PROCEEDINGS OF THE 26th SUGARCANE SCIENTISTS' MEET CONDUCTED ON 26.4.2018

The 26th Scientists' Meet on Sugarcane was held on 25th and 26th April, 2018 at TNAU, Coimbatore. The technical group wise sessions on crop improvement, crop management and crop protection were held under the chairmanship of the concerned Technical Directors in charge on the first day of the meet. The Director of Research while addressing the individual session, briefed the objectives of conducting the annual review of the University Research Projects and the need for reorientation of the same according to the need of the different stakeholders of the crop. He emphasized that, the action plan for each technical group should be drawn to address the issues of the farmers, stakeholders and suitable research projects should be formulated involving scientists from varied disciplines at different centres.

The plenary session was held on 26th April, 2018 under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. The Director of Research welcomed the participants. The highlights of the research achievements and action taken on the recommendations of the previous meet in the technical groups of crop improvement, crop management and crop protection were presented by the respective Lead centre scientists. The action plan for the year 2018-2019, with respect to the above three disciplines were presented by the Directors of CPBG, DCM and CPPS respectively. The Vice-Chancellor, in his remarks offered suggestions and improvement in the action plan and technical programmes drawn for the year 2018-2019. At the end, the Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore proposed vote of thanks. The following general recommendation were made during the Meet.

General recommendations:

1. The drought indices like proline, RWC, chlorophyll stability index and cell membrane integrity have to be studied in the sugarcane clones for variety release.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore, Sirugamani and Melalathur)

2. In the chewing canes evaluation programme, importance may be given for the estimation of fructose with low fibre content.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore and Sirugamani)

3. Quality enhancement can be made in jaggery preparation.

(Action: SRS, Melalathur)

4. Identification, collection and multiplication of "**Nama karumbu**" may be done during the ensuing season.

(Action: SRS, Sirugamani)

5. Identification of crop stimulants present in press mud have to be assessed.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore and Sirugamani)

 Optimum soil tilth for establishing sugarcane under Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative method may be assessed

Tilth requirement for budded seedlings till harvest may be ascertained along with extent of possible water savings.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore and Sirugamani)

7. Pesticides / herbicides usage may be reduced in future experiments.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore, Sirugamani and Melalathur)

8. Awareness should be created among the farmers on the management of emerging insects and diseases of sugarcane.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore, Sirugamani and Melalathur).

9. Large scale area demonstration of latest/newly released TNAU varieties for easy visit by farmers, extension and department officials.

Demonstrations are to be conducted with newly released sugarcane variety

(CoC 25) and technologies in the sugar factories and also in farmers' field.

(Action: SRS, Cuddalore)

- 10. Action may be taken to supply 300 MT of seed cane and 50,000 tissue culture seedlings of CoC 25 to the sugar factories in Tamil Nadu during the ensuing season.(Action: SRS, Cuddalore).
- In the *Metarizhium* culture used for the management of white grubs, sporulation level and spore load has to be studied.
- Impact of trash burning on nematode incidence and subsequent development may be studied.
- Care may be taken to confirm the viability level of *Trichogramma*, when used continuously and also Male: Female ratio must be verified.
- ICAR SBI materials with high sugar content may be tested at TNAU.
- Research on chewing cane has to be intensified.
- Mini tractor/mini tiller for mechanization in sugarcane cultivation may be developed.

- Scientists should hand over the breeding materials to their successor through proper official procedure in the event of transfer (Director, CPBG).
- Steps may be taken to establish crop cafeteria in all research stations with latest released varieties and crops of local importance (All Research Stations)
- Field visit can be arranged during October 2018 to inspect the performance of MLT/OFT/ART cultures by all Technical Directors (Director, CPBG)
- Submission of URP completion report along with RPAC remarks for final approval on time (Technical Directors/Deans/Prof. and Heads)

Proceedings of the 26th Sugarcane Scientists' Meet are in the following order.

- 1. Staff Pattern
- 2. Remarks on the individual University Research Projects
- 3. Decisions made on entries for Varietal release/ART/MLT evaluated by the breeders and OFTs from Crop Management and Crop Protection Scientists.
- 4. Action plan for 2018-2019.
- 1. Staff pattern

Station	Designation		Discipline								
		PBG	AGR	AGM	PHY	SST	SAC	ENT	PAT	NEM	Total
Cuddalore	Professor	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
	Asst.Professor	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	6
Sirugamani	Professor	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	Asst.Professor	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Melalathur	Professor	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
	Asst.Professor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Total	3	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	16

Of the above 16 scientists, two scientists (Breeder and Pathologist-one in each) are working under AICRP in sugarcane at SRS, Cuddalore.

A. CROP IMPROVEMENT

List of projects reviewed

S.No	Discipline/Station	University Research Projects	AICRP project	Externally Funded Project	Total
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	1	1	-	2
2.	SRS, Sirugamani	3	-	-	3
3.	SRS, Melalathur	2	-	_	2

