Vision

To upgrade the quality of life of rural poor through multi-pronged interventions and improve their family income multifold

Mission

To create a “Healthy, Literate and Prosperous Rural India” in Partnership with the Government and other related organisations
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**National Agro Foundation**, a Public Charitable Trust, was founded in 2000 by Shri C. Subramaniam (CS), Architect of India’s Green Revolution and recipient of India’s highest civilian award the ‘Bharat Ratna’, with an integrated mission mode approach for creating sustainable livelihoods for the poor rural communities with special focus on agricultural productivity improvement. **Dr A P J Abdul Kalam** became the Chairman of NAF Governing Council after Shri CS, the post he relinquished on becoming the President of India. NAF is working in Tamil Nadu for implementing a sustainable integrated rural development model which can be replicated in other parts of India by providing training and other advisory services to the lead farmers.

**Activities**: Following activities are taken up in the project area, with prime focus on the small and marginal farmers, under privileged and rural women for their socio-economic upliftment:

**Agriculture Development**

- Demonstration of Crop productivity improvement by introduction of scientific farming
- Grass root level technology transfer to the under privileged farming community
- Conservation agriculture through land management, Integrated Nutrient management, comprehensive pest and disease management, water resource management including in situ conservation
- Farm friendly cost effective tools and machineries development, introduction and usage
- Crop rotation including marketable alternate crops
- Facilitation of bank credit
- Market tie-up
- Liaison with government and other agencies and facilitation of agriculture support systems

**Animal Husbandry**

- Livestock upgradation / veterinary services
- Milk Productivity Improvement
- Crossbred cattle induction through bank credit linkage
- Market tie-up

**Social Development**

- Community mobilization - Formation of Self Help Groups
- Strengthening of community organizations including farmers clubs, joint liability groups, youth groups, and other like associations
- Advisory / monitoring of above associations
- Microfinance
- Functional Adult Literacy
- Total Village Sanitation
- Childcare - a model play
- Healthcare

**Watershed development**

- Natural Resource Management (NRM) through participatory approach
- Construction of structures like farm pond, channels, bunds etc
- Live structures like agro forestry, agri sylvia pasture etc.

**Training**

- Training and capacity building of the individuals as well as community in general
- Agriculture/ dairy/ skill development/ vocational in particular- tailoring, computer literacy, nursery raising etc.
- Exposure and exchange programs
- Beneficiary – beneficiary interactive training

**Education**

- Vocational programs by NAF-IGNOU Community College

**Infrastructure**:

**NAF Center For Rural Development (CFRD)** 30,000 sq. ft. accommodated on a five acre land consisting of Training Halls, Farm Machinery Center, Input Supply Center, Canteen, Residential Block for 30 participants, Open Air Theatre, Model Play School, Admin Block, Computer Lab, Vocational Training Hall and Model Farm.

**NAF Research & Development Center** located at Anna University Taramani Campus, Chennai accommodates state-of -the art laboratory facilities for Soil Testing, Food Testing, Food Microbiology Testing, Plant Tissue Culture and Irrigation Water Testing.
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Honorary Distinguished Professor at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space, Govt. of India

Mr. C. Ramakrishna
Eminent lawyer and a progressive farmer

Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (Ex-officio member)

Vice Chancellor, Anna University Chennai (Ex-officio member)
• Inauguration of NAF Plant Tissue Culture laboratory
• Rural Tele-health Project launched in Partnership with Medtech India
• Founder’s Day Celebrations and Awareness Workshop on Malnutrition and Child Health in January 2012
• A National level Workshop on Secondary and Micronutrients in Crop Nutrition Management Conducted during March 2012
NAF's sphere of influence is extended in following parts of India:

- Integrated Rural Development Program
- Consultancy Services for Rural Development
- Soil Testing Services
- Food Testing Services
Agriculture Technology demonstration and transfer has been one of the core activities of the Foundation at the grassroots level for economic empowerment of the farming community. Various projects undertaken for agriculture development are given below:

- **NAF–NABARD Farmers Technology Transfer Fund (FTTF) Project**

  The three year project on “Farm productivity improvement, technology transfer, training and capacity building initiatives” under NABARD Farmers Technology Transfer Fund (FTTF) is being implemented in 6 blocks of Kancheepuram District. This project completed its second year of implementation successfully.

