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About Us

Senaapathy Kangayam Cattle Research Foundation is an in situ conservation and breeding centre based in Kuttapalayam, Tirupur district of Tamil Nadu. It also functions as a resource centre and research institute on native breeds of cattle in Tamil Nadu, India.

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From the Chairman's Desk

Dear Friends, native livestock enthusiasts, members of Kangayam Cattle Breeders Society and Policy makers:

The continuing drought, agrarian crisis, ban on bio cultural sports by the Honourable Supreme Court due to PETA, FIAPO, Animal Welfare Board of India, continued the distress sale of cattle, the continuing exodus. The Kannapuram Cattle Fair was a dampener and not many takers due to shortage of fodder and scarcity of feed.

I am happy to note that the bio-cultural protocol for Kangayam Cattle and Korangadu has documented, the self assertion of its rights on bio-diversity of the area, the community lives and thrives on. I am also happy to note that the second edition of the Kongu Nadu Kalnadai Thiruvizha was conducted by Vanavarayar Foundation in Samathur, Pollachi.

Kangayam Cattle Breeders youth meeting held on 8.11.2015 and attended by more than 40 youngsters, was a very good impetus to the movement towards native cattle and zero budget farming.

The Managing Trustee and other trustees, namely Mr. G. Sundar and Himakiran Anugula have been working on documenting Jallikattu, Rekla, etc, along with Mr. O. Saravanakumar, Mr. Varadharaja Pandian, Mr. Seeman, Madurai and Mr. Meiyanathan Rajesh.

The Managing Trustee has been visiting various colleges and speaks on native cattle, Zero budget farming and bio-cultural sports.

SKCRF is also working with the Government of India, to remove the ban on traditional sports like Jallikattu, Rekla, Kambala, Belgada to conserve native livestock.

-Mr. K. Saminathan Sivasenapathy, Chairman, SKCRF.





2015 - 2016

This year was loaded with several activities such as visits by various people to SKCRF, engagement with the Government, taking part in exhibitions, international visits, field visits, other events, providing service and support to livestock keepers. This can be seen in the following report.

SKCRF Activities

21-04-2015 to 28-04-2015- Kannapuram Kangayam Cattle Shandy and Arulmigu Mariamman Theer Thiruvizha, Vellakovil, Kangayam, Tamil Nadu, India.



The 1200 year old Arulmigu Mariamman Theer Thiruvizha in Kannapuram, associated with a cattle shandy based on Kangayam cattle, began on 21 April 2015 and came to a close on 28 April 2015. As usual the month of Chithirai in Tamil, which falls from 14 of April to 13 of May has made the tiny and the otherwise calm Kannapuram hamlet near Kangayam, busy with farmers and breeders of genetically pure Kangayam cattle. Traders, farmers and breeders bring the animals for trade and to display the cattle at the cattle festival.

According to the legend, the cattle fair became a permanent fixture after the visitors who come from far of places to attend the temple car festival started to show interest to buy the animal because they got impressed by the arrival of the local people in carts pulled by sturdy Kangayam bulls. Apart from using to pull carts, the urine and dung of the Kangayam cattle are used by local people in organic farming.

SKCRF which is involved in in-situ conservation of breeding genetically pure Kangayam cattle had established an exhibition for the farmers, livestock keepers and visitors from various parts of Southern India. The exhibition was set to create awareness about Kangayam cattle and to help interested farmers and livestock keepers to purchase cattle at the shandy.