Remarks on the individual University Research Projects

S.No	Project Number & Title	Remarks
1.	CPBG/ CDL/ PBG/ SUG/ 2017/ 001	To be continued.
	Dr. S. Ganapathy, Asst. Professor (Plant Breeding)	High sugar clones
	Evaluation and identification of high sugar varieties	identified by the SBI may
	with red rot resistance for Tamil Nadu.	be repeatedly involved in
	(April 2017 – March 2020)	the crossing programme.
2.	CPBG/SGM/PBG/SUG/2014/001	
	Dr.M.Shanmuganathan, Asst. Professor (PB & G)	
	Evolving mid-late maturing sugarcane varieties with	To be continued
	high yield, quality and in-built resistance for red rot	To be continued
	disease to cater the needs of Cauvery delta zone.	
	(Oct.2014 – Sept.2019)	
3.	CPBG/SGM/PBG/SUG/2014/002	Drought is very well
	Dr.M.Shanmuganathan, Asst. Professor (PB&G)	pronounced in the delta.
	Evolving sugarcane varieties suitable for early season	All the clones need to be
	with high yield, quality coupled with resistance for red	screened for drought with
	rot disease.	suitable parameters.
	(Oct 2014 to – Sept 2019)	The project to be
		continued.
4.	CPBG/SGM/PBG/SUG/2014/003	Crossing and seed set may
	Dr.M.Shanmuganathan, Asst. Professor (Plant	be assessed at Sirugamani
	Breeding)	to initiate crossing
	Hybridization, fluff study, individual seedling	programme in future.
	selection and early stage selection in sugarcane	The project may be
	(Saccharum spp. hybrid)	continued.
~	(Dec 2014 – Nov 2019)	
5.	CPBG/MLT/PBG/SUG/2014/ 002*	T 1 4
	Dr. N. A. Saravanan, Asst. Professor (Plant	Involve the crop
	Breeding)	physiologist to screen the
	Evolving high yielding and high quality sugarcane	clones for drought with
	clones with red rot resistance for early season.	suitable parameters.
6.	(March 2014 to Feb 2018) CPBG/MLT/PBG/SUG/2014/ 003*	
0.		
	Dr. N.A. Saravanan , Asst. Professor (Plant Breeding)	To be completed
	Evolving high yielding and high quality sugarcane clones with red rot resistance for mid late season.	To be completed.
	(March 2014 – Feb 2018)	

7.	AICRP/PBG /CUD/SUG /025	To be continued.
	Dr. S. Ganapathy, Asst. Professor (Plant Breeding)	The Director, SBI and the
	AICRP on Sugarcane	Project Coordinator
	1. Initial Varietal Trial (Early)	(AICRP-Sugarcane) may
	2. Advanced Varietal Trial (Early) Plant I	be addressed to include the
	3. Advanced Varietal Trial (Early) Plant II	scientists of Sirugamani
	4. Advanced Varietal Trial (Early) Ratoon	and Melalathur in crossing
	5. Initial Varietal Trial (Mid-late)	programme at SBI. These
	6. Advanced Varietal Trial (Mid-late) Plant I	two centres may also
	7. Advanced Varietal Trial (Mid-late) Plant II	participate as voluntary
	8. Advanced Varietal Trial (Mid-late) Ratoon	centres so as to include
		their cultures in the
		AICRP trials.

* Submit completion report

Decisions made on entries for Central Release/State Release/ART/MLT/AICRP trials

- a. Culture Proposed for National release for East Coast Zone (AICRP) $_{\rm Nil}$
- b. Cultures identified and recommended for release (state) $$\rm Nil$$
- c. Cultures identified for conducting ART

Sl. No.	clones	Maturity Group	Cane yield	CCS (%)	Proposed centre
			(t/ha)		
	Early				
1.	C 31 098	Early	139.25	12.95	Cuddalore
2.	Si 10 001	Early	136.30	12.95	Cuddalore
3.	Si 10 002	Early	138.00	13.00	Sirugamani
4.	G 08 028	Early	133.20	13.01	Melalathur
5.	Co 11 015	Early	119.73	14.97	SBI, Coimbatore
6.	Co 13 003	Early	128.48	14.39	SBI, Coimbatore
	Standards				
7.	Co 86032		117.55	12.85	
8.	CoC (Sc) 24		121.60	12.50	
	Mid-late				
1.	C 30 010	Mid late	140.75	13.05	Cuddalore
2.	C 30 042	Mid late	138.30	12.92	Cuddalore
3.	Si 10 012	Mid late	136.50	12.95	Sirugamani
4.	Si 10 027	Mid late	138.00	12.90	Sirugamani
5.	G 08 019	Mid late	132.00	13.06	Melalathur
6.	G 08 041	Mid late	131.20	13.12	Melalathur
7.	Co 06 031	Mid late	139.57	14.65	SBI, Coimbatore
8.	Co 14 016	Mid late	140.71	13.58	SBI, Coimbatore
9.	Co 15 007	Mid late	106.28	15.05	SBI, Coimbatore

		Standards				
1	1.	Co 86032	Mid late	120.20	12.87	-
2	2.	TNAU Si 8	Mid late	124.65	12.70	-

Traits to be observed

- 1. Number of tillers ('000/ha)
- 2. Number of Millable Cane ('000/ha)
- 3. Stalk length (cm)
- 4. Cane diameter (cm)
- 5. CCS (%)
- 6. CCS yield (t/ha)
- 7. Cane yield (t/ ha)

Allotment of centres for distribution of seed/planting materials for ART

1. SRS, Cuddalore - No. of locations / Sugar Mills - 4.

- 1. M/s E.I.D. Parry India Pvt. Ltd., Sugar Mill, Nellikuppam,
- 2. M/s Rajshree Sugar mill Unit- I, Mundiyampakkam,
- 3. M/s Pondicherry Co-operative sugar mill, L. Palayam &
- 4. M/s Cheyyar Co-operative Sugar mill, Cheyyar & Farmers field.

2. SRS, Sirugamani - No. of locations / Sugar Mills - 5

- 1. M/s E.I.D. Parry India Pvt. Ltd., Sugar mill, Pettavathalai
- 2. M/s E.I.D. Parry India Pvt. Ltd., Sugar mill, Pugalur
- 3. M/s The Salem Co-operative Sugar Mill, Mohanur
- 4. M/s Kothari Sugars, Kattur
- 5. M/s V. V. Sugars, Perambalur

3. SRS, Melalathur - No. of locations / Sugar mills - 5

- 1.M/s Ambur Co-operative mill, Vadapudupattu 2- locations
- 2. M/s Vellore Co-operative mill, Ammundi
- 3. M/s Thirupathur Co-operative Sugar mills, Kethandapatti
- 4. M/s Subramaniya Siva Co-operative Sugar mills, Harur
- 5. M/s Dharmapuri District Co-operative Sugar mills, Palacode

4. Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore - No. of locations/ Sugar Mills - 4

- 1. M/s Bannari Amman sugars, Aluthukombai, Sathayamangalam
- 2. M/s Sakthi sugars, Appakoodal, Erode
- 3. M/s Ponni Sugars, Pallipalayam, Erode
- 4. M/s Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill, Udumalaipettai