### Highlights

- **Farmers Clubs (FC):** 94 Farmers Clubs (FCs) formed.
- **Joint Liability Groups (JLGs):** 239 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) formed
- **Front Line Demonstrations:** 200 Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs) covering crops like Paddy, Groundnut, Watermelon and Vegetables have been established. Average crop yield increase was to the tune of 34% and the profit increase to the tune of 45%.
- **Seed Village Program:** Under seed village program, 20 acres of paddy seed production and 10 acres groundnut seed production have been established, so far.
- **Vermi Composting Units:** 5 model vermi-composting units have been established and functional in the project area.
- **Nursery Units:** Six beneficiaries have been identified for establishing model Nursery units and training for all Nursery beneficiaries have been imparted at CFRD. Three Nursery units are in the early stages of establishment.
- **Soil Tests:** Comprehensive soil Analysis has been conducted for 2991 samples since beginning of the project and farmers have been given suitable recommendations.
- **Field Days:** During the 2011-2012, Agri Technology Transfer has been scaled up covering 12,818 acres.
- **Farmers Club Federations:** Four block level Farmers Club Federation have been formed in Chithamur, Madurantakam, Uthiramerur and Thirukazhukunram blocks in order to graduate the Farmers Clubs into a Producer Group Company.
- **Block level Seminar:** Four Block level seminars have been conducted in the Chitamur, Madurantakam, Lathur and Acharapakkam Blocks. Topics covered include ‘Modern Technologies for Paddy Productivity Improvement’, ‘Producer Organizations’, ‘Modern Dairy Cattle Management’ and ‘Vegetable Production’. Large Number of farmers attended the seminars and benefited.
Information Communication Technology (ICT) based Agri Advisory Services under NAIP of ICAR

NAF is partnering with IIT Madras and TNAU in implementing a World Bank sponsored research project under National Agriculture Innovation Project supported by ICAR. 400 Farmers have been covered by this Project. All the farmers have been trained on use of ICT Tools during last year. Seven refresher programs were conducted and 158 farmers trained under this project on use of ICT tools for getting Agri advisory services.

NATUECO Farming

A two year project was sanctioned by NABARD to NAF for implementing Natural Eco farming by farmers in Farmers Club villages. 25 farmers were shortlisted and have undergone exposure training at Pune. Farmers would be implementing the project during the next year.
Soil Fertility Division

NAF Soil Fertility Division has been providing subsidized comprehensive soil testing services for agriculture development. During 2011-2012, 2011 soil samples, 119 irrigation water samples and 23 compost samples have been tested. Samples from other states Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh were also tested during this period. Soil samples from Malawi, Africa have also been tested during this period.

This division introduced leaf analysis as agriculture support service since April 2011.

Testing of Bio-fertilizer and Bio-pesticide samples have also been undertaken by this Division from this year.

Training:

- **Internship Training**: six students studying I M.Sc., Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology from Madras Christian College underwent two weeks internship training at NAF Soil Testing Lab and Food Safety Lab.
- **Exposure Training**: 40 students from Shriram IGNOU Community College studying 1st year Associate Diploma in Agriculture underwent exposure training in Soil Analysis.
Food Safety Division

The Food Safety Division has been carrying out analysis of food products for Nutritional Analysis and for compliance to Standards. The Microbiological laboratory has analyzed food samples for microbiological quality and swab samples for monitoring Good Food Hygiene, Sanitation and Personal Hygiene Practices and water samples for potability. 681 food samples and 437 microbiology samples were tested during the year 2011-2012.

