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Central Tobacco Research Institute

STAFF RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

□ Staff Research Council meetings were held from 5-8th August 1996. Sri Asutosh Misra, Acting Chairman and Executive Director, Tobacco Board inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Sri A.N. Singh, Joint Commissioner of Agriculture (Retd.), Govt. of India was the Chief Guest. Dr. T.S. Subramaniam, Chief Scientist, ITC/ILTD Division, Sri P.V. Ramakrishna Rao, Vice-Chairman, Tobacco Board, Progressive farmers, Retired Scientists of CTRI, R&D group of ITC, GPI, Scientists from AICRP, CTRI and its Research Stations and Directorate of Tobacco Development have participated.

□ Sri Asutosh Misra in his inaugural address complimented the tobacco scientists for their significant achievements and observed that changing the style of Indian tobacco from filler to flavourful, needs immediate attention of the scientists. He advocated the need for optimum utilisation of fertilisers and maintain proper balance between the nutrients. He informed the house that the market picture of tobacco in the last year was quite rosy and appears to be quite promising during this year also. As a consequence the farmers have given priority to tobacco over other commercial crops and the situation has come to such a stage that even orchards are being cut to cultivate tobacco. According to him, tobacco production in unsuitable areas can be avoided only when the trade gives serious thought and does not encourage tobacco production in these lands. He also stressed that

MESSAGE FROM Dr. R.S. PARODA

Tobacco has an important place in Indian Agriculture being a commercial crop with a pivotal role in national economy and generation of broad employment base. India occupies second place in area, third place in production and eighth place in export on the world tobacco map. Tobacco earns annually to the exchequer over Rs. 3000 crores through excise duty and about Rs. 450 crores in foreign exchange through export. About 25 million people are involved directly or indirectly in the tobacco farming and industry.

About 550 million kg of tobacco is produced in the country in an area of about 0.4 lakh ha. Flued Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco accounting for 20% of the area and 30% major exporting type. It is gratifying that the impact of progressive productivity-advance in both FCV areas.



Nevertheless, public health vis-a-vis consumption of tobacco realistic review of our

growing concern for smoking and con-warrants a more research thrust on tobacco. Keeping in view, the interest of growers as well as the trade and the country, emphasis will have to be on development of low tar, low nicotine FCV tobacco and finding alternate crops to non FCV tobacco that would be equally profitable and labour intensive. To sustain our place in the global market, especially in the post-GATT era, the above strategy is important.

I hope that the scientists of CTRI, traders and officials of Tobacco Board, who are participating in the Staff Research Council Meeting of CTRI will deliberate these issues and come out with recommendations that would help reorient our research towards sustenance of our export and ensuring least harm to public health.

I send my good wishes for the success of this meeting.

(R.S. PARODA)



Sri A.N. Singh releasing the Annual Report of CTRI

the scientists should prepare contingent plan for alternate uses of tobacco.

Dr. K. Nagarajan, Director in his opening remarks mentioned that CTRI is rendering good service to the farmers and requested the farmers to utilise the services of Institute to their benefit. Dr. Nagarajan read the messages received from Dr. R.S. Paroda, Secretary, Department of Agric. Research and Education, GOI and Director General, ICAR and Dr. E.A. Siddiq, Deputy Director General (CS). He stressed the importance of vermiculture and organic farming to change the face of Indian tobacco from filler to flavourful style. He listed the challenges of the CTRI in brief with special emphasis on seed production. Dr. Nagarajan informed the house that the varieties with an yield of more than 2,500 kg/ha are on the anvil for traditional black soils while flavourful exotic varieties are ready for release for Northern light soils and Karnataka light soil tracts.

Sri A.N. Singh appreciated the systematic way in which research programmes are being carried out on tobacco. He pointed out that the

Parliamentary Committee did not recommend any ban on production of tobacco and advised the tobacco scientists to bring down the tar content to the level accepted by the International tobacco community. He labelled the crop as "Golden Bird" of the country as the crop is generating employment to about 30 million people and contributing about Rs.500 crores of foreign exchange.

Dr. T.S. Subramaniam, Chief Scientist, ITC/ILTD Division, in his address presented the International tobacco situation and its relevance to India. He emphasised that Indian tobacco has been rated as "Valuefor money tobacco" and relatively cheaper in International markets. The scientists should aim at production of flavourful tobacco to have a competitive edge in World markets.