08-11-2015 to 10-11-2015- Work on BCP

Bio-cultural Protocol- BCP, is a community, self-assertion of its rights on the bio-diversity of the area, the community lives and thrives on, like the breeds of cattle, trees etc. BCP is mandatory after India signed the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity, the UNCBD, with support from LPPS, and Dr. Ilse Kohler of League for Pastoral People and Indigenous Livestock Development, Germany. SKCRF was given the task of creating a BCP for Kangayam cattle, Korangadu and the Kongu region which is in the western part of Tamil Nadu, India. The creation of the BCP was undertaken by documenting hundreds of Kangayam livestock keepers, farmers, breeders, through various meetings. Visits to the farmer's farms, homes, visit to religious heads, of the Kongu region like the Koumara Madalayam, Perur Madam, and the heads of community like the Pattakarar of Sakaradampalayam, the Pattakarar of Palayakottai, and the Pattakarar of Puthur etc. After the documentation process was completed, the first draft was shown to the stake holders, the livestock keepers, farmers with Kangayam cattle, breeders, the Pattakarars, the religious mutts, and their consents taken before being published. On 08-11-2015 to 10-11-2015 Mr. Sunder Ganesan, Trustee, SKCRF, stayed at SKCRF and completed the work on Bio-cultural Protocol of Kangayam, Korangadu and Kongu region.



02-07-2015- Cow dung for Kadai Eswaran temple event

Thiru.Devasenapathy of Nedungadu, Kangayam, made arrangement for the cow urine and dung of the Kangayam cattle to be delivered to the Kadai Eswaran temple event held on 3 July 2015. Temples of Tamil Nadu and India were once an epistolary of native cattle's and the saviours of the breeds. Unfortunately due to the decline in the temple based cattle conservation due to ban on events like Jallikattu and Rekla by the Honourable Supreme Court of India, temples now a days refuse to take cattle for maintenance at the temple premises and instead ask the devotees who want to offer cow, to donate money to the temples hundiyals. This need to change and the maintenance of breeds of cattle has to be revived to ensure native cattle are bred and conserved by the temple on behalf of the community.

29-01-2016 to 31-01-2016 Kongu Nadu Cattle Show by Vanavarayar Foundation Pollachi



Kongu Nadu, the western part of Tamil Nadu was once ruled by the Pattakars, and Zamindars. One of its kinds was the Zamindar family of Samathur. Thiru. Shankar Vanavrayar, Chairperson of the Vanavrayar Foundation organised for the second time "Kongu Nattu Kalnadai Thiruvilza" meaning Kongu Nattu livestock festival where the people of this region celebrate the livestock. The show was held in Samathur, Pollachi from 29 to 31 of January 2016. The master breeding bull, "Bully Boy" of SKCRF was send to the show where it was on display for three days. The visitors, livestock keepers, policy makers, veterinarians, school and college students had a feel of the native Kangayam cattle and understood its importance.

12-03-2016 Cow dung for Eswaran temple Kumbabishegam event



Cow dung of the Kangayam cattle was sent for the Kumbabishegam event of Eswaran temple in Vellakovil. Thiru. Murugavel, Vice President of Vellakovil Union wanted cow dung of Kangayam cattle for the temple conservation ceremony called Kumbabishegam in Sanskrit and Kudamuzhukku in Tamil. Due to the request it was decided by the trustees of SKCRF to extent support. Two tractors loads of cow dung were donated for the temple function.

24-03-2016- Documentary film on Jallikattu by Science Graduates of Madras Christian College





A documentary film on Jallikattu was shot in SKCRF with the Managing Trustee by four Science Graduates of Madras Christian College, Chennai. The students were guests of SKCRF and shot the documentary on the ban of Jallikattu, the bio-cultural aspect and the elimination of native species been targeted by the Animal Welfare groups. The documentary focuses on the conflict between man and nature and the consequences of eradicating Jallikattu. The documentary has a total of five sequences to it. The students were advised by The Managing Trustee, SKCRF to meet breeders and livestock keepers in Madurai to complete the documentary.