Analysis includes 54 samples of different instant mixes and food products for nutritional labeling received from Sri Annapoorna Self Help Group and Shri Yogeshwari Self Help Group supported by Mrs. Radha Parthasarathy. 12 samples from Archana Sweets and 13 samples of food grains from CIKS Chennai. Samples are received from 31 new customers during this year.

Water samples from five customers were received for Microbiological testing for potable water for obtaining license under Food Safety and Standards Act 2006.

Seven samples of Bio-fertiliser and Bio-pesticide were received from M/s.Romvijay Biootech Pvt. Ltd. for Microbiological analysis.

Training:

- Lab Session and End semester Exams were conducted for 15 M.Tech (Food Technology) I Semester and 19 B.Tech (Food Technology) V semester students of Anna University.

- Two days lab session was conducted for IGNOU-M.Sc.DFSM on Principles of Food Science. 35 students attended the session.

- Internship training was conducted for six students of I M.Sc (Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology), MCC College

- One candidate Ms. S. Vijayalakshmi M.Sc., Food Science and Technology has completed six weeks training in Food Safety and Quality and Analytical Techniques in Food Analysis during July - Aug 2011.

- 8 PG students and 10 UG Students carried out their End semester projects during this year.

- 20 samples of newly developed Food products from seven Ph.D and M.Phil students were analyzed for nutritional facts.
Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory

Plant Tissue Culture Lab has been reactivated with emphasis on training and project work in the first phase and then plants production in the later stage on a project mode. Micropropagation of selected medicinal plants has been initiated in the laboratory currently.

Cattle Development Division

- Cattle Development Division extends veterinary services at farmers’ door step.
- Total 6069 Crossbred calves were born in our Project Area due to our A.I intervention since inception.
- During 2011-12, total 54,407 Liters of milk have been supplied to Hatsun Agro from our Milk Collection Centres at Chunampet Cluster. Average cost of Rs.19.38 per liter has been received from Hatsun Agro Product Ltd.
- Cattle Camps: 10 Animal health camps have been organized in both the clusters and more than 1600 animals were treated for De-worming, vaccination and other illness during 2011-12.
- Cattle Development Centre (CDC) has been extending its support to the farmers for Cattle Insurance wherever required.

Training in Modern Dairy Cattle Management at Lathur Block, Kancheepuram District

Veterinary Camp in Mampattu village
**Watershed Development Division**

NAF has been facilitating the implementation of watershed programs in Kancheepuram District in about 5500 ha. Activities implemented generally in all watersheds include Area Treatment, Drainage line treatment, Renovation of existing traditional water harvesting structure, Maintenance of the existing structure Training and development in farm and non farm sector, Livelihood support through Micro finance for Diary Farming, JLG Revolving Fund Loan, and Individual Loan, Agro Forestry / Agro Horticulture etc.

**Training and Capacity Building**

NAF Centre for Rural Development (CFRD) is a hub of all training and capacity building activities for the rural community in various areas like agriculture development, modern dairy cattle management, vocational training, watershed training etc. Apart from NAF CFRD, various awareness / motivation programs are conducted at the villages. Regular training programs are also undertaken in NAF Project area in Thiruvallur District for the rural beneficiaries.

Various training programs conducted during the period from 2011-2012 include:

- Village level training on technology adoption
- Training, method demonstration and exhibition
- Orientation training on horticulture nursery
- Propagation and planting of medicinal plants
- Training on System of Rice Intensification
- Refresher training on NATUECO farming
- Training on horticulture
- Training program on weed control and soil fertility management
- Orientation training for Farmers Club federation
- Orientation training for Farmers Clubs
- Farm machinery training
- Orientation training for Joint Liability Groups
- Agri Clinic and Agri Business Centre training for Agri Graduates and Diploma Holders
- Capacity Building for Adoption of Technology training on Dairy Development
- Entrepreneurship Development training
- Project Planning and Management training
- Village watershed committee training
- Animator & Representative Training for SHG