The progress of research programmes was reviewed critically and 16 new projects from different disciplines have been approved for the year 1996-97 and new FCV tobacco varieties NLS-4, NLS-5, Hema(MR) and 16/103(MR) have been recommended for identification by the variety identification committee.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

CTRI RESEARCH STATION, HUNSUR

□ NLS 4 has been identified for release in Karnataka light soils region in the name of "Tobacco Special". The variety is resistant to 3 races of *Phytophthora parasitica* var. *Nicotianae* causing black shank disease and less susceptible to root-knot nematode with a yield potential of more than 2000 kg/ha.

□ Among the advanced breeding lines FCH 153, FCH 154, FCH 155 and FCH 164 were promising and performed well consistently over three years.

□ Two Integrated Disease Management (IDM) schedules for control of damping off, blight and black shank diseases in FCV tobacco nurseries in Karnataka were released by SRC.

i) Soil solarization of prepared nursery beds by mulching with 50 or 100 guage WTP sheets for six weeks during February/March + soil amendment with powdered neemcake @ 400 g/m² before solarization and one foliar spray of Ridomil MZ 72 WP @ 0.2% at 30 DAS.

ii) Soil solarization of nursery as mentioned above + foliar spray of Ridomil MZ 72 WP @ 0.2% at 30 DAS and 50 DAS if necessary.

□ A new chemical, Score @ 0.1% is found to be significantly superior over recommended Bavistin WP for the control of anthracnose disease in FCV tobacco nurseries.

□ Preliminary studies indicated that Score, Bayleton and Indofil M-45 are effective in controlling the brown spot of tobacco in field.

TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

CTRI, RAJAHMUNDRY

Farmers Day

Farmers day was organised on 28.8.96 at Dulla village, E.G.Dt. in collaboration with Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancor Ltd. Dr. V. Krishna Murthy, Sri S. Sitaramalah and Sri T. Krishna Murthy participated in the programme.

Nursery visit

Dr. C.A. Raju, Dr. A.V.S.R. Swamy, Sri R. Subbarao, Dr. C. Chandrasekhara Rao and Sri S.K. Naidu visited different nurseries of Jangareddygudem and Buttaigudem area on 21.9.96 and suggested various measures to raise good nurseries.

Rytu Sadassu

Dr. A.V.S.R. Swamy, Sri R. Subbarao, Dr. C.A. Raju and Dr. C. Chandrasekhara Rao participated in the Rytu Sadassu organised by farmers club and Syndicate Bank at Mukkinavarigudem on 26.9.96 and clarified the doubts of the farmers on nursery and field management.

CTRI RESEARCH STATION, GUNTUR

Nursery Visits

Dr. P. Harishu Kumar, Head and Sri Kanniah, Auction Superintendent Tobacco Board, Guntur jointly inspected the tobacco nurseries at Chowdavaram, China Kondrupadu, Prathipadu and Yelolapadu villages and offered technical know how to safeguard the nurseries from incessant rains.

INSTITUTE VILLAGE LINKAGE PROJECT

□ A pilot project on Technology Assessment and Refinement through Institute Village Linkage was implemented at CTRI, Rajahmundry with an out lay of Rs. 5.11 lakhs with effect from 1.7.96. Dr. K. Nagarajan, Director is the Nodal Officer and Dr. C. Chandrasekhara Rao, Dr. U. Sreedhar, Dr. S.V. Krishna Reddy and Sri Y. Subbaiah are the core group scientists. Kotikesavaram village in East Godavari District was selected for the implementation of the project. Information on Socio-economic conditions, prevailing Agro-ecosystems and problems in cultivation of different crops and Animal husbandry were identified. Priority was given for no cost, low cost and low external input based technologies and familywise technology models were prepared for 224 farm families.

□ As a part of the implementation of the project a **Farmers day** was organised on 2.8.96 at Kotikesavaram village with the help of scientists of Rice Research Station, APAU, Maruteru, and appraised the latest technologies in cultivation of paddy and clarified the doubts of farmers.



Dr. C. Chandrasekhara Rao addressing the farmers

CTRI RESEARCH STATION, HUNSUR

Training programmes

□ A training programme was conducted on Field management and curing of FCV tobacco in Karnataka to 70 Tobacco Board officers and field assistants on 11-12th July 1996.