Other Activities





02-08-2015

The master breeding bull of SKCRF called the "Bully Boy" was taken by Mr. Pathy, Director of Lakshmi Mills, to Sans Craintes Stud Farm, for breeding with the cattle in his farm. Mr. Pathy is one of the finest and the largest Kangayam cattle conserver and breeder in the western region of Tamil Nadu. He has been a great support to the Kangayam Cattle Breeders' Society and SKCRF. As a sequel the Stud bull of the farm was again sent to Sans Craintes Stud Farm on 31-01-2016 for breeding

16-09-2015

A cow and calf was sent for the house warming function of Mr.Gopi of Melapalayam.Any house warming ceremony is not complete without a Kangayam cow with her calf, taken into the new house for the necessary Poosai. It is a tradition being followed for thousands of years, probably from pastoralism, settled agriculture to present day Homosapiens. This tradition would have come from wanting the cow dung to be used to clear the newly built house which has become a custom now. SKCRF supports such bio-cultural customs to conserve Kangayam cattle.

Donations

07-11-2015

Mr. S. Pathy, Director, Sans Craintes Stud Farm donated rupees two lakh towards the corpus of SKCRF, to support the various activities done by the foundation and in recreating Kangayam awareness amongst the youth and policy makers.

Exhibition

Exhibitions play an important role in creating the required impetuous and awareness on the need to conserve Kangayam cattle

24-05-2015 - Under the suggestions and guidance of SKCRF, Green 'n' Clean, Tirupur, with farmers and horse breeders society, organized a cattle show for native breeds in Nanjappa Corporation High School, Tirupur. Managing Trustee of SKCRF was one of the chief guests in the event. An exhibition on Kangayam cattle titled the "Wealth of Yoke", a permanent exhibition of SKCRF was put up in the cattle show where thousands of students visited the stall and understood the use of Kangayam cattle in the modern context. A training programme on the use of cow dung and urine as an alternate to nitrogenous fertilizer was also organized.



Meeting

08-11-2015 - Kangayam Cattle Breeders Youth Meet was held in SKCRF and attended by more than forty youngsters, most of them doing their under graduate and graduate studies. A few of them were working in software companies, some into organic farming and few others into aggro related activities. There has been a tremendous awareness from 2009 since the founding of SKCRF. The social media like Facebook, Twitter, Whats App and the media play a very dominant role in promoting Kangayam cattle and have been paramount in creating a huge awareness among the youngsters. To channelize this awareness SKCRF organised the meet which took place under the chairmanship of Thiru. K. S. Sivasenapathy, Chairman, SKCRF, who welcomed the gathering. Managing Trustee and Trustee Hima Anugula conducted the meeting and noted down the various suggestions' of the youngsters to improvise on Kangayam cattle. Nanjaithalaiyur Thiru. Natraj thanked SKCRF and Kangayam Cattle Breeders' Society for having organised an important meeting after the deliberations

Visitors

SKCRF has thousands of visitors which include school and college students, policy and decision makers, veterinarians, bureaucrats, IAS and IPS officers, research students, students of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, visitors from IRMA, Indian Institute of Science etc. Of the various visitors who visited the farm a few are mentioned below.

Mr. R. S. RhamkumarBalaji, Secretary, Farmers and Horse Breeders Association, Tirupur visited the farm.

A team of Green and Clean, Tirupur visited the farm.

Mr. Nallasivam of Vaiyagam Organic Store visited the farm.

Students and Professor from Kongu Vellalar College, Erode, visited the farm.

A twenty day training programme was organized by the Centre for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFTA) at Department of Agronomy, TNAU, from 20-01-2016 to 09-02-2016, on "Farming systems for the future: Approaches and Applications". Twenty scientists from various states of India participated in the programme. As a part of the training, the team visited SKCRF to understand and know the various activities done in the Foundation through breeding, conserving, maintaining and in creating awareness of the native breed.



Mr. A. Pandian, R. T. O. Coimbatore, visited SKCRF to see the native Kangayam cattle. He had an understanding on the maintenance and breeding of the breed.

Trichy, Srirangam Devasthanam Thiru. Rangarajan visited SKCRF. He appreciated the work done by SKCRF in preserving and maintaining the Kangayam breed.

Students from Chennai Christian College visited SKCRF to make a documentary film for their project report.