**Training on Technology based Agriculture**

- Need assessment through Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)
- Promoting Agro Forestry at Kumili Village
- Livelihood support to a beneficiary from Watershed Project Area
- Soil and Water conservation Measure - Checkdam at Nugumbal village
Agriclinic and Agri Business Center (ACABC) Training for Agri Graduates/Diploma Holders

This training program aims at preparing the participants to start Agri Business / Clinic their places. During 2011-12, fourth batch of 23 participants completed the program and 5th batch of 26 participants would be completing by May 2012.
## Feedback from beneficiaries

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<th>Name and village of the participant</th>
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<td>Mr. R Manivelan (Ex-Army) Dhandukaram Patti village, Dharmapuri District</td>
<td>Capacity building for adoption of technology training on technologies in Dairy Farming</td>
<td>I have learnt about cattle rearing from this training. My doubts about maintaining a dairy unit and the cattle shed were clarified. This training is very beneficial to me. I am very happy about the green surroundings in which the training centre is located and the healthy food provided during the training.</td>
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<td>Mr. K. Kannan, Amarachur Village, Trichy District</td>
<td>Capacity building for adoption of technology training on technologies in vegetable cultivation</td>
<td>This program was very good. In addition to the farmers like me; it has also given me confidence. We are grateful to National Agro Foundation and NABARD for their efforts towards development of farmers. I would implement the technologies learnt in cultivation</td>
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<td>Mr. M. Chockalingam, Pilathu Post, Dindugul Dist.</td>
<td>Capacity building for adoption of technology training on Organic Farming and Conservation Agriculture</td>
<td>I did not know anything about organic farming prior to this training. From this training program I have come to know organic farming methods, new technologies and the economic development of farmers practicing organic farming and its benefits for environmental conservation. I will tell others about this useful training.</td>
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<td>Ms. M. Bhanumathy, Agaram Village, Kancheepuram District.</td>
<td>Training in modern dairy cattle management</td>
<td>This training is very useful to me. I learnt many aspects of dairy cattle management like insemination, feed management, mineral mixtures, vaccination etc. I will follow the above learnt by one during maintaining cattle at my place. I will also teach others about this. I would also like to undergo training in computers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ms. Renuka, Mambakkam Village, Kancheepuram District.</td>
<td>Training in poultry rearing</td>
<td>Training is very useful. I learnt about livestock rearing, feed management etc. I would like to attend a training program on goat rearing too.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mr. S. Ramesh, Kothamangalam.</td>
<td>Training on organic farming and conservation Agriculture</td>
<td>This training program jointly organized by National Agro Foundation and NABARD was very useful to me. I will follow whatever that was taught. I would disseminate the knowledge gained here in my village also.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ms. S. Thirupurasundari, Chennai</td>
<td>Agri Clinic and Agri Business Centre Training</td>
<td>Training content is very useful. Training methodology is informative and useful; especially field visits and exposure visits are useful to us to start a business. Thanks for giving us an opportunity to know about agriculture related business, risks to be taken in the business and how to make a successful venture. Once again thanking you all.</td>
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<td>Ms. Santhi Subbrayan, Agaram Village, Kancheepuram District</td>
<td>Training on Entrepreneurship Development</td>
<td>This training was beneficial to me. I learnt about business development, how to overcome problems faced by women in business, self employment, opportunities, how to tackle competition etc. I will follow whatever I have learnt in this training to best possible extent. I will also inform my fellow community members about this training.</td>
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NAF Social Development Division is striding ahead in extending support and facilitating credit (Revolving Fund/ Direct Linkage/ Economic Assistance) for various income generating activities for sustainable livelihoods of the rural poor.