Scientists in-charge

- Dr. S. Ganapathy, Asst. Professor (Breeding), SRS, Cuddalore
- Dr. M. Shanmuganathan, Asst. Professor (Breeding), SRS, Sirugamani
- Dr. N. A. Saravanan, Asst. Professor (Breeding), SRS, Melalathur.

d. Cultures proposed for testing under Multi Location Trial

S.	Clones	Maturity	Cane yield	CCS	Proposed
No.		Group	(t/ha)	(%)	centre
	Early				
1.	C 32 021	Early	141.64	13.01	Cuddalore
2.	Si 12 062	Early	134.70	13.00	Cuddalore
3.	Si 12 078	Early	139.50	13.05	Sirugamani
4.	G 08 031	Early	129.60	13.20	Sirugamani
5.	G 08 024	Early	124.53	12.96	Melalathur
Standa	rds				
6.	CoC (Sc) 24				
7.	TNAU Si 7				
	Mid-late				
1.	C 32 012	Midlate	140.00	13.06	Cuddalore
2.	Si 12 047	Midlate	136.10	13.06	Sirugamani
3.	Si 12 329	Midlate	135.60	12.81	Sirugamani
4.	G 07 013	Midlate	131.41	13.20	Melalathur
5.	G 10 006	Midlate	128.45	12.98	Melalathur
Standa	urds				
6.	Co 86032				
7.	TNAU Si 8				

New clones identified for conducting MLT in 2018-19

Traits to be observed

- 1. Number of tillers ('000/ha)
- 2. Number of Millable Cane ('000/ha)
- 3. Stalk length (cm)
- 4. Cane diameter (cm)
- 5. CCS (%)
- 6. CCS yield (t/ha)
- 7. Cane yield (t/ ha)

Locations

- 1. SRS, Cuddalore
- 2. SRS, Sirugamani
- 3. SRS, Melalathur

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Dr. V. Ravichandran, Asst. Professor (Plant Pathology), SRS, Cuddalore
Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore
Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head, SRS, Melalathur
Dr. V. Baskaran, Asst. Prof (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Sirugamani
Tmt. A. Anitha, Asst. Professor (Crop Physiology), SRS, Cuddalore

Category	Clone	Parentage	Cane yield (t/ha)	Reaction to red rot
Early	C 32 013	Co 85002 x ISH 229	139.25	R
Mid-late	C 32 016	Co 98101 x ISH 69	137.50	MR

e. Clones proposed for AICRP (S) – ZVT - 2018-19 – (SRS, Cuddalore)

Scientist in-charge:

Dr. S. Ganapathy, Assistant Professor (Plant Breeding), SRS, Cuddalore

Action plan for 2017-2020 on the identified themes

Theme	No. 1	Evolving high	sugar	varieties									
Theme	Leader				ofessor (Plant I	Breed	ling), SRS, C	uddal	lore				
Project	ţ	1. CPBG/CI	DL/PB	G/SUG/2017/001 2. CPBG/SGM/PBG/SUG/2014/002 3. CPBGI/MLT/PBG/SUG/2014/002							2014/ 002		
S. No.	Α	ctivity	Nan	ne of the	scientist and	Ye	ear 2017-18	Yea	Year 2018-19 Ye		ear 2019-20 Deliverabl		es / expected
				Cer						come			
1.	varieties	g high sugar with red rot	Profes	ssor (Pla	athy, Assistant int Breeding),		olution and old old old old old old old old old ol		ation high s	sugar c		•	high sugar
		e for Early	SRS,	Cuddalor	9								ith red rot
		-late seasons.										resistance be achieved	
2.	Evolving	0			anmuganathan,		olution and e		-	0			high yielding,
		, high quality	Assist		ofessor (Plant	hig	gh sugar and v	vater	logged cond	lition			ty sugarcane
	sugarcar		Breed	ing), SRS	, Sirugamani							water logged	
	suitable											condition	could be
	00	condition.		. ~	· · ·							evolved.	
3.	Evolving				ravanan, Assistant Evolution and evaluation of promising culture								
		, high quality			int Breeding),	hig	high quality and jaggery production.					high quali	• •
	sugarcar		SRS,	Melalathu	ır								for jaggery
		for jaggery										production.	
Theme	producti		didant	fication	f charring con		iatr						
					of chewing can			CDC	Cimraamani	:			
	Leader	CPBG/SGM/F	0		stant Professor	(Flan	it breeding), i	экэ,	Sirugamam	L			
Project		CPDG/SGM/F	-DG/SI								V 2010	Dalia	verables /
S. No.		Activity			f the scientist a Centre		Year 2017-		Year 2018	5-19	Year 2019- 20		ed out come
1.	Evaluati	on	and		Shanmuganath	nan, Twelve chewing cane collections				Seed increase		of chewing	
	identifica		U	Assist.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			ated in station trials of identifie		of identified		ety with high	
	cane va	arieties with	high	Breeding	g), S	RS,	and promisi	ng tł	hree collecti	ions c	chewing cane	yield wit	h high inter-

	yield and long inter-nodal Sirugamani length with acceptability.		were evaluated in MLTs and culture ARTs for quality analysis variety release.		for	nodal length could b achieved			
Theme No. 3 Evolving sugarcane varieties suitable for al			iotic stresses			Telease.		I	
Theme Leader Dr. N. A. Saravanan, Assistant Professor (Plant Breeding), SRS, Melalathur.									
Project CPBG/MLT/PBG/SUG/2014/			SUG/2014/002						
S. No.		Activity	Name of the Scientist and Centre	Year 2017-18	Year 2018-19	Y	ear 2019-2	20	Deliverables / expected out come
1.	U .	g high yielding, puality sugarcane suitable for abiotic	Dr. N. A. Saravanan, Assistant Professor (Plant Breeding), SRS, Melalathur.	Evolution and ev sugar and abiotic	valuation of promis e stresses	ing cı	ulture for h	nigh	Release of sugarcan varieties for drought an problematic soils of Vellore district could b evolved.

