

### **Golden Jubilee Torch Relay events at KVK, Tiruvallur**

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebration of KVKs, torch relay events were organized at KVK, Tiruvallur on 22.08.2024, The Director, ATARI (Agriculture Technology Application Research Institute) Dr. Sheik N. Meera inaugurated the exhibition displayed by various line departments *viz.*, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Agriculture Engineering, CIBA, Regional Fodder Station, Poondi dam FPO and Private Firms. He also flagged off the Rally to create awareness on Natural Farming by the students of Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sagayathottam, Ranipet district and inaugurated the upgraded value addition lab. The programme was felicitated by the Director of Extension Education, TNAU, DEE, TANUVAS, Director, Regional Fodder Station, Alamadhi, Principal Scientist from CIBA, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Executive Engineer (Agrl. Engineering). Dr. S. Banumathy, Programme Coordinator welcomed the gathering and the Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered special address and emphasized the role of KVK's and the importance of green manure in soil health management, diverse cropping system, marketing strategies for value added products. The Director, ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad gave inaugural address and emphasized the need of cultivation of new high yielding tolerant varieties, to include livestock for livelihood sustenance, mechanization in farming and to market standard value added products with branding and certification. He also insisted to document three to four impactful interventions like mechanization in terms of area coverage, efficiency and cost reduction, horticulture produce, value added products and livestock component for livelihood enhancement of farmers and farm women.

Booklet on Organic farming, KVK News letter and Pamphlets on crop boosters was released. ADT 54 paddy seeds, paddy drum seeder, sprayers, hermetic grain storage cocoons, storage bins, vegetable chopper and wet grinder were provided to farmers. Dr. C. Tamilselvi, Assoc. Professor (CRP) delivered the Vote of Thanks. Scientists of KVK and Rice Research Station and more than 50 farmers, farm women and 60 students participated in the programme.