□ Dr. M.M. Shenoi, Sri K.N. Subrahmanya, Dr. K. Giridhar and Sri S. Ramesh participated in

training programme organised by State Department of Agriculture at Chunchunnakatte village for the farmers on 22.8.96 and gave lectures on field crop management and curing of tobacco.

□ Sri S. Ramesh and Sri C. Mahadeva participated in a training programme organised by State Department of Agriculture for 45 tobacco farmers at Bidrakka village on 11.9.96 and delivered lectures on improved FCV tobacco production technology.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- Dr. M.M. Sheno, Head, CTRI Research Station, Hunsur participated in a group meeting on "Economy and Health effects of tobacco production and consumption" organised by STEM' in Bangalore on 8.7.96.
- Dr. G. Raghupathi Rao delivered a lecture on sampling techniques for collection of insects on Cotton and Pigeonpea at KVK, Vinayasramam organised by the centre for world solidarity on 28.9.96.
- Sri S. Jitendranath attended "Workshop cum Seminar on Social and Water conservation measures in Dryland areas" at CRIDA Hyderabad from 24.7.96 to 2.8.96.
- Smt V.V. Lakshmi Kumari attended the Trainer's Training programme on "Communication of Environmentally Sound Technologies for farm women in Agriculture" at Directorate of Rice Research, APAU, Hyderabad from 30.7.96 to 2.8.96.
- Sri Y. Subbaiah attended "National Seminar of KVKs" held at Patna on 28.9.96. It was inaugurated by Sri Laloo Prasad Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar. Sri Chaturanan Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture was the Chief Guest. Personnel from different KVKs attended and presented their activities, performance of KVK CTRI was much appreciated.
- Dr. K.D. Singh, Head, CTRI Research Station, Pusa participated in the National Seminar on "Agriculture Development in India Policy Direction" at Patna on 27.8.96 and delivered a lecture.
- Dr. S.N. Tripathi attended Krishak Gosthi organised by Indian

Bank, Sarsona and delivered a lecture on improved varieties and methods of cultivation on 29.8.96.

- Dr. K.D. Singh participated in Krishak Gosthi programme organised in connection with inauguration of KVK by Sri Chaturanan Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture at Basaith, Chandpur, Madhubani Dt., on 26.9.96.

RADIO TALKS

- పాగాకుకు ముందు వేయగల పంటలు. by Sri M. Umamaheswara Rao on AIR, Visakhapatnam, 2.7.96.
- నాణ్యమైన పాగాకు సాగులో శాస్త్రీయ పద్ధతులు. by Sri C.B. Sarma on AIR, Visakhapatnam, 8.7.96
- నల్లనేలలో పాగాకు సాగు. by Sri M. Nageswara Rao on AIR, Vijayawada, 8.8.96
- పాగాకు పంటలో రసాయనిక ఎరువులు వాడవలసిన విధానము. by Dr. J.A.V. Prasada Rao on AIR, Visakhapatnam, 29.8.96
- పాగాకు నారుమళ్ళలో నవ్యరక్షణ. by S. Sitaramaiah on AIR, Vijayawada, 31.8.96
- అధికోత్పత్తి సాధించటంలో నూతన వర్షనియా, బర్ల వంగడములు. by V.V. Ramana Rao on AIR, Visakhapatnam, 9.9.96
- Improved Tobacco Varieties for Tamilnadu(In Tamil) by Dr. K. Palanichamy on AIR, Madurai, 20.8.96
- A discussion on Tobacco nursery management (In Tamil) by Sri M. Mohan on AIR, Madurai, 26.8.96
- FCV tobacco curing in KLS and energy conservation (in Kannada) by Sri S. Ramesh on AIR, Mysore, 26.8.96
- పాగాకు వేసే భూముల్లో ఖరీఫ్ పంటలు. by Dr. P. Harishu Kumar on AIR, Vijayawada

- Tobacco varieties and raising of seedlings by Dr. S.N. Tripathi on AIR, Darbanga, 4.9.96

- तम्बाकू की वैज्ञानिक खेती by Dr. S. Amarnath on AIR, Darbanga, 17.7.96

- గర్భిణీ స్త్రీలకు పాషాహారం. by Smt. V.V. Lakshmi Kumari on AIR, Vijayawada, 12.9.96

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M.S. CHARI and J.A.V. PRASADA RAO. వర్షనియా పాగాకు పంట మార్పిడిలో జాగ్రత్తలు. Eenadu 27.8.96. E.G.Dt.