B. CROP MANAGEMENT

S.No	Discipline/Station	Discipline/Station University Research Projects		Total
Agro	nomy			
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	6	-	6
2.	SRS, Sirugamani	3	-	3
3.	SRS, Melalathur	1	-	1
4.	AC&RI, Madurai	1	-	1
Soil S	cience & Agricultural Chemistr	У		
1.	TNAU, Coimbatore	1	-	1
Crop	Physiology			
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	3	-	3
Seed S	Science & Technology			
1.	SRS, Melalathur	1	-	1
Agric	ultural Microbiology			
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	1	1	2
	Total	17	1	18

I. List of projects reviewed

II. Remarks on List of University Research projects

S.No	Project Number & Title	Remarks			
1.	DCM/CDR/AGR/SUG/2017/002	In first plant crop the			
	Dr. G.Manickam, Professor (Agronomy),	mechanized cultivation of			
	SRS, Cuddalore	sugarcane registered higher			
	Dr. G.Gayathry, Asst. Professor (Agrl.	values of growth, yield			
	Microbiology), SRS, Cuddalore	parameters. The aggregations of			
	Dr. D. Manohar Jesudas,	varied microbial population were			
	Prof. and Head, AMRC, TNAU, Coimbatore	also higher under this treatment.			
	Integrated best management practices for	The project may be continued to			
	resource conservation in sugarcane.	obtain confirmatory results.			
	(Nov.2016 – Oct. 2019)				
2.	DCM/CDR/AGR/SUG/2015/001	Transformation value to be given			
	Dr. G.Manickam, Professor (Agronomy),	in tables and the original value			
	SRS, Cuddalore	has to be given in parenthesis.			
	Studies on herbicides in weed management of	Pre-emergence application of			
	sugarcane.	atrazine @1.0 kg/ha along with			
	(Feb.2015 – Sep.2018)	post emergence application of			
		glyphosate @1.0 kg/ha at 45			
		DAP resulted with higher weed			
		control efficiency, cane yield			
		with highest monetary returns.			
		The project was conducted for			
		two years and completion report			
		may be submitted.			
3.	DCM/CDR/AGR/SUG/2017/001	Transformation value may be			
	Dr. G.Manickam, Professor (Agronomy)	given in tables and the original			
	SRS, Cuddalore	value may be given in			
	Studies on the effect of herbicidal	parenthesis.			

	combinations on nut sedge management in sugarcane. (January 2017 – June 2019)	Based on one year experimentation, application of PE atrazine @ 2.0 kg/ha + EPoE halosulfuron @ 75 g a.i/ha registered lower nut sedge population with higher weed control efficiency. The project has to be continued.
4.	DCM/CDR/AGR/SUG/2015/001* Dr. S. Thiruvarassan, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), SRS, Cuddalore Effect of leguminous intercrops on productivity of plant and ratoon crop of sugarcane. (Dec.2015 – May 2018)	Detailed information on variety, spacing, yield of component crops, sugarcane equivalent yield and economics may also be given. The project may be continued.
5.	DCM/SGM/AGR/SUG/2016/002 Dr. R.Nageswari, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) SRS, Cuddalore Dr. S. Thiruvarassan, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) To evolve technology for controlling binding weeds in grown up Sugarcane crop. (Nov.2016 – Nov. 2019)	Midterm correction may be done by including detrashing and propping operations in all the treatments excluding the control. The trial has to be continued.
6.	DCM/CDR/CRP/SUG/2015/001* Tmt. R. Anitha, Assistant Professor (Crop Physiology), SRS, Cuddalore Studies to standardize the growth promoting nutrients to enhance the cane yield and sucrose accumulation in CoC (Sc) 24. (April 2015 – June 2017)	Foliar spraying of micro and macro nutrients solution weekly twice + soaking of bud chips in 0.01% etherl and 0.1% calcium chloride for 2 hours registered significantly maximum values of varied physiological and growth parameters. The findings recommended for OFT. The results are to be consolidated and completion report may be submitted.
7.	DCM/CDR/CRP/SUG/2014/002* Tmt. R. Anitha, Assistant Professor (Crop Physiology), SRS, Cuddalore Response of sugarcane clones to salt stress and role of exogenous application of ascorbic acid in mitigating salt induced damages. (Dec 2014 – July 2017)	Sett treatment with 1mM ascorbic acid + foliar spray of 1mM ascorbic acid on 45 th DAP was effective in overcoming the adverse effects of salinity stress through enhancing the overall efficiency of the crop and resulted with higher cane and sugar yield of both ratoon and plant crop. The findings recommended for OFT and completion report may be submitted.

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Studies on the standardization and storage of the juices revealed that C	
stability of fortified sugarcane juice using bio- 24 registered maximum score	
preservatives. organoleptic conte	nt.
(January 2018 – June 2020) The project may be continued.	
10.DCM/SGM/SUG/AGR/2016/001Planting of chip budded	
Dr. R.Nageswari , Assistant Professor seedlings at 150 cm in double	
(Agronomy) rows with sun hemp as intercro	р
SRS, Sirugamani produced significantly higher	
Studies on plant geometry and intercropping cane equivalent yield and net	
under sustainable sugarcane initiative (SSI). return. Recommended for OFT	
(2016-2019) and the completion report may	be
submitted.	
11.DCM/CDR/AGR/SUG/2016/001Increased values of cane thicknee	SS
Dr. L.Chithra , Professor and Head, SRS, (3.6 cm), single cane weight (1.	
Sirugamani kg) and number of millable can	S
Integrated best management practices for (5.6/clump) were obtained under	•
resource conservation in sugarcane. mechanized cultivation (T_1) over	r
$(Nov.2016 - Nov.2019)$ conventional method (T_2) .	
The first ration crop need to	be
continued to arrive conclusions.	
12. SEED/MEL/SST/SUG/2016/001 The chip bud seedlings appl	ed
Dr.K.Indira , Professor (Seed Tech), SRS, with VAM fungi 2g + Azopho	s 2
Melalathur gm + Pseudomonas fluoresc	ns
Studies on the effect of Arbuscular mycorhizal @ 0.75 g / chip bud recorded	
fungi and bioinoculants on Chip bud seedling maximum values for individ	ıal
vigor and resultant seed cane yield and cane weight (850 gm) and	he
Quality. cane yield of 93 t/ha.	
(Feb 2016 – Feb 2019) The project may be continued.	
13. DCM /MDU /AGR/SUG/2016/001 The second year field trail v	
Dr. S. Anitta Fanish , Assistant Professor initiated during January 2018	nd
(Agronomy), AC&RI, Madurai crop is at crop establishm	
Agronomic evaluation of brown manuring and stage and the data on germinat	on
herbicides on management of weeds in percentage revealed insignific	
sugarcane. difference among the treatme	nt.
(Nov. 2016 – Mar. 2019) The trial has to be continued.	
14. WTC/ CBE/ AGR / SUG/ 2018 / 001 The first year plant crop trial v	'as
Dr. G. Senthil Kumar, initiated during January, 20	18
Assistant Professor (Agronomy), and may be continued.	
WTC, TNAU, Coimbatore	

