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Webinar on “**Knowledge Enhancement Capsule Programme for Agriculture Teachers of Vocational Stream in Govt.Hr.Sec.Schools**” Inaugural function was held on 19.02.2021 at State Development Police Council (SDPC), under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Vice Chairman, SDPC.

The objective of the training programme is to enhance the knowledge levels of Agricultural instructors working in Government Higher Secondary Schools in Tamil Nadu in line with latest developments and new frontiers in the agricultural technology. The training will forecast and thrust on today’s need of the agriculture students and for their skill development in their course of study.

Thiru. Anil Meshram, I.A.S., Member Secretary, SDPC, in his welcome Note stressed the need “to achieve our vision of transforming education in agriculture sector by bringing in latest technology awareness among the teaching faculty and in turn students.

Dr.S.Kannappan, Director of School Education, viewed this training programme as an timely one which would greatly enhance the knowledge levels of school Agriculture Instructors with respect to agriculture technology.

Thiru.K.A.Sengottaiyan, Hon’ble Minister for School Education and Youth Welfare & Sports Development, in his special address lauded the efforts of SDPC under the able guidance of Hon’ble Vice Chairman, SDPC, for organizing such need based training programme and emphasized the

importance of Youth to take part in agriculture and make them self-employed in their places to avoiding migration to urban areas for employment for which the training would so the requisite seeds among teaching fraternity.

Thiru.C.Ponnaiyan, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, SDPC, in his presidential address appreciated the efforts of School Education Department for making as *Numero Uno* State in Gross Enrollment Rate (GER) among all the other States in India. He expressed the need of "Knowledge empowerment for agriculture students which would empower them to compete with the global market in the present day liberalized economy. Besides such desired knowledge enhancement would bring the needed impetus for an eco-friendly society and enhanced standard of living for the future generations.

The inaugural function was attended by concerned Officials from State Development Policy Council, State Council for Educational Research & Training, (SCERT) Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, (TNAU) and School Education Department.

Vice Chairman
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