Various income generating activities undertaken by the beneficiaries with the support of NAF include: Weaving (Power Loom and Hand Loom), Tailoring, Embroidering, Garment sales, Petty Trades including small hotels, Provision stores and vegetable fruit sales, Agriculture including Jasmine Cultivation, Animal Husbandry/purchase of cattle etc.

Income Generation Activity: Garment Unit at Madharpakkam Village, Thiruvallur District

Income Generation Activity: Embroidery Unit at Bhoodhur Village, Thiruvallur District

Income Generation Activity: Petty Shop at Pathirivedu Village, Thiruvallur District

Income Generation Activity: Powerloom at Manellore Village, Thiruvallur District

Income Generation Activity: Idly Shop at Amarambedu Village, Thiruvallur District
Rural Telehealth Booth Project

NAF has signed a MoU with MedTech Health Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Chennai in the presence of New Zealand Prime Minister, the Right Honorable John Key, during his state visit to India on June 27, 2011 for implementing Rural Tele-Health Booth (RHB) Project for a period of one year on a pilot replicable model basis to undertake healthcare programs for the rural poor.

MTI has developed a Tele-health Screening Solution which provides remote connectivity between doctor and patient to reduce medical administrative cycle by combining clinical data, work flow information to provide quality tele-health in emergency and rehabilitation of patients. MTI has come forward to establish a RHB on a pilot replicable model basis as a social initiative. Pilot RHB would be established at Chunampet, Kancheepuram District.

Total Sanitation

NAF has facilitated implementation of Total Sanitation Program of Government of India. 1376 families benefited out of the program so far.

Social Welfare Scheme: LIC Jana Bima Yojna Policy for NAF SHG Members

2770 members have joined LIC Jana Bima Yojna (JBY) policy wherein LIC grants scholarships to the sons/daughters of the insured members of this Policy upto 15% strength. Scholarships amount to Rs. 11.16 Lakhs have been distributed to NAF members holding JBY Policy.

Adult Literacy Program

NAF has been conducted Computer based Functional Adult Literacy Program for the Illiterate Adults in the villages for the past 10 years. More than 7000 beneficiaries have become “Neo Literates” so far.

Tree plantation program

Supported by the Lions Club of Mambalam and facilitated by National Agro Foundation, 76,000 trees were planted in 20 villages of Kancheepuram District as part of “Green Revolution” mission for community development.
Farm School Program: Rural Educational Trip for Urban School Students

444 students from five schools Sri Sankara Senior Sec School, Vidya Mandir® Estancia, Lalaji Memorial Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Geetha Mat. Hr. Sec. School and Hussain Memorial Mat. Hr. Sec School underwent educational program during this year.

• Excerpt of feedback from the students:

S. Bharathi, Class VII, Vidya Mandir® Estancia: It was excellent. The trip gave many information about Agriculture and the cart ride was magnificent.

Ahmed Bilal.S, Class IX, Hussain Memorial Matriculation Higher Secondary School: The triple ‘E’ was wonderful i.e. Enjoyable, Entertainment, Education!

Tejaswini Karra, Class X, Lalaji Memorial Omega International School: A real good, rejuvenating and refreshing experience. The best part was the sight seeing of the fields and the bullock cart ride.

Mridula Baurai, Class IX, Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School: It was a great learning experience. Experience of life time.

Aarthi Christina.K, Class X, Hussain Memorial Matriculation Higher Secondary School: This program has got me mind blogging with facts on food production!

Anna University Youth Red Cross Camp

Youth Red Cross Camp was conducted at NAF CFRD from June 1-6, 2011. Students participated in the cattle health camp and blood donation awareness program. Students conducted Awareness Campaign and Rally in the village on sanitation and also actively participated in the weed cleaning operation.

