

REPORT ON VALUE ADDED COURSE ON “ORGANIC FARMING- PERSPECTIVES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY”

11th-25th AUGUST 2021

Calicut University Department of Zoology conducted a value-added course on “Organic Farming- Perspectives for Environmental Stability and Food Security”, from 11th August to 25th August, 2021. An online application form was circulated for the registration process from 9th August. Around 100 applications were obtained initially. The course was started on 11th August at 10:45 am with an inaugural session and programme was inaugurated by honorable Vice Chancellor of University of Calicut Prof. (Dr). M.K. Jayaraj.

The inauguration was followed by the first session from 11:00AM-12:30AM, on the topic “Basics of Organic Farming” by Sri. K. V. Deyal Founder Director, Natures Signature Foundation, Alappuzha. The same topic continued on the afternoon section from 2:30PM-4:00PM. On the second day of course (12-08-2021 Thursday), both morning (10:00AM-11:30AM) and afternoon sessions (2:30PM-4:00PM) classes were taken by Sri. Abdul Basheer. C. A Rtd. Divisional Manager, Kerala Forest Development Corporation on the topic “Forest and Farming”. Smt. Lovely Augustin Rtd. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Wayanad conducted classes on both morning (10:00AM-11:30AM) and afternoon session (3:00PM-4:30PM) on the third day of seminar, 13-08-2021 Friday, on the topic “Integrated Farming System”. On the fourth day of seminar, 14-08-2021 Saturday, classes were carried out by Dr. Salikutty Joseph Professor, Kerala Agriculture University Trissur, from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in the morning and 3:00PM to 4:30PM in the afternoon on the topic “Tools and Practices of Organic Farming”. On 16th August, Monday, morning class was a continuation of the topic “Tools and practices of organic farming” by Dr. Salikkuty Joseph. After that first afternoon session started at 2:00PM-3:30PM by Dr. J. G. Ray Professor, School of Biosciences, MG University, Kottayam on the topic “Soil and the Ecosystem” and this session continued from 6:30PM-8:00PM also. Dr. J. G. Ray completed the classes on “Soil and Ecosystem” on 17th August, Tuesday by conducting two sessions of classes in the afternoon (2:00PM-3:30PM) and evening (6:30PM-8:00PM). On 18-08-2021, Wednesday, Dr Anitha Kumari. P, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CPCRI, Kayamkulam, conducted two classes in the morning (10:00AM-11:30AM) and afternoon (2:30PM-4:00PM) on the topic “Coconut Farming and Value Addition of Coconut”. Dr. N. Mini Raj, Professor, Kerala Agriculture University, Trissur taken a class on “Spices and Medicinal Plants” on 23rd August, Monday, morning (10:00AM-11:30AM) and afternoon

(3:00PM-4:30PM). On 24th August, Tuesday, Sri. K. V. Deyal, Founder Director, Natures Signature Foundation, Alappuzha was conducted two sessions. The morning session (10:00AM-11:30AM) on “Purity of Food and Food Security” and the afternoon session on “Relevance of Organic Agriculture”. The last class was on the topic “Tools and Practices of Organic Farming” taken by Dr. Salikutty from morning 10:00Am-12:00PM. During the class attendance was mandatory and all these days the attendance were taken. After the class evaluation and feedback were obtained.

Theory classes were conducted about 40 hours including discussions after each session. Last day, on 25th August, there was an assessment conducted to the participants. 30 participants attended the evaluation session. The feedback was also obtained from the participants. Among the 28 responses, all the responses were so satisfactory because most of the responses about the content, overall experience and the resource persons were very good and they rate it as excellent. Most of them were willing to recommend this course to others.

Detailed programme schedule enclosed along with this file.