Visits



Government of Tamil Nadu to conduct cattle show in 2010. Due to the efforts of SKCRF the Government of Tamil Nadu started conducting cattle shows from 2013. On 25-04-2015 Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Cattle Conservation conserving Indigenous breeds organized a cattle show for Kangayam breed to protect and conserve the breed and to give price for the best cattle. The event was organized at NSN Thirumana Madapam, Chennaimallai road, Kangayam. Stud bull of the SKCRF participated in the cattle show. A certificate of participation was given to SKCRF. SKCRF put up an exhibition in the show and training and workshop was conducted for farmers on zero budget natural farming and organic farming.

25-04-2015 - SKCRF had earlier appealed to the

12-09-2015 - Native Cattle Federation organized a state livestock conference on "Native cattle, Jallikattu and Rekla" in Sanu International, Namakal. Managing Trustee participated in the conference.

21-09-2015 - Managing Trustee gave a guest lecture on "Role of Youth in Conservation of Indigenous Cattle" in Vellalar College for Women. A letter was sent on 12-10-2015 by Mrs. Muthunagai, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, appreciating the Managing Trustee on his presentation and the thought provoking speech, which was very well received in inspiring and enlightening the students.





07-03-2016 - Managing Trustee was guest speaker of the seventeenth Nigalmurai event organized by Erode Nadunagar Arima Sangam. He spoke on the special qualities of the native cattle that participate in Jallikattu and the adverse effects caused to the bulls by the ban on

03-04-2016 - Managing Trustee attended a two day workshop organized by MARAG to review the status of commons in 10 states of India and in finding policy level solutions. The National Consultation on Commons was held in Delhi. on the third and fourth of March 2016.

SKCRF in Media

"Cattle fair turns Kannapuram lively" dated April 22, 2015 in The Hindu.

The article talks about how the cattle fair held for a week became a permanent event along with the Mariamman temple car festival due to the interest shown by the visitors in the Kangayam breed.

"Mela serves as eye-opener on dwindling Kangayam cattle population" dated April 30, 2015 in The Hindu.

The article talks about the number of cattle's that came for the fair and its receding numbers over the years which shows that breeding of this breed has come down. However a positive sign was, the breed still fetched premium price in the market.

"Kangayamfarmer's stage agitation" dated November 26, 2015 in The Hindu.

The article talks about the green flag agitation by farmers in the Kangayam region to legalise Jallikattu and Rekla.

"Korangaduvivasayathinadayalam Kangayam kallai"dated December 26, 2015 in Theekathir.

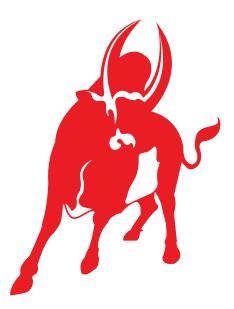
The article talks about grazing system and its associated livestock.

"Kambiraparvaiyumsilirthunirkumthimilum" dated January 2016 in The Hindu Pongal malar.

The article talks about the majestic Kangayam breed in its in-situ tract,

"Jallikattaithadaiseiyakaranamnatumadukalaialikathan" dated January 20, 2016 in Junior Vikadan.

The article talks about the ban on jallikattu and the loss of native cattle.



List of Cows and Bulls issued by SKCRF

20-05-2015 - Mr. Ram of Nandhi traders, Vellaikenaru - 2 kedarai calf

20-09-2015 - Thiru. Pradeep, Vedasanthur, Kangayam- 1 karai kedari

15-10-2015 - Thiru. Aravindh Nallathambi, Kuttapalayam, 2 male calf.Kari 1, Mayilai 1

09-05-2016 - Thiru I. G. P. Tiruchy, Pasumadu 1, Kedari calf 1, Kalai kandru mayilai 1

29-05-2016 - Thiru Sujith, Coimatore, Kedari 3, Kala calf 2

02-07-2016 - Thiru. Chadrasekar, Madurai, Palamedu, Thalaiyethu madu 1, Kalai calf 1

04-09-2016 - Thiru. Gajethiran, Sivakasai, 1.5 years Kalai calf 1.

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