	Standardization of fertigation schedule for ratoon Sugarcane under SSI method.	
	(Feb.2018 – May 2020)	
15.	NRM/CDR/SAC/SUG/2016/001	The initial field survey in
	Dr.M. Jayachandran	Cuddalore district revealed that
	Professor & Head, SRS, Cuddalore.	the most of the soils registered
	Dr. N. Chandra Sekaran	light (sandy) texture with good
	Professor (SS&AC), TNAU, Coimbatore	hydraulic conductivity and
	Assessing the effect of mechanization on soil	infiltration rate. The field trial
	compaction in sugarcane and developing	has to be continued.
	suitable management strategies.	

* Submit completion report.

III.PROPOSED ON FARM TRIAL

Experiment – I

Studies to standardize the growth promoting nutrients to enhance the cane yield and sucrose accumulation in sugarcane crop

Project leader: Tmt. R. Anitha, Assistant Professor (Crop physiology), SRS, Cuddalore

Treatments

- T_1 Foliar spray of micro and macro nutrient solution will be added weekly twice to each protray from 10th to 25th DAP + soaking of bud chips in 0.01% ethrel and 0.1% calcium chloride for 2 hrs.
- T₂ Farmers practice

Observations to be recorded

- 1. Germination %
- 2. Number of tillers ('000/ha)
- 3. Number of Millable Cane ('000/ha)
- 4. Leaf Area (cm^2)
- 5. Stalk length (cm)
- 6. Cane diameter (cm)
- 7. Individual cane weight (kg)
- 8. Number of internodes/ plant
- 9. CCS (%)
- 10. Sugar yield (t/ha)
- 11. Cane yield (t/ ha)

Action: SRS, Cuddalore, Sirugamani and AC&RI, Trichy.

Duration: 2018-19

Scientist incharge

- 1. Tmt. R. Anitha, Assistant Professor (Crop Physiology), SRS, Cuddalore
- 2. Dr.R.Nageswari, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), SRS, Sirugamani
- 3. Dr.Nithila, Assistant Professor (Crop Physiology), AC&RI, Trichy

Deliverable

The effect of growth promoting nutrients to enhance the cane yield and sucrose accumulation in sugarcane crop will be assessed.

Experiment – II

Response of sugarcane clones to salt stress and role of exogenous application of ascorbic acid in mitigating salt induced damages

Project leader: Tmt. R.Anitha, Assistant Professor (Crop physiology), SRS, Cuddalore

Treatments

- T₁ Sett treatment of 1mM Ascorbic Acid + foliar spray of 1mM Ascorbic Acid at 45th after planting
- T₂ Farmers practice

Observations to be recorded

- 1. Germination %
- 2. Number of tillers ('000/ha)
- 3. Number of Millable Cane ('000/ha)
- 4. Leaf Area (cm^2)
- 5. Total chlorophyll content (mg/g)
- 6. Chlorophyll stability index (%)
- 7. Relative water content (%)
- 8. Nitrate Reductase Activity (mg of NO₂/g/hr)
- 9. Proline ($\mu g/g$ of tissue)
- 10. Stalk length (cm)
- 11. Cane diameter (cm)
- 12. Individual cane weight (kg)
- 13. Number of internodes/plant
- 14. CCS (%)
- 15. Sugar yield (t/ha)
- 16. Cane yield (t/ha)

Action: SRS, Cuddalore, Sirugamani and AC&RI, Trichy.

Duration: 2018-19

Scientist incharge

- 1. Tmt. R. Anitha, Assistant Professor (Crop Physiology), SRS, Cuddalore
- 2. Dr.R.Nageswari, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), SRS, Sirugamani
- 3. Dr.Nithila, Assistant Professor (Crop Physiology), AC&RI, Trichy

Deliverable

The impact of ascorbic acid application in minimizing the salinity effect on sugarcane could be ascertained.

Experiment – III

Studies on plant geometry and intercropping under sustainable sugarcane initiative (SSI)

Project leader: Dr.R.Nageswari, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), SRS, sirugamani

Treatments

- T₁ Planting of chip budded seedlings of sugarcane in double rows at 150 cm row spacing and intercropped with sunnhemp and incorporation *in situ* at 45 DAS
- T₂ Planting of chip budded seedlings of sugarcane as sole crop in single row at 150 cm row spacing (conventional ssi)

Observations to be recorded

- 1. Germination %
- 2. Number of tillers ('000/ha)
- 3. Number of Millable Cane ('000/ha)
- 4. Stalk length (cm)
- 5. Cane diameter (cm)
- 6. Individual cane weight (kg)
- 7. Number of internodes/plant
- 8. CCS (%)
- 9. Sugar yield (t/ha)
- 10. Cane yield (t/ha)

Action: SRS, Sirugamani and AC&RI, Madurai.

Duration: 2018-19

Scientist incharge

- 1. Dr.R.Nageswari, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), SRS, Sirugamani
- 2. Dr. S. Anitta Fanish, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), AC&RI, Madurai

Deliverable

To identify best plant geometry and intercropping system in sugarcane under SSI.

