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FROM THE DESK OF DEAN

We express our sincere gratitude to our Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Dr. N. Felix, for his esteemed presence during the Annual Performance Review held with the staff members of FC&RI, Thoothukudi. His continued support has been instrumental in fostering the growth and development of our esteemed University.

During this quarter, we successfully organized five training programs on diverse topics, including ornamental fish farming, preparation of value-added fishery products, data analysis using software tools, disease diagnosis, and microbial quality testing in fish and fishery products. These initiatives were designed to benefit students, farmers, and stakeholders from the fish processing industry in and around Thoothukudi. Additionally, we conducted four special programs focusing on a range of topics, such as the status of exotic birds, Yoga Mudras, spoken English skills, and welfare schemes for women and children, aimed at enhancing students' general awareness. We also hosted FIZZOREE and FISFEST, inter-collegiate quiz and cultural competitions that saw enthusiastic participation from 11 colleges across Tamil Nadu.

Our institute is actively engaged in ten impactful research projects that address various societal needs. Among them, the recently sanctioned project titled "Design and Development of a Troller for the Exploitation of High-Valued Pelagic Fishes from the Thoothukudi Coast" has been approved under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) scheme.

I reaffirm my commitment in supporting the dedicated efforts of our faculty and staff as we continue striving to enhance the livelihoods of fisherfolk through ongoing development initiatives.

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ACTIVITIES OF COLLEGE

➤ ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Annual Performance Review of faculty staff for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24 was conducted by the Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam at Conference Hall of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi on 21.01.2025 and 22.01.2025 in the presence of the Director of Research, TNJFU, Nagapattinam. Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi welcomed the gathering. All the faculty presented their accomplishments made during the period from April 2022 to March 2024.



➤ NATIONAL VOTERS DAY



The National Voters Day was celebrated on 25th January to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India. As part of the programme, a 'Poster Competition' on the theme 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure' was conducted among the students of our institution to make awareness on the importance of voting and enroll them as a young voter in India. A total of fourteen students participated in the competition and the meritorious students were awarded with a certificate and prizes. Mr. M. Muruganantham, NSS Programme Officer has co-ordinated the programme.

➤ **76th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi celebrated the 76th Republic Day on 26.01.2025. The students, teaching and non-teaching staff of Fisheries College and Research Institute participated in the programme. Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean, FC&RI, Thoothukudi was escorted to the Dias by Asst. Director of Physical Education and the Sports Secretary. A guard of honour was performed by the Students and Security staffs. Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean unfurled the National Flag and the College Staff, Students and Security Personnel honored the National flag. B. Jaya Ranjini and S. Srinithi students of this college delivered their speech on patriotism in Tamil and English respectively. Dr.B.Ahilan, Dean in his Republic Day address reminded the sacrifices of those great men and women who played pivotal roles in building the Independent India. He also spoke about patriotism in the present-day context and insisted students to be a job provider rather than being a job seekers which would make our valiant freedom fighters proud .

On this occasion, Dr.B.Ahilan, the Dean presented the Best Worker Awards to Mr.G.Arul Xavier, Mr.A.Arithas, Mrs.K. Lakshmi and Mrs.R.Karpagavalli for their best performance during the year 2024. The entire programme was co-ordinated by Dr.D.Natarajan, Asst. Director of Physical Education, Dr.K.S.Vijay Amirtharaj, Sports Secretary.



➤ **OBSERVED "NATIONAL VOTERS DAY"**



All the staff and students of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi administered pledge on "National Voters Day" on 25.01.2025 at 11.00 a.m.

➤ **OBSERVED "MARTYR'S DAY"**



All the staff and students of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi observed Silence and administered pledge against untouchability on 30.01.2025 at 11.00 a.m. in connection with the Martyr's Day.

➤ **OBSERVED உலக தாய்மொழி நாள்**

All the staff and students of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi observed pledge on உலக தாய்மொழி நாள் on 21.02.2025 at 11.00 a.m.



➤ **Celebration of International Women's Day**



Students' Association of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2025 based on the theme 'Accelerate Action'. Various competitions were conducted as part of Women's day Celebration such as Tamil and English Essay writing, Poem writing and Tamil Debate competition. Mrs. A. Swarnalatha B.E. MBA, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Thoothukudi graced the function as the Chief Guest and delivered her words of wisdom. Dr. N. Neethiselvan Dean (i/c), delivered the presidential address to the gathering. The prizes were distributed to the winners and other participants of various competitions.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

- Department of Fish Pathology and Health Management (DFPHM) conducted one day training program on **"Clinical sign-based diagnosis of fish and shellfish diseases"** on 25.01.2025 at FC & RI, Thoothukudi. Total of 5 technicians participated in the program.
- Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics conducted a training programme on **"Fisheries Data Analysis using Statistical Software"** during 27th and 28th February 2025 at FC & RI, Thoothukudi. Total of 27 PG and PhD scholars benefited from the training programme
- Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics conducted a training programme on **"Freshwater ornamental fish culture"** on 28.02.2025 at FC & RI, Thoothukudi. 11 trainees participated and benefitted from the program.
- Department of Fish Quality Assurance and Management conducted a five days training programme on **"Microbial Quality testing of Fish and Fishery Products"** from 24.03.2025 to 28.03.2025 at FC & RI, Thoothukudi. Nine participants representing various seafood industries participated.
- Department of Fish Processing Technology organised a training program entitled **"Preparation of value-added fish products"** on 26.03.2025 at FC & RI, Thoothukudi. Twenty-four persons from all over Tamil Nadu have participated and benefitted out of the programme.
- Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics conducted an off-campus awareness programme on **"Freshwater Ornamental Fish culture"** on 06.02.2025, Kooniyur, Tirunelveli Dt. Twenty women benefited from the programme



SPECIAL PROGRAMME

A special programme on **"Exotic birds breeding and rearing techniques"** was conducted by Birds Expert, Mr.Vijayakumar for the benefit of UG students on 30.01.2025 at the Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi. A total of 110 students participated in the programme.

