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KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, NELLORE**



**Farmers training programme on “Friends of Coconut Tree (FoCT)” held at
Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore from 01st to 06th February, 2016**

KVK, Nellore, has conducted “Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)” training programme from 1st February to 6th February 2016 to 20 identified progressive coconut farmers and rural youth of Nellore district with the financial support of Coconut Development Board, Secunderabad. The participants of the programme were from Kotturu and Indukurupeta mandals of Nellore district. The programme is a blend of capacity building programmes on complete Coconut cultivation and imparting skill component on climbing the Coconut trees using Coconut climber. The training programme was coordinated by Dr. M.C. Obaiah, Programme Coordinator, G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture).

On 01-02-2016: On the first day Light lamping by K. Raghuram Ram Muniraj, ICAR, Board member, New Delhi, Anuradha, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Atmakuru, Nellore dt. Dr. M.C. Obaiah, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore district, Kiran Kumar, Field Officer, Coconut Development Board, Secunderabad and G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore. K. Raghuram Ram Muniraj, ICAR, Board member, New Delhi, in his inaugural address appraised the trainees about the farmers associations and importance of farmers clubs. Anuradha, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Atmakuru, Nellore dt. in her inaugural address apprised the farmers about schemes of Department of Horticulture, Scope for Coconut Cultivation and its National Importance. G.Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore, apprised the trainees about the production technology of Coconut and technical requirement for Coconut cultivation. He urged the farmers nutrient management, recycling of palm waste, intercropping and mixed cropping, drip irrigation etc., K. Venkatesh and K. Satish Varma (Master trainers) explained about Coconut climber.

On 02-02-2016: On the second day Most important lessons learnt yesterday (MILLY) - Presented by farmers Y. Jagan Mohan and Shaik Jilani and selected randomly by G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore. Dr. M. Appa Rao, Deputy Director (Rtd.), Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development, Cochin, Kerala, explained about Thrift/ saving management. Dr. CPD Rajan, Principal Scientist (Pathology), ARS, Nellore explained about disease management in Coconut to trainees.

On 03-02-2016: On the third day Most important lessons learnt yesterday (MILLY) - Presented by farmers P. Venkata Ramana and T.Teja and selected randomly by G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore. Dr. M. Appa Rao, Deputy Director (Rtd.), Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development, Cochin, Kerala, explained about Leadership qualities and positive thinking and healthy way of living and insurance pension and provident fund. Dr. T. Nagalaxmi, Scientist (Plant protection),

Horticultural Research Station, Anantarajupeta, explained in detail about pest and disease management in Coconut. K. Murali Mohan, Research Associate (Crop Production) KVK, Nellore apprised the trainees about organic farming. Master trainers proceeded on practice session on climbing up to 35 feet.

On 04-02-2016: On the fourth day Dr. L. Sudheer apprised the trainees First Aid and other safety measures. T. Ravi Sankar, Manager, Jana Jyothi FLC Center, told about Social security – Insurance pension and provident fund and different schemes of banking sector. Dr. M.C. Obaiah, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore district, explained about Communication skills and management, decision making etc., Master trainers proceeded on practice session on climbing.

On 05-02-2016: On the fifth day an exposure tour was arranged to Kotturu village, Indukurupeta Mandal for the farmers to see practically Coconut orchards and most important lessons learnt yesterday (MILLY) presented by farmers C. Muni Mohan and M. Suresh and selected randomly by G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore. G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore explained and practically showed to farmers in detail about preparation of Fortified *Trichoderma Viridi* mixture, Bordeaux Paste preparation, Bordeaux mixture preparation and Root feeding technique in Coconut for management of Red Palm Weevil. Master trainers proceeded on practice session on climbing up to 40 feet.

On 06-02-2016: On the last day Coconut Olympics were conducted to trainees by master trainers. Theory test was conducted by G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore. Selected the 3 (Three) best trainers and awards were distributed to best trainers. Certificates were distributed to trainees by Dr. M.C. Obaiah, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore district and Sri G. Narayana Swamy, Research Associate (Horticulture), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nellore, proposed vote of thanks.

**PHOTOS RELATED TO TRAINING PROGRAMME ON
"Friends of Coconut Tree (FoCT)"
On 01-02-2016 (First day)**



**Inviting the Guest of Honours by
Dr. M.C. Obaiah, Programme Coordinator,
KVK, Nellore and his associates.**



Light lamping by dignitaries



**Inaugural address by the Guest of Honour
K. Raghu Ram Muniraj, Board Member, ICAR,
New Delhi.**



**Inaugural address by the Guest Anuradha garu,
Assistant Director of Horticulture, Atmakur,
Nellore.**



CDB Schemes explained by Field officer



**Sri G.Narayana Swamy, Research Associate
(Horticulture) KVK, Nellore appraised the trainees
about the production technology of Coconut and
technical requirement for Coconut cultivation.**



K. Venkatesh and K. Satish Varma (Master trainers) explained about Coconut climber and practice by trainees.