P.S.N. MURTHY, G. RAMAPRASAD, S. SITARAMAIAH, C.V. NARASIMHA RAO, B.V. KAMESWARA RAO, S.R. PRABHU and S. NAGESWARA RAO. Bio-efficacy of neem extracts against *S. litura* on tobacco. (In *Neem and Environment*, Vol.I, R.P. Singh et al. (Eds.) Oxford & IBH, Pub. Ltd., New Delhi, 1996. pp. 613-6)

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M.M. SHENOI, S.M. ABDUL WAJID and S.S. SRINIVAS. Evaluation of *Azadirachta indica* and *Lawsonia inermis* for antifungal activity and studies on neem products for control of damping off in tobacco nurseries. (In *Neem and Environment*, Vol.II R.P. Singh et al. (Eds.) Oxford & IBH Pub. Co. (P) Ltd., New Delhi, 1996. pp.745-54)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Independence Day Celebration

Fiftieth Independence Day was celebrated on 15.8.96 at the Institute. Dr. K. Nagarajan, Director hoisted National Flag. All the staff members attended the function. During the function CTRI Employees Co-operative Credit Society presented Gold Medal Awards to the staff children who secured highest marks in X class and Intermediate.



Participation of Staff Children in the function

FELLOW OF INSTITUTION OF CHEMISTS

Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, Sr. Scientist (Soil Chemistry) has been elected as Fellow of the Institution of Chemists (India) (FIC) by the Honorary secretary, Institution of Chemists (India), Calcutta.

**New land acquisition for Natu Research**

An area of 20.53 cents acquired by MRO, Jeelugumilli was handed over to Sri G. Ramaprasad, Chairman land acquisition committee of CTRI on 25.8.96 at CTRI Research Station, Jeelugumilli for conducting field experiments on Natu tobacco.

Vanamahostav Celebrations at Pusa Research Station

Vanamahostav was celebrated on 11.7.96 at the Station and about 100 saplings of pongamia, seasmum, gulmohr, Amaltar, Jamun etc were planted in the campus. Dr. K.S. Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, RAU, Bihar, Dr. N.B. Singh, ADG (Oil seeds), ICAR, Dr. N.K. Roy, Director (Extn. Education), Dr. T.P. Singh, Dean (P.G), Dr. R.C. Jha, Head, Agro - forestry, RAU, Bihar and progressive farmers participated in the function.

AWARDS FOR CTRI STAFF CHILDREN

CTRI Employees Co-operative Credit Society has awarded Gold medals to its members children who got highest marks among members children in X Class and Intermediate exams in 1996.

Class	First	Second
SSC	I. Susil Dev	D. Nagasusma
Inter	S. Srinivas	T. Gautham

Dr. K. Nagarajan presented the medals to the children on Independence Day Celebrations at the Institute.



I. Susil Dev, Kum. D. Nagasusma, Dr. K. Nagarajan, T. Gautham and S. Srinivas

HINDI WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Hindi Week was celebrated from 12.9.96 to 18.9.96 at this Institute. Dr. K. Nagarajan inaugurated the celebrations by lighting the lamp on 12.9.96. A number of competitions were conducted in Hindi for the staff during the week. Sri Parshotam Singh, General Manager, East Godavari Telecom Dist. Rajahmundry was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function on 18.9.96. Dr. T. Venkateswarulu, Sr. Scientist and Chairman, Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) gave welcome address and Sri Y.V. Suryanarayana, Documentation Officer and Member-Secretary, OLIC presented the Hindi Week Celebrations report and proposed vote of thanks. Sri M. Apparao, Technical Officer T-5 and member, OLIC, Sri N. Syam Prasad, Technical Officer T-5, Sri Arjun Paul, Technical Officer T-5 and Sri Ch. Sriramarao, Hindi Translator actively involved in organizing the celebrations and made the function a grand success. The staff actively participated in the Hindi Week Celebrations and secured prizes in various competitions. The Chief Guest distributed prizes to the winners and other participants in all the programmes during the week.



