

## **AEX 401-RURAL AGRICULTURAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

The final year students of B. Sc (Hons) Agriculture (Batch 2019-2023), in compliance with the course AEX 401 Rural Agricultural Work Experience (0+20), stayed in the villages of districts Trichy, Salem and Namakkal.

The total of 107 Students made their stay in Ammapalayam, Koppampatti, Mullukurichi, Semmedu, Kottapalayam, Shobanapuram, Alathur, Sengattupatti, Alathur, Sengattupatti, Gudamalai and Gangavalli as groups for 75 days and gained live experience of operations done in agricultural fields. They interacted with the maximum number of farmers and got to know about their daily activities, cultural practices and special practices they follow, ITK'S followed in the village and from where do they get consultancies from.

They also made their visits to departments and institutions related to agriculture and agricultural banks like PACCS, DCCBs etc and learnt about their organizational structure, functions and activities. From the experience gained, the students conducted the RAWE exhibition 2023 with the theme 'Today's Revolution for Tomorrow's Agriculture'.

The students prepared creative models using recent agricultural technologies and also exhibited live models related to crops in their respective villages. Around 20 farmers and 600 students from the nearby schools visited the exhibition where models of Integrated Farming System, Integrated Coconut and fish farming, Milk factory, Coffee processing, Cassava Processing etc. were showcased.

The following picture represents RAWE exhibition conducted on 29-03-2023.



The RAWE students of kottapalayam village explained about different karaisal that can be originally prepared and used for soil and plant health enrichment to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students.



The RAWE students explained about kitchen garden and terrace garden to government school students of Kannanur. This will motivate the school students to grow vegetables in their home for their own use.



The RAWE students of Uppiliyapuram block has been explaining the kannanur government school students about azolla production and its usage will reduce chemical fertilizers and enrich soil health.



Mullukurichi group RAWE students explained about the inflorescence stages of coconut, as coconut is the major crop in that particular village.





The Namagiripettai block students displayed farm model of successful organic farmers and explained briefly about the practices followed in organic farming.