the production and productivity of major crops benefiting 31000 farmers out of which 3793 belong to backward categories. Similarly 901 programmes were conducted in horticulture covering plantation crops, spices, dryland horticulture, arid horticulture, vegetables and fruits crops including medicinal plants benefiting 17808 farmers/farm women/extension functionaries. Technologies related to livestock production and management including dairy, poultry, goatery, rabbitary were transferred through 680 programmes which benefited 17808 participants out of which 4569 belong to backward classes. Besides, 477 programmes in crop protection, 382 on agricultural engineering, 136 on soil fertility and management, 338 on agricultural extension and 95 on agro-forestry were also conducted.

Home science was an important area for most of the KVKs where the largest number of training programmes i.e., 1047 were organised mainly for women benefiting 24154 women and rural girls.

Trainers Training Centres

Trainers' Training Centre, IIHR, Bangalore conducted 21 training programmes for 296 participants, TTC, CMFRI, Cochin trained 157 officials in 12 programmes and TTC, Coimbatore trained 1282 participants through 65 courses.

Remandated ZARS Krishi Vigyan Kendra

The 13 KVKs of the zone conducted 667 training programmes for 26336 practicing farmers, 1009 programmes for 6198 rural youths and 109 programmes for 3700 extension functionaries.

These KVKs also conducted 233 sponsored training programmes for a total of 9944 participants in which 6662 were men and 3282 were women. The participants included 224 persons belonging to SC/ST category.

Frontline demonstrations

Frontline demonstrations on oilseeds and pulses were implemented in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa and Pondicherry.

Groundnut demonstrations were implemented in 170 ha in Karnataka, 180.5 ha in Tamil Nadu, 12.8 hectare in Pondicherry and 9.8 hectare in Goa. In these demonstrations a total of 336 farmers in Karnataka, 363 in Tamil Nadu, 37 in Pondicherry and 18 farmers in Goa were involved. The highest average productivity was recorded in Pondicherry where the average yield was 25.6 q/ha with variety VRI-2.

Sunflower demonstrations were implemented in 105 hectare in Karnataka and 50 hectare in Tamil Nadu by involving 215 and 78 farmers respectively. The highest yield was recorded at Tamil Nadu where the average yield was 12.30q/ha with variety SSH-32.

Sesamum demonstrations were conducted in Tamil Nadu only covering 50.0 hectare area involving 96 farmers where the best average yield was 7.0 q/ha achieved with variety SVPR-1.

Soybean and safflower demonstrations were implemented in Karnataka only in 45.9 hectare and 10.0 hectare respectively. Castor demonstrations were implemented in both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu covering an area of 60.0 hectare with the participation of 98 farmers.

Under pulses demonstrations in redgram, greengram, blackgram and Bengal gram were implemented in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. Redgram demonstrations were implemented in 93.1 hectare involving 155 farmers of Karnataka and 118.1 hectare belonging to 192 farmers of Tamil Nadu. The best average yield in this crop was 26.3 q/ha recorded with variety BSMR-736.

Greengram demonstrations were implemented in 89 farmers' fields covering an area of 45.2 hectare in Karnataka, and 136 farmers' fields covering 65.0 hectares in Tamil Nadu. The best average yield was obtained with variety VRM-1 (8.1 q/ha).

Blackgram demonstrations were implemented in 85.0 hectares belonging to 43 farmers of Karnataka and 150 farmers of Tamil Nadu. The best productivity was observed with variety ADT-5. Pondicherry also implemented these demonstrations in 13 farmers' fields.

Bengalgram demonstrations were implemented in 60.2 hectare with the participation of 83 Karnataka farmers and 35 Tamil Nadu farmers. The best average yield was recorded at Tamil Nadu with varieties A-1 and Co 4.

Production of Seeds/ Planting Materials

The KVKs produced 2013.5 quintals of seeds consists of cereals (976.8), oilseeds (138.5 quintals), pulses (102.7 quintals) and vegetables (795.5). In addition 1309779 planting material were produced and sold by KVKs of Zone VIII consisting various fruits, spices, ornamental, plantation and forest species.

Extension Activities

There were 817 extension activities comprising of 502 film shows, 131 field days, 128 exhibitions, 37 kisan melas and 19 kisan ghoshties in which a total of 196558 farmers and 4190 extension officials participated. Out of this, 63372 were farm women and 1325 women extension officials.

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