Sri Parshotam Singh addressing the Staff



Staff participated in the Group Songs

ITEM	FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE
Translation		
English to Hindi	Kum M. Satya Sudha	Dr C. C.S. Rao
Hindi to English	Dr SV.Krishnareddy	Dr PRS. Reddy
Terminology	Kum J. Susheeladevi	Kum P. Madhavi
Letter Writing	Smt JVR. Satyavani	Sri KPSN. Murthy
Essay Writing	Sri P. Ramkumar	Dr V. Krishnamurthy
Memory test	Sri Md. Elias	Sri KTR. Singh
Noting & Drafting	Sri Y. Prabhakar	Sri K. Ganesh babu
Passage Reading	Kum M. Satya Sudha	Sri Y. Prabhakar
Elocution	Dr U. Sreedhar	Sri PE. Jimmy
Kavitha	Sri PE. Jimmy	Sri T. Krishnamurthy
Songs (Ladies)	Smt T. Syamaladevi	Smt JVR. Satyavani
(Gents)	Sri M. Rambabu	Sri M. Apparao
Mere Awaz Suno		
(Ladies)	Smt JVR. Satyavani	
(Gents)	Sri R. Sudhakar	



Dr. K. Nagarajan lighting the lamp

VISITORS



Dr. P.S.N. Murthy explaining about Smoking machine to Dr. S.P. Tiwari, ADG, (Seeds & C.C.), ICAR



Sri Asutosh Misra, Executive Director, Tobacco Board, Guntur discussing with Scientists of CTRI R.S., Hunsur



Dr. K.D. Singh, Head CTRI, R.S., Pusa explaining the tobacco based cropping systems to ICRI SAT Scientists

APPOINTMENTS

Sri K. Karuna-kara Murthy joined as Research Associate for the Adhoc Scheme at CTRI Research Station, Hunsur.

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFERS

Name & Designation	From	To	Date
Dr. A.G.K. Murthy Sr. Scientist	CTRI, RS Dinhata	DRR Hyderabad	31.8.96
Sri S. Ramanujam Sr. Admn. Officer	CTRI Rajahmundry	CW & PRS Pune	12.7.96

RETIREMENTS

Name	Grade	Reason	Date
Sri R.S.N. Rao	Scientist (Sel. Grade)	Superannuation	30.09.96
Sri P. Chitti Panthulu (Sel. Grade)	Scientist	Superannuation	31.08.96
Sri T. Jagannadham	Asst. Admn. Officer	Voluntary	04.07.96
Sri A. Subba Rao	S.S.Gr.II	Superannuation	31.08.96

OBITUARY

Dr. T. Sitaramachary, Sr. Scientist & Head, CTRI, Research Station, Jeelugumilli, expired on 18th September 1996.



KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA

Training Programme

Two TRYSEM training programmes on fibre production and palmyrah products were conducted to 46 trainees of Pallakadiyam and Jambupatnam villages from 19.6.96 to 18.8.96 and another TRYSEM training programme on fibre products was

conducted to 30 trainees of Suryaraopeta village from 15.7.96 to 14.9.96.

One training programme of three months duration on Tailoring is being conducted to 20 rural youth females of Parijellipeta Village from 25.7.96 onwards.

A trainers training programme on Rural crafts was conducted to KVK trainees (Home Science) of zone V from 12.8.96 to 17.8.96.

Exhibition

An exhibition cum sales of various fibre products was organised at CTRI, Rajahmundry during SRC meetings from 5.8.96 to 8.8.96.

परिषद की अनुसंधान कर्मचारी बैठके

अनुसंधान कर्मचारी परिषद की बैठके 5 से अगस्त, 1996 तक आयोजित की गयी। तम्बाकू बोर्ड के कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष एमम कार्यपालक निदेशक श्री अशुतेष मिश्रा ने दीप प्रज्वलित करके समारोह का उद्घाटन किया। श्री ए.एन.सिंह, अवकाश प्राप्त, संयुक्त कृषि आयुक्त, भारत सरकार, मुख्य अतिथि थे। इन बैठकों में आई.टी.सी. के अनुसंधान और विकास समूह, जी.पी.आई., अशिल भारतीय समन्वित अनुसंधान परियोजना, सी.टी.आर.आई. तथा इसके अनुसंधान केन्द्रों के वैज्ञानिकों और तम्बाकू विकास निदेशालय के अधिकारियों ने भाग लिया।

