HIGHLIGHT MARCH 2025

Exhibition And Sales-Tholpuram NTI Branch



The President and the vice president of the village society of Tholpuram jointly inaugurated the NTI Exhibition and sales.. Those invited, with POs from other branches and passersby numbering 50 attended the program. All the Home grown and self produced items were sold out for a total of Rs; 50,000. This event known as "our market" becoming very popular. Enthusiastic POs prepared a roster to help the branches. Accordingly the branches of Araly, Navaly and Puthumadam will hold their event s in the next three months. There was lot of excitement among the NTI community. Two POs namely Menaka of Eththavi Palai and Devika of Ponnagar Killinochchi also attended with their home products

Kadupulam Branch: Kayalini PO , the onion cultivator brought 10 packets of 1 kg onion and sold all of them at Rs;250 a Kg. Her father used to sell daily at the nearby Buddhist shrine known as "thamnapttuna"



She had lot of "vallarai" green leaves at her garden and thought why not I take 10 bunches of green leaves. Just before setting out she grabbed them. They are dark green, lush leaves all the bunches were sold out in no time at Rs;100 each. She decided to bring more of this at the next market. Kasthuri, Sharmila and Lavanya

BRs of Araly sold their Palmyra products such as string hopper stand, mat and "neethupetty" Menaka and Devika POs from Palai and Killinochchi respectively brought t heir stitched cloths. Short- eats and cordials. Thusikanthi PO, Navaly also brought stitched cloths and homemade sweets. Preya, PO Puthumadam found varieties of green leaves in her garden. She brought 10 bunches and sold five of them at Rs: 50/ each. The balance 5 bunches were given as promotional gifts.



Kaddupulam - kayalini POs





Araly - Kasthuri And Sarmila BR



Puthumadam -Piriya POs



Kilinochi-Menuka & Devika POs



Navaly - Thusi POs



Kirupalini -Araly





Prasanthini PO Tholpuram provided leadership in conducting the exhibition and sales. She managed to get the services of all POs and volunteers. Tents were erected with rubber sheets and no expenses were incurred.

Appreciation and award: The enthusiastic participation of Menaka PO Eththavil, Palai and Devika PO, Ponnagar, Killinochchi was commended and provided with token of gift vouchers.

Progress OF NTI Entrepreneurship

We are happy to record the ever growing self-employment among the NTI community. Many inquire for advice, technical and financial specific support and NTI is able to help them within the means and referred them to the appropriate Govt, institutions. Asha, PO, sumith BR, Kalaiselvi PO Thirunagar North and south Kumuthini BR Malarselvi BR Malayalpuram, (Killi) Jeyaranee and many others are making various items such as: Mushroom, Yogat, Malli coffee, chili powder, cordials, food processing, herbal hair oil and catering for functions.



Ajanthini at Tholpuram Exibition





Jeyarani-Killinochiinvolved in mushroom and yogurt production



Leadership Training Batch 4 (LT)



Third session of LT4 was held at Karunanilayam on 8th March attended by 38 members. A group of POs undertook the responsibility of conducting it. First item on the agenda was reviewing the reports submitted on the previous training session. Observation of the review team was announced and gifts were presented to five participants. There were sessions on sharing experiences, In put on Project management, Risk analysis and group task and study of group reports. Three groups identified an issue in a village proposed a proposal which was reviewed at the final session.















Photos above: A Group photo at LT4, Four groups that grappled with the issues affecting the villages, Key POs who led the sessions and a scribe getting a display ready.

Mobile livestock treatment service.

Dr.T.Senthuran (077424 9074) Dept of Animal production and conducted half a day livestock treatment service for the public on 7th March at the Navaly YMCA. Cost of medicine was charged. Ajanthini PO informed the NTI beneficiaries and many of them visited. Dr. Senthuran agreeable to address any group that require his services.





New Year market prices:

The prices of a kilogram of chicken and eggs appear to be increasing weekly. A farm egg is currently being sold at Rs. 40, while a kilogram of chicken is priced Rs. 1,200. While country egg is sold at Rs;60 Coconut is sold in Kilogram and one Kg is Rs; 300 and tamarind one Kg is Rs; 1,600.

Thank you:

NTI has been able to complete yet another financial year, i.e.: April 2024/ March 2025. We fondly remember your overwhelming support extended to us. Your feedback for our monthly Highlight encourages. Steps are being taken this year to implement the cashew planting project initiated by Prabhath of Michigan, USA. NTI is also engaged in carrying out the development activities to be financed by the International Sustainable livelihood Foundation. ISLF, USA. Thank you all and we wish you a happy Thamil / Sinhala New Year.

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