Special programme on **"Yoga Muthras and their Benefits"** was organized for the UG and PG students on 06.02.2025 at the Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi. Dr. D. Natarajan, Assistant Director of Physical Education, FC&RI, Thoothukudi conducted a very useful and interactive session on Importance of Yoga Muthras and their Benefits for the health. Total of 98 students participated in the programme.

A special programme on **"Vocalize"** was organized for the UG and PG students on 13.02.2025 at the Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi. A team of Toastmasters, Thoothukudi conducted a very useful and interactive session on Importance of Vocalize and their Benefits for the students. A total of 88 students participated in the programme.

A special programme on **"Awareness on Welfare schemes and acts related to Child and Women"** was organized for the UG, PG and PhD girl students on 06.03.2025. A team of Officials from Social Welfare, Justice, Police and Youth Welfare and Sports development, Thoothukudi conducted a very useful and interactive session on various schemes and acts related to women for the students.



STUDENTS' CORNER

➤ TRADITIONAL DAY 2025 CELEBRATION

Traditional Day was celebrated in the name of '**Samathuva Pongal Thiruvizha – 2025**' by the Students' Association and the Hostel Administration of Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi on 10.01.2025. Dr. B. Ahilan, Ph.D., Dean presided over the function. All the staff and students marked the day by wearing traditional attire. Various competitions like Rangoli, Garland making, Tug of War, Kabaddi, Uriyadi, Pass the ball, Lucky Corner were conducted for the Teaching Staff, Non-teaching staff and the students. In addition, there were cultural performances of the Students. Earlier, pongal was prepared and distributed along with the sugarcane to everyone.



➤ SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION



National science day was celebrated based on the theme "**Empowering Indian Youth For Global Leadership In Science And Innovation For Viksit Bharath**" organized by the Science club of Students' Association 2024-25 of FC&RI, Thoothukudi on 28th February 2025. Competitions such as Poster preparation, Tamil and English Essay writing, Innovative idea write up, Science riddles solving and Rubik's cube solving were conducted. Dr. N. Jayakumar, Ph.D., Vice President of Students' Association welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Rani PhD., Dean i/c FC& RI, Thoothukudi delivered the presidential address and Ms. R. Prithika delivered the science day speech.

➤ **FIZZOREE & FISFEST 2025**

- An inter-collegiate quiz competition **"FIZZOREE 2025"** was conducted at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi on 20.03.2025. Dr. N. Jayakumar, Ph.D., Vice President of Students' Association welcomed the gathering. Dr. B. Ahilan, PhD., Dean FC& RI, Thoothukudi delivered the presidential address. Mrs. N. Chandra, M.F.Sc., Joint Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare (Regional), Thoothukudi was the Chief Guest of the event and she shared her words of wisdom to the gathering. Dr. MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayiru won the FIZZOREE 2025 and awarded with The Delphinus Trophy with a cash prize of Rs. 3,000

- The inter-collegiate cultural competition **"FISFEST 2025"** was conducted on 21.03.2025. Dr. N. Jayakumar, Ph.D., Vice President of Students' Association welcomed the gathering. Dr. B. Ahilan, PhD., Dean FC& RI, Thoothukudi delivered the presidential address. DR. A. Joycilin Shermila, Principal, Annammmal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi was the Chief Guest of the event and she shared her knowledge and experience with the gathering and motivated the students through her chief guest address.

A total of 11 colleges participated in various on-stage and off-stage cultural programmes. V.O.C. College, Thoothukudi became the over-all champion and won the FISFEST 2025 Trophy. The Students' Association made all the arrangements and coordinated the programme.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Training program on “Integrated fish farming” on 22.04.2025 by DFEES at FC & RI, Thoothukudi.
- The National Work Shop “Pearl Aqua” will be conducted on the first week of June, 2025 by DAEM at FC & RI, Thoothukudi.
- Training on “Screening of antibiotic residues in fish and fishery products in the last week of May by DFQAM at FC & RI, Thoothukudi.
- Biodiversity Day will be celebrated on 22.05.2025 by DFBRM
- Training on “Care and maintenance of fishing boat engines for the fishermen of mechanized fishing vessels of Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari district” in the last week of May 2025 by DFTFE.



Dr. Sivaraman Iyemperumal

I am Dr. Sivaraman Iyemperumal, a dedicated fisheries scientist with a strong academic and research background. I earned my B.F.Sc. degree from FC & RI, Thoothukudi in 2007 (2003–04 batch) and went on to complete my M.F.Sc. in 2009 and Ph.D. in Fisheries Extension in 2017 from CIFE, Mumbai.

Currently, I serve as a Scientist (Sr. Scale) at ICAR-CIFA, Odisha, where I lead multiple national-level research projects, particularly focusing on ornamental fisheries development. I have been instrumental in the development of flagship ICT applications for ICAR-CIFA, including Matsya Setu, Rangeen Machhli, and CIFA AquaNIRNAY, which contribute to knowledge dissemination and technological advancements in the fisheries sector. Additionally, I am actively involved in capacity-building initiatives and farmer outreach programs, ensuring that scientific innovations benefit communities at the grassroots level.

On the personal front, my wife is a homemaker, and we are blessed with three sons. Outside of my professional commitments, I enjoy gardening and terrarium making, which allow me to stay connected with nature and creativity.



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