Health Camps

A Rural Dental Camp in collaboration with Parasu Dental Hospital, Chennai and a Diabetes Awareness Camp in collaboration with Dr. Mohan’s Diabetes Specialites Centre, Chennai have been organized at Chunampet. More than 215 members benefited out of these camps.
Awareness Program on Malnutrition and Child Development

An awareness program on malnutrition and child development at NAF Center For Rural Development at Illedu village in Kancheepuram District; on the eve of Founder Shri C Subramaniam’s Birth Anniversary on 30th January 2012. Shri G Ramachandran IAS (Retd.), Former Union Finance Secretary was the Chief Guest for the program. NAF Trustees, Shri M R Sivaraman IAS (Retd.) and Shri S S Rajsekar participated in the program.

Expert lectures on the theme were delivered by Dr. P Kuganantham, City Health Officer, Corporation of Chennai and Dr Usha Antony, Associate Professor, Centre of Food Technology, Anna University. The topics covered were importance of breastfeeding, proper nutrition for pregnant women and weaning mothers and balanced diet for children to prevent malnutrition. About 100 participants participated and benefited from this program. A health camp was organized by New Hope Hospitals, Chennai. About 70 patients benefited from the Health Camp.

An awareness Rally on agriculture and malnutrition was organized in and around Chunampet village. About 100 lead farmers from Farmers Clubs of 6 villages participated in the rally.

The program was sponsored by Trigyn Technologies Ltd. and International Engineering Agencies.

National Workshop on “Secondary and Micronutrients in Crop Nutrition Management: Recent Advances, Issues and Strategies”

A National level Workshop on “Secondary and Micronutrients in Crop Nutrition Management: Recent Advances, Issues and Strategies” was organized by NAF on 15th March 2012 at the Ramanujan Auditorium, The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Taramani, Chennai to create awareness on importance of secondary and micronutrients for crop productivity improvement and, promote secondary and micro nutrition in Crop Nutrition Management amongst various stakeholders of agriculture.

Prof. Y.S Rajan, Professor at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest for the Inauguration and the Guest of Honour was the Dr.G.Raviprasad, President—Marketing (Fertilizers and SND), Coromandel International Ltd.. Valedictory session was chaired by Shri. PMichael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Director & Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur.
Eminent personalities from International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI), Tamilnadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Annamalai University, Agriculture Govt. of Tamil Nadu, M/s Rom Vijay Bioo Tech Pvt. Ltd. and Coromandel International Ltd. delivered special technical lectures. Twenty four abstracts were received covering thematic areas. The special lectures were followed by oral presentation of papers selected by the Expert Panel chaired by the Convener of the Workshop. The findings of the papers presented were deliberated in detail and the audience actively participated. Simultaneous poster presentations were also made.

The workshop was sponsored by Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt. of India and M/s Coromandel International Limited.

**NAF - IGNOU Community College (Registered under Community College Scheme of IGNOU)**

- Certificate program in Horticulture – Vegetables, Fruits and Gardening:
  - In the second batch of eight students successfully completed the program by scoring high marks in all the subjects.
  - Third batch of 20 students are currently undergoing this program and would be appearing for examinations during Apr 2012.
  - Fourth batch of 21 students have enrolled for Jan 2012 session and are undergoing their classes.

- **Financial Support from Indian Overseas Bank**
  - Indian Overseas Bank has provided sponsorship of Rs. 8 lakhs for conducting two certificate programs in Agriculture.

- **Non Credit Customized Program – Basic Computer Literacy**
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### Remarks from Visitors

**Mr. David Holly, Australian Consul-General for South India, Australian Consulate General Chennai, Chennai.**

My thanks to all for a most informative visit. I wish you well in your endeavors and look forward to seeing future opportunities for collaboration.

**Dr. M S Srinivasan, President, Rotary Club of Madras Temple City**

The institute as planned, executed and maintained for the backbone personal of this Country is outstanding and worthiest example to emulate, we are proud to associate ourselves in a humble way.

**Prof. Md. Abul Kashem, Director General, Director of Technical Education & National Project Director of TVET Reform project, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Visited the National Agro Foundation, observed the activities of the foundation. Their effort is very good specifically for the rural farmers development. We are happy for the progressive success.

