

## **Theni\_KVK- StateLevel conference @ KVK CENDECT**

ICAR Krishi Vigyan, CENDECT, Theni has organized the State level conference for Farm women, Women Entrepreneurs, Self Help Group Federations and Mango Farmers Producer Organizations (FPSs) on 8.2.2024 at KVK Premises. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri R.N.Ravi inaugurated KVK stall and visited 35 KVK promoted entrepreneurs stalls.

The programme was started with National Anthem followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu. Welcome address was given by Dr.P.Patchbahimal, Chairman, ICAR KVK, CENDECT, Theni.

Special address was given by Tmt. Rejena Paulpandian, KVK promoted Women Entrepreneur, Theni District. During his address, she shared her success story and role of KVK activities and other line department officials for supporting Entrepreneurship development.

Best Farmer Interest group for Manjari FIG, Kullapuram Village, Theni District, Best Farmer Producer Organization, Andipatty Flowers Farmer Producer Company Limited, Andipatty, Theni District. Best Women Entrepreneur, Vahin Homemade Food Products, Aranmanaipudur, Theni District were felicitated by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu. Three books on Recent Agriculture technologies were released by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri R.N.Ravi.

Presidential address was given by Hon'ble Governor Shri R.N.Ravi. During his address, he indicated that our country is agriculture country and around 60 percent of people are doing agriculture. Policy makers are focused on industrial sector and service sector for the development of our Nation. His excellency highlighted the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Per Capital Income are low. His excellency has been seeing the many growth stages of the our Nation after the Independence. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee year of KVKs, hence we need to guide, advice and continuous handholding supports to the farmers for the sustainable economic development His excellency also insists that TNAU and KVK to create more awareness on Govt.scheme, loan schemes to develop the economic status of the farmers. He appreciated TNAU activities and their achievements. He appreciated KVK, Theni activities and efforts toward the growth of farmers income. His excellency suggested the KVK Theni to play a vital role to disseminate the latest agriculture technologies for the sustainable livelihood of the farmers in the upcoming years.

The programme was facilitated by Dr.Shaik N Meera, Director, ICAR ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad. During his address, he indicated the role of KVKs activities for sustainable livelihood of farming community. He also indicated the achievements of KVKs during past five decades for the betterment of farming community. He visited all the entrepreneurs' stalls and appreciated the entrepreneurs and provided innovative ideas and marketing techniques.

Special address was given by Dr.P.P.Muruan, Directorate of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore. During his address, he mentioned the role of TNAU and KVKs services for the betterment of farmers and farm women and entrepreneurs. He also indicated that TNAU is playing a vital role for providing recent agriculture technologies to the all KVKs of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry for the better implementation of KVK activities.

Dr.V.Bharathi Harishankar, Vice Chancellor, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore was given the special address. She has highlighted the importance of farming for food security, motivated the women and farmers. She insists that Avinashilingam University is ready to provide value addition technologies for the betterment women entrepreneurs.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.P.Sivaram, Deputy Director, CENDECT, Theni.

The programme came to an end with National Anthem.