	MANAGEMENT	(2010-19)			
Theme No. 4		Integrated best management practices for resource conservation in sugarcane			
Theme Leader		Dr. G.Manickam, Professor (Ag			
Project	No.	DCM/CDR/AGR/SUG/2017/0			
S.No.	Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre		2018-19	Deliverables
1.	To evolve best management practices for resource conservation in sugarcane with combined mechanization	1.Dr.G.Gayathry.,Ph.D., Asst. Prof. (Agrl. Micro),SRS, CuddaloreThe first year plant crop was ratooned during 2107-2018 will be continued during 2018-2019 and the data pertaining to the pre-plant and post harvest soil physico chemical characteristics, crop biometrics, varied microbial population and economics utility of the mechanization are to be studied		The impact of complete mechanization practice on physico-chemical soil properties, microbial population, weed flora, water use efficiency, labour saving, growth and yield of both plant and ratoon sugarcane could be ascertained to arrive at appropriate conclusion	
Theme I	No. 5	To evolve technology for controlling binding weeds in grown up sugarcane crop			
Theme 1	Leader	Dr. R.Nageswari, Asst. Professor (Agronomy), SRS, Sirugamani			
Project	No.	DCM/SGM/AGR/SUG/2016/00	02	· · · ·	
S.No.	Theme Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre	2018-19		Deliverables
1.	To evolve management strategies to control major binding weeds in sugarcane (Ipomea alba, Coccinia grandis, Convolvulus arvensis)	Asst. Professor (Agronomy),SRS, Sirugamani		al will be continued with detrashing at 7 th month after planting for all the nts	Appropriate management methods for major binding weeds control in sugarcane will be evolved

V. ACTION PLAN FOR IDENTIFIED THEMES (2018-19)

Theme No. 6		Assessing the effect of mechanization on soil compaction in sugarcane and developing suitable management			
		strategies			
Theme Leader		Dr.M. Jayachandran, Professor	& Head, SRS, Cuddalore		
Project	No.	NRM/CDR/SAC/SUG/2016/00	1		
S.No.	Theme Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre	2018-19	Deliverables	
1.	Study the effect of intensification mechanization in sugarcane cultivation on soil compaction in Cuddalore and Villupuram districts of Tamil Nadu.	Professor (SS&AC), TNAU, Coimbatore Dr.M. Jayachandran, Professor & Head, SRS,	The impact of mechanization on soil profile, physico-chemical characteristics, sugarcane crop growth, establishment and subsequent crop productivity are to be assessed.	The impact of mechanisation of soil profile, physico-chemical characteristics could be ascertained by which appropriate agro- technological methods could be formulated to safeguard the soil fertility and the productivity.	
Theme No. 7		Packages for organic sugarcane cultivation			
Theme Leader		Dr.M. Jayachandran, Professor & Head, SRS, Cuddalore			
Project	No.	New subproject to be proposed			
S.No.	Theme Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre	2018-19	Deliverables	
1.	Organic Sugarcane Cultivation	Centres with Scientists Coordinating Centre SRS, Cuddalore Dr. M.Jayachandran, Prof. and Head, Dr. S.Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology) Dr. V.Ravichandran, Asst. Professor (Pl.Pathology)	 Organic Methodologies T₁- Packages for organic sugarcane production Application of 12.5 t/ha of FYM as basal dressing along with 2.4 kg /ha each of <i>Gluconacetobacter</i> TNAU 1 (30,60 and 90 DAS) and Phosphobacteria in 100 kg/ha of FYM along the furrows Application of <i>Trichoderma viride</i> @ 2.5 kg / ha along with 25 kg FYM as basal Application of neem cake @ 125 kg/ha 	Technology for organic method of cultivation will be developed and recommended for adoption	

Dr. G.Gayathry,	along with sett treatment of
Asst. Professor (Agrl. Micro.)	<i>Gluconacetobacter</i> TNAU 1 @ 2 kg/ha
	 Application of recommended dose of N
Sub centres	(300 kg/ha) through Vermicompost as
Sub centres SRS, Sirugamani	band placement at 30, 60 and 90 DAP for
Dr.L.Chithra, Professor and	clay loam and 30,60,90 & 120 days for
Head	sandy loam soils, respectively
Dr.R.Nageswari,	 Foliar application of Panchagavya @ 3%
Asst. Professor (Agronomy)	at monthly intervals from planting up to 5 th
Dr.V.Baskaran,	month
Asst. Professor (Agrl.	 Trash mulching along the ridges on 3rd day
Entomology)	in clay soils and @ 21 days after planting
Entomology)	for sandy loam soil
	 Basal application of silicon solubilizer @
	12.5 kg/ha adjacent to the crop row with
	50 kg FYM
	 Installation of pheromone traps @ 20 Nos.
	/ ha for monitoring and trapping of borer
	pests of sugarcane
	 Release of <i>Trichogramma chilonis</i> from
	the 4^{th} to 6^{th} month at 15 days interval @
	2.5 cc / ha
	Farmers practices
	T_2 - Farmers method of sugarcane cultivation
	• Application of 300 :100:200 kg of NPK/ha sett
	treatment with fungicides, flooding irrigation,
	trash burning and no -dethrashing.
	• Spacing 90 cm, manual cutting and planting,
	sett treatment with fungicides, flooding
	irrigation, manual weeding, trash burning, no
	detrashing & earthing up, manual harvesting).