श्री अशुतेष मिश्रा ने अपने उद्घाटन भाषण में तम्बाकू वैज्ञानिकों को उनकी महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धियों के लिए प्रशंसा की तथा यह महसूस किया कि भारतीय तम्बाकू की प्रकार फीलर से सुगंधायुक्त करने के लिए वैज्ञानिकों द्वारा तुरंत ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। डा.के. नागराजन, कार्यकारी निदेशक ने यह विचार व्यक्त किया कि सी.टी.आर.आई. किसानों के लिए बहुत अच्छी सेवा प्रदान कर रहा है। तथा से किसानों से विनती की कि वे संस्थान की सेवाओं का अपने लाभ के लिए उपयोग करें।

श्री ए.एन. सिंह ने तम्बाकू में किये गये अनुसंधान कार्यक्रमों के क्रमबद्ध तरीके की प्रशंसा की।

डा.आर.एस.परोदा का सदिशा

मैं आपको आपके अर्धशासकीय पत्र संख्या सी. 1(2)/96 पी.ए., दिनांक 13-08-1996 के लिए धन्यवाद देता हूँ और यह जानकर प्रसन्न हूँ कि हालही में संपन्न हुई अनुसंधान कर्मचारी परिषद की बैठक बहुत सफल थी। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि.ए.फ.सी.वी. तम्बाकू की किस्में जो कि विभिन्न जलवायु के क्षेत्रों के लिए पहचानी गयी हैं वे तम्बाकू के अंतराष्ट्रीय व्यापार स्तर के अनुसार उत्पादकता व गुणवत्ता को स्थिर रखने में मदद करेंगी।

संस्थान गाँव संयोजन परियोजना

दिनांक 1-7-1996 से सी.टी.आर.आई., रायमंड्री में प्रौद्योगिकी मूल्यांकन तथा परिकरण पर संस्थान गाँव संयोजन मार्गदर्शी परियोजना कार्यान्वित की गयी। डा. के. नागराजन, निदेशक निस्पन्द अधिकारी हैं तथा डा.सी. चन्द्रशोखर राव, डा.यू. श्रीधर, डा. एस.वी. कृष्णारेड्डी और श्री वाई. सुब्बैय्या सारभाग समूह वैज्ञानिक हैं। इस परियोजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिए पूर्व गोदावरी जिले में कोटीकेशवरम गाँव का चुनाव किया गया।

अन्य गतिविधियां

हिन्दी सप्ताह समारोह : - इस संस्थान में दिनांक 12-9-1996 से 18-9-1996 तक हिन्दी सप्ताह मनाया गया। डा. के. नागराजन दिनांक 12-9-1996

को दीप जलाकर समारोह का उद्घाटन किया। इस सप्ताह के दौरान हिन्दी में इस संस्थान के अधिकारियों, कर्मचारियों के लिए अनेक प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित की गयी। श्री परषोत्तम सिंह, महाप्रबंधक, दूर संचार, पूर्व गोदावरी जिला, राजमंड्री दिनांक 18-9-1996 को समापन समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि थे। हिन्दी सप्ताह समारोह में कर्मचारियों ने उत्साह पूर्वक भाग लिया तथा विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं में पुरस्कार प्राप्त किये।

★ इस संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों और तकनीकी अधिकारियों द्वारा 12 रेडियो वार्ताएँ रिकार्ड कराई गयी।

★ विभिन्न पत्रिकाओं में वैज्ञानिकों द्वारा पाँच पेपर प्रकाशित किये गये। सी.टी.आर.आई. अनुसंधान केन्द्र में एक नियुक्ति की गयी और दो व्यक्तियों का स्थानांतरण किया गया तथा चार व्यक्ति सेवा निवृत्त हुए।

कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्र

★ रेशा उत्पादन तथा पाल्मिरा उत्पादों में दो स्वरोजगार प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किये गये जिनमें पल्लकडियम और जम्बूपट्टणम गाँव के 46 प्रशिक्षणाधियों ने दिनांक 19-6-1996 से 18-8-1996 तक भाग लिया।

★ सिलाई के संबंध में तीन माह का एक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम परिजेल्लपेटा गाँव की 20 ग्रामीण महिलाओं के लिए आयोजित किया गया।