

Students of Farm Varsity in IAMWARM Sub Basins.

570 Under Graduate Students of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University TNAU from 8 campuses were at IAMWARM project sub basins. As a part of their curriculum, Under Graduate Students of TNAU have to stay in the villages which is a part of the RAWE – Rural Agricultural Work Experience programme.

RAWE programme guides the students to the acquire the skills of interaction among the farmers and helps to develop their communication skill. In the present academic year, the students are staying in IAMWARM project sub basin areas from 20.07.08 to 20.08.08 where they conduct method demonstration to popularize the project and various improved farm practices which boosts their farm income. TNAU has conducted orientation programme at all the college campuses for better conduct of the programme in the sub basin villages. Scientist in charge of the sub basins visited the students clusters frequently and provided the necessary information for better conduct of the programme.



Students are in the demonstration of mat nursery preparation for SRI method of rice cultivation. The picture depicts the method demonstration conducted by the students with the project staff at Padiampakkam, in Poiney sub basin, Vellore district.

All aspects of mat nursery viz., preparation of raised bed using wooden crates and uniform distribution of 3 kg seeds were explained by the students to the farmers.



Students prepare various audio visual aids and conducts meeting to familiarize the improved production technologies. Also, a method demonstration on cono weeder usage in SRI method of rice cultivation was conducted by the students. The picture depicts the method demonstration conducted by the students at Mattapparai village, Varahanadhi sub basin, Villupuram district.



The students attended the informal meeting conducted in the IAMWARM sub basin villages and gave elaborate lecture about the project and its benefits and importance. The students with project staff in a informal meeting at Mel Kallar village, Varahanadhi sub basin, Villupuram district.

The farmers also expressed that they have got more information on the improved agricultural technologies from the younger generation who are very swift in action with active sprit and spread the message on IAMWARM in a effective way.