C. CROP PROTECTION

I. List of projects reviewed

S.	Discipline / Station	University	Externally	Total	
No.		Research	Funded		
		Projects	project		
	Agricultural Entomo	logy			
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	2	-	2	
2.	SRS, Sirugamani	2	-	2	
3.	SRS, Melalathur	3	-	3	
	Plant Pathology				
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	2	-	2	
	Nematology				
1.	SRS, Cuddalore	2	-	2	
	Total	11	-	11	

II Remarks of the University Research Sub-Projects

A. Agricultural Entomology

S.	Project Number and Title	Remarks
No.		
1.	CPPS/CDR/ENT/SUG/2013/001	The project may be continued.
	Dr.S.Douressamy, Professor (Agrl.	1 5 5
	Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore	
	Screening for assessment of field resistance in	
	sugarcane clones against endemic pests of	
	Cuddalore region.	
	(Feb. 2016 – Jan.2019)	
2.	CPPS/CDR/ENT/SUG/2016/002	The project may be continued.
	Dr.S.Douressamy, Professor (Agrl.	
	Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore	
	Ecofriendly management of borer pests and	
	white grub in sugarcane.	
	(Feb.2016 – Jan. 2019)	
3.	CPPS/SGM/ENT/SUG/2015/001*	The results are to be consolidated
	Dr. V. Baskaran, Assistant Professor (Agrl.	and completion report should be
	Entomology) SRS, Sirugamani	submitted on or before
	Screening for assessment of field resistance in	31.05.2018. A new sub-project
	sugarcane clones against endemic pests and	has to be proposed on the same
	suitable management practices for Cauvery	line.
	delta region.	
	(Jan. 2015 – Mar.2018)	
4.	CPPS/SGM/ENT/SUG/2015/002*	The results are to be consolidated
	Dr. V. Baskaran , Assistant Professor (Agrl.	and completion report should be
	Entomology), SRS, Sirugamani	submitted on or before
	Monitoring of major insect pests and	31.05.2018. A new sub-project
	exploration of their natural enemies in	on Habitat manipulation for the
	sugarcane ecosystem.	management of early shoot borer
	(Jan.2015 – Mar.2018)	shall be proposed and sent for
		approval on or before
		31.05.2018.

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5.	CPPS/MLT/ENT/SUG/2014/001*	The results are to be consolidated
	Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head,	and completion report should be
	SRS, Melalathur	submitted on or before
	Developing IPM strategies for management of	31.05.2018.
	white fly under precision farming sugarcane	A new sub-project on Habitat
	cultivation.	manipulation for the management
	(Jan.2014 – Dec. 2017)	of early shoot borer has to be
	(Jall.2014 - Dec. 2017)	
		proposed on or before
		31.05.2018.
6.	CPPS/MLT/ENT/SUG/2015/002*	Extension proposal for one year
	Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head,	may be sent for conducting the
	SRS, Melalathur	field trials.
	Development of IPM package for	
	management of white grub in sugarcane.	
	(May 2015 – April 2018)	
7.	CPPS/MLT/ENT/SUG/2015/003*	The results are to be consolidated
	Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head,	and completion report should be
	SRS, Melalathur	submitted on or before
	Evaluation of insecticides against borer pests	31.05.2018.
	of sugarcane under SSI.	
	(May 2015 – April 2018)	
B. Pla	nt Pathology	

No. CPPS/CDR/PAT/SUG/2011/001* Completion report should submitted on or befor 1. CPPS/CDR/PAT/SUG/2011/001* Completion report should submitted on or befor Dr. V. Ravichandran, Asst. Professor (Plant Pathology), SRS, Cuddalore 31.05.2018. A new URP has
Dr. V. Ravichandran, Asst. Professor (PlantsubmittedonorbefoPathology), SRS, Cuddalore31.05.2018. A new URP has
Pathology), SRS, Cuddalore 31.05.2018. A new URP has
Evaluation of sugarcane clones / varieties for be proposed on or befo
resistance to red rot caused by <i>Colletotrichum</i> 31.05.2018.
<i>falcatum</i> Went.
(April 2011 – May 2017)
2. CPPS/CDR/PAT /SUG/2017/001 The project may be continue
Dr. V. Ravichandran, Asst. Professor (Plant taking into account the
Pathology), SRS, Cuddalore suggestions made during CSM.
Biosuppression of sugarcane sett rot disease
and understanding the mechanism of
suppression against Ceratosystis paradoxa.
(June 2017 – March 2020)

C. Nematology

S.	Project Number and Title	Remarks
No.		
1.	CPPS/CDR/NEM/SUG/2014/001*	Extension proposal for one year
	Dr. J. Jayakumar, Asst. Prof.	may be sent for conducting the
	(Nematology), SRS, Cuddalore	field trials.
	Management of sugarcane nematodes using	
	nonchemical methods.	
	(Nov. 2014 – Oct. 2017)	

2.	CPPS/CDR/NEM/SUG/2015/002* Dr. J. Jayakumar, Asst. Prof. (Nematology), SRS, Cuddalore Screening of sugarcane varieties against root knot nematode, <i>Meloidogyne incognita</i> and lesion nematode <i>Pratylenchus zeae</i> and confirmation on the same.	Extension proposal for one year may be sent for conducting the field trials.
* 0 1	(Aug. 2015 – July 2018)	

* Submit completion report.

III. ON FARM TRIAL

Efficacy of chemical insecticides against white grub of sugarcane

Duration : 2018-19

Theme Leader : Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore

Pest : White grub

Treatments	Dose ha ⁻¹
Imidacloprid 17.8 SL	250 ml
Phorate 10 G	50 kg
Control	

Action: SRS, Cuddalore, Sirugamani and Melalathur.

Scientists Incharge:

Team Leader : Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore

Dr. V. Baskaran, Asst. Prof. (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Sirugamani

Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head, SRS, Melalathur

Deliverables

Management of white grub

IV TECHNOLOGY FOR ADOPTION

Release of egg parasitoid – *Trichogramma chilonis* @ 2.5 cc.ha^{-1} from 4th to 6th months at fortnightly interval along with installation of INB sex pheromone trap for mass trapping @ 20/ha and detrashing at 5th and 7th month is recommended for the management of internode borer of sugarcane.