**Mr. S K Mitra, Executive Director, NABARD, Mumbai.**

An organization driven by vision & compassion doing commendable work for people around. Needs to be supported as an anchor organization for Rural Development.


Team from R I Dist 3230 for project ‘Happy Village’ for Rotary Year 2012 – 13 commenced its journey today from NAF. And what an auspicious and purposeful start for an excellent project. Brigadier, Saibaba, Kalpana and the team took us around the labs and the works is phenomenal their value addition to the primary sector – Agriculture is laudable. Rotary takes pride in associating with NAF for the learning process to take our project Happy Village a realizable dream. Thanks Brigadier & Team, Great hearts & great service here.
Mrs. Rama Ramesh, Asst. Scientific Officer, Soil Fertility Division and Mr. M. Anandha Kumar, Asst. Agri. Officer, Agriculture Development Division participated in a workshop on “Alternative Analytical Technology for testing soil nutrients through image processing of chromatogram” organized by Shri A M M Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre held during April 27th-29th 2011 at Chennai.

Mr. Thirugnanasambandam attended a five days workshop on “Watershed Program Technology Training” at WOTR, Ahmed Nagar.

Mr. S V Murugan, Joint Director and Mr. U Sivasankar, Training Officer, NAF attended an ACABC Nodal Officer Training held at Madurai for three days.

Shri J Saibaba, Head, Food Safety Division and Mrs. R Kalpana, Joint Director, NAF participated in the Seminar on “Latest High Technology Master TOF – GCMS” on May 3rd 2011, organized by Inkarp Instruments Pvt. Ltd, Chennai.

Shri J Saibaba, Head, Food Safety Division participated on ‘Food Safety & Risk Assessment’ organized by FICCI on June 24th 2011 at New Delhi.

Shri J Saibaba and Ms R Kalpana addressed the final year B.E Agri Engg. Students of Anna University on opportunities in Agriculture Sector on July 30th 2011.

Brig. (Retd) R. I. Raghunathan, CEO, NAF, Mrs. R Kalpana & Mr. S V Murugan participated in the CEO Forum on United Nations Environment Program’s Responsible Production Framework organized by ASSIST on Aug 25th 2011 at Chennai.

Shri J Saibaba, Head, Food Safety Division delivered a lecture on ‘Food safety and the present scenario at Queen Mary’s College on Sep 8th 2011.

Mr. S V Murugan and Mrs. R Kalpana attended the conference on “Farm to Fork IV - Destination Tamil Nadu” Organized by FICCI on Nov 23rd & 24th 2011.

Shri J Saibaba attended Agri Con 2011 conducted by FICCI on Dec 14th 2011.

Mr. S V Murugan, Joint Director, NAF participated in the Policy Seminar on “Application of Tank Silt on Agricultural Lands to improve soil health and productivity: Scope, practice and challenges” organized by DHAN Foundation on Dec 20th 2011.

Mr. M Krishnamurthy, Microbiologist, Food Safety Lab and Mr. P Arjun, Technical Officer, Plant Tissue Culture Lab participated in the National Conference on “Recent Advances in Algal Biotechnology NCRAAB 2012” organized by Centre for advanced studies in Botany, University of Madras during Feb 16 & 17th 2012 and made poster presentations

Shri J Saibaba, Mr. S V Murugan and Mr. U. Sivasankar have attended a Vth Global submit on skill development organized by CII during Feb 21st & 22nd 2012.

Mr. S V Murugan attended a national level consultation on extension reforms conducted by Ministry of Agriculture through MANAGE, Hyderabad during Mar 6-8th 2012.

Mrs. R Kalpana participated in Israeli Agriculture Seminar In light of “Agritech Israel 2012” on March 19th 2012 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chennai.


Mr. U. Sivasankar has attended a program on ICT Tools for the Development of ACABC conducted by MANAGE, Hyderabad during 26th-27th March 2012.
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