

GRADUATION DAY - COLLEGE REPORT (13.04.2019)

Good morning to everyone present here.

***“Graduation is an exciting time. It’s both an ending and a beginning;
It’s warm memories of the past and great dreams for the future”***

The Guest of Honour Dr. K.Sivasubramanian, Dean, Agricultural college and Res. Inst, Kudumiyanmalai, Respected Chairman Dr. K. Varadharaajen, Respected Vice-Chairman Mr. V. John Ashok Kumar, Respected Members of St. Johns Sangam Trust, Principal of Roever Engineering College, Principal of College of Engineering Technology and Management, Principal of Arts and Science, Dr.S.Balamurugan, Director Higher Education, Dr.S.Jebaraj, Special officer, TRIARD, the Senior Professors, Assistant Professors, Non-teaching staff members and my dear students of TRIARD, parents, press and media people, a warm welcome to all of you. It is my immense pleasure to present this college report on the eve of the 4th Graduation ceremony day.

St. John Sangam Trust is a Public Charitable Trust registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1994. It is pioneer in the field of education, extension, agriculture for social welfare and uplift of poor people of central Tamil Nadu for the past 42 years and manages 37 institutions. Under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Chairman Dr. K. Varadharaajen, various higher educational and social welfare Institutions were established through this trust, to provide affordable and quality education to the needy Students. The institutions working under the trust have produced 1,00,000 students so far and still continue to keep the fire of knowledge burning in those who strive to achieve it.

Thanthai Roever Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (TRIARD), one of the Roever Group of Educational Institutions was initially started at technical campus, Elambalur with a capacity of 23 students offering Diploma in Agriculture during 1994 followed by Diploma in Horticulture during 2001 with the capacity of 17 students. B.Sc. (Ag) degree programme was started during 2008 with an intake of 39 students. The campus was later shifted to the present TRIARD Campus at Valikandapuram in the year 2010. TRIARD is affiliated to country old and Internationally Acclaimed Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

TRIARD campus accommodates both administrative offices and academic infrastructure that consists of well equipped labs, class rooms, examination hall and library. A separate building caters to students dining that accommodates a canteen. Well endowed farm is available that can grow both horticultural and agricultural crops and a Meteorological observatory is positioned for recording meteorological data. Animal husbandry unit houses goats, pigs, buffalo and milch animals. Play ground facilities are available for boys and girls separately adjoining the hostels. At present 267 students are pursuing their degree programs.

TRIARD is functioning with five major Departments, namely

- Department of Crop Management,
- Department of Crop Improvement,
- Department of Crop Protection,
- Department of Social Studies and Languages and
- Department of Horticulture.

A total of 33 teaching faculties enrich the afore mentioned departments and are functioning actively in the transfer of knowledge to students. Among the private agricultural college, TRIARD has a balanced retired professors, Ph.D., holders and experienced staff members.

In order to boost academic excellence, the Chairman was gracious enough to institute FIVE gold medals in the subjects of Agronomy, Plant Breeding, Plant Protection, Social Sciences and Soil Sciences from the year 2016. The learning process is further augmented by enrolling the students in ODL programs offered by TNAU. Lately 52 diploma students have earned their certificates in Sugarcane technology which will boost their enrollment in Sugar Mills. The students are also provided with regular Hindu newspaper at their hostel room at 25% discount to improve their general knowledge. TRIARD is one of the pioneer institute that conducts online exams through exam pads for the degree students.

RAWE Programme and exposure visits

As part of the curriculum, the IV B.Sc. (Ag) students undergo the Rural Agricultural Work Experience Programme. During their VSP Programme, the students have been staying in the villages with farmers. Apart from gaining first-hand knowledge from the farmers, they also

serve the farming community by way of conducting demonstrations, training programs with the help of Department of Agriculture and allied departments.

The regular trainings on agriculture and allied subjects are organized by the students in the villages of Perambalur, Arasur, Veppanthattai, Valikandapuram with the help of Governmental and Non-governmental organizations and institutes viz., NABARD, IOB-REST, Krishi Vigyan Kendra , Forest department, TANFLORA, Jain Irrigation, Rajashree sugars, Rasi Seeds, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), INDO Trust, Barefoot academy, Jeyaram Educational Trust, Reliance Foundation of Perambalur etc., .

As part of the curriculum, the students are taken to different places inside and outside the state to learn the latest technologies developed by the ICAR Institutes, SAUs, International Institutes like ICRISAT, Hyderabad. They travel throughout India from Kanyakumari to Himachal Pradesh. In this juncture, I would like to mention that all the students of TRIARD are covered under group insurance scheme for life for which they pay a premium of Rs. 60 per annum.

National Service scheme (NSS)

The NSS unit of TRIARD has 142 students' volunteers. In the current academic year, NSS unit has conducted many programs like National Youth Day programme, Nutritional week programme, Roever Old Age Home visit, programme on Fire Free Nutritive Food, TRIANGA March, awareness on Female Infanticide, Importance of Mother's Milk as well as training on traditional arts of flower knitting. Apart from these activities, regular programs such as Solid Waste Management, Dental Camp, Eye Camp, Blood Donation Camp, Awareness on Nutrition, etc are being organized regularly.

Sports and Games

TRIARD continues its great show in the arena of Inter College tournament of Sports and Games. Recently our students participated in Kho-Kho tournament and ICT, Cricket Zonal level matches conducted by RVS Agricultural College, Thajavur and won Third position & runner up position respectively and they have also participated in Trichy Marathon and 19th Youth state

Volleyball championship for boys and girls at Thanjavur. The students of TRIARD participated in the CM Trophy 2018 at Perambalur. And our students placed in First position in the swimming event and runner up position in Ball Badminton game. TRIARD students excelled in the recently concluded Perambalur District Sports under 19 tournaments. Our boys won the first place in taekwondo and weightlifting.

Excellence in Education

So far 300 Degree students (B.Sc. Ag) have graduated from this institute. Several of our alumni are pursuing higher studies and a large number of students work in banks. Similarly, more than 700 diploma holders are now working as Asst. Agricultural Officers and Asst. Horticultural Officers in the state departments across Tamil Nadu. Majority of the students are working in the marketing field and a few of them have become entrepreneurs.

We have separate cell for placement activities. I am very glad to inform that 20 students of our institution, have become Agriculture Officers in the year 2019. Our students have also been placed in various companies viz., Dharani Sugars, Bannari Amman Sugars, E.I.D. Parry, Airwood structures, Sathyam Kissan Care and Reliance foundation, Scientific Agriculture Laboratory Private Ltd., Madurai, Rasi seeds, Attur, Arignar Anna Sugar Mills, Thanjavur, Aibono Smart farming Pvt ltd., Bangalore

Students are trained to develop their capability to participate in various competitive examinations, Interviews etc. Students are given adequate coaching for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) examination conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). In the last academic year 6 students got placement under JRF-ICAR examination and 10 students are pursuing Master Degree in TNAU. As a professional institute, TRIARD has been fulfilling its obligation to the society through production and sales of seeds, grains, livestock, vegetables, honey, silk worm cocoons and mushrooms.

I wish to extend my congratulations to all the graduating students of 2013-17 batch and welcome you all to this graduation ceremony. The knowledge, skill and attitude you gained in this institute will definitely shape your personality and it will augment you in serving the society in a fitting manner. I hope that you will involve in activities which will benefit the farming community in particular and the human society at large.

The Graduation Day ceremony commemorates the precious moments of the students, and offers an opportunity to celebrate the culmination of their college life and the beginning of new experiences to come.

I wish all of the good luck with their endeavors.

Thank you