ACTION PLAN FOR IDENTIFIED THEMES (2018-19)

Them	e No. 8	Monitoring of pests, diseases, nemate	odes and natural enemies in sugarcane					
Theme Leader		Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore						
Projec	et No.	CPPS/CDR/ENT/SUG/2016/002 CPPS/SGM/ENT/SUG/2015/002 CPPS/MLT/ENT/SUG/2015/003 CPPS/CDR/PAT/SUG/2017/001 CPPS/CDR/NEM/SUG/2014/001						
S.No.	Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre	2018-19	Deliverables				
 S.No. Activity 1. Monitoring of borers, sucking pests, root feeders and natural enemies in sugarcane in the endemic areas of respective district should be made. Monitoring of red rot, smut, wilt and YLD in endemic areas of the respective district. Awareness campaign on the integrated management of pests and diseases should be arranged at appropriate time. 		 SRS, Cuddalore Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology) Dr. V. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology) Dr. J. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor (Nematology) SRS, Melalathur Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head SRS, Sirugamani Dr. V. Bhaskaran, Assistant Professor (Agrl.Entomology) 	Monitoring to be continued. Correlation and regression analysis on pests, diseases damage level with weather factors for three years. Preparation of pests and diseases calendar for sugarcane.	Forecasting the outbreal of pests, diseases and nematodes in sugarcand at appropriate time, fo taking up managemen measures by the farmers Prediction analysis of the incidence of pests diseases and nematode in sugarcane. Pests, diseases and nematodes calendar fo sugarcane crop.				
Them	e No. 9	Management of pests, diseases and ne	matodes of sugarcane					
Theme Leader		Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore						

S.No.	Theme Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre	2018-19	Deliverables
1.	Management of white grub	 SRS, Cuddalore Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology) Dr. V. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology) Dr. J. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor (Nematology) SRS, Melalathur Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head SRS, Sirugamani Dr. V. Bhaskaran, Assistant Professor (Agrl.Entomology) 	Treatments T_1 - <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> $4 \ge 10^9 \text{ cfu-5 kg}^{-1}$ T_2 - <i>Beauveria brongniarti</i> $4 \ge 10^9 \text{ cfu-5 kg}^{-1}$ T_3 - <i>B. bassiana</i> $4 \ge 10^9 \text{ cfu-5 kg}^{-1}$ T_4 - EPN (<i>H. indica</i>) $8 \ge 10^9 \text{ nematodes ha}^{-1}$ T_5 - EPN (<i>S. glaserie</i>) $8 \ge 10^9 \text{ nematodes ha}^{-1}$ T_6 - Untreated control Design: RBD Replications: 4 Observations to be recorded: No. of white grub per m row Yield, B:C ratio	Best bioinoculants for the management of white grub in sugarcane will be confirmed by the consecutive trials and will be recommended for adoption.
2.	Management of nematodes	SRS, Cuddalore Dr. J. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor (Nematology)	Screening of bio inoculants against nematodes. Influence of sett treatment with bacterial and fungal antagonist for management of nematodes.	Best bio inoculants for the management of nematodes in sugarcane will be confirmed by the consecutive trials and will be recommended for adoption
3.	Habitat manipulation for management of ESB	 SRS, Melalathur Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head SRS, Sirugamani Dr. V. Bhaskaran, 	Components Raising 2 rows of border crops on 3 DAP - Cowpea, bhendi, brinjal, tomato, sesame, sunflower, sorghum, pearl millet, chrysanthemum & Sole crop.	Habitat manipulation for managing borer pests.A new URP may be submitted on or before 30.06.2018

4.	Tissue culture and bio hardening of seedlings with bioinoculants for management of sett borne diseases and nematodes	Assistant Professor (Agrl.Entomology) SRS, Cuddalore Dr. V. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology) Dr. J. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor (Nematology)	Design: Exploded design with non-replicated trials of 10 cents for each treatment. Season: March Parameters to be recorded Per cent ESB damage, Natural enemies population, yield, B:C ratio. Components Diseases : red rot and smut Nematodes : lesion and spiral Testing bioinoculants <i>Pseudomonas</i> <i>fluorescens, Bacillus subtilis,</i> for antagonistic activity. Compatibility with other bioinoculants. Parameters to be recorded <i>In vitro</i> antagonistic activity, Disease / nematode incidence.	Seedlings free of disease and nematodes will be produced. A new URP may be submitted on or before 30.06.2018.		
5.	Production of disease free seedlings / planting materials	SRS, Cuddalore Dr. V. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology) Dr. J. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor (Nematology)	Activity Penetration of chemicals into the setts / bud chips by sett treatment device developed by Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore. Parameters to be recorded Germination % Disease / nematode incidence	Production of disease and nematodes free setts. A new URP may be submitted on or before 30.06.2018.		
Theme	e No. 10	Identification of resistant sou	rces to major pests and diseases			
Theme	e Leader		Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology), SRS, Cuddalore.			
Project No. CPPS/CDR/ENT/SUG/2016/002 CPPS/SGM/ENT/SUG/2015/002 CPPS/MLT/				ILT/ENT/SUG/2015/002 DR/PAT /SUG/2017/001		

S.No.	Theme Activity	Name of the scientist(s) and centre	2018-19	Deliverables
1.	Screening of sugarcane clones for their reaction to major pests and diseases	SRS, Cuddalore Dr. S. Douressamy, Professor (Agrl. Entomology) Dr. V. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology) SRS, Melalathur Dr. A. Thirumurugan, Professor and Head SRS, Sirugamani Dr. V. Bhaskaran,	Activity Pests: Early shoot borer, internode borer To be screened under natural field condition Diseases: Red rot and smut To be screened by artificial inoculation	The resistance sources will be utilized for breeding programme
		Assistant Professor (Agrl. Entomology)		

Work Load of each Scientist (Theme wise)

- Theme 1 : Evolving high sugar varieties
- Theme 2 : Evaluation and identification of chewing cane variety
- Theme 3 : Evolving sugarcane varieties suitable for abiotic stresses
- Theme 4 : Integrated best management practices for resource conservation in sugarcane
- Theme 5 : To evolve technology for controlling binding weeds in grown up sugarcane crop
- Theme 6 : Assessing the effect of mechanization on soil compaction in sugarcane and developing suitable management strategies
- Theme 7 : Packages for organic sugarcane cultivation
- Theme 8 : Monitoring of pests, diseases, nematodes and natural enemies in sugarcane
- Theme 9 : Management of pests, diseases and nematodes of sugarcane
- Theme 10 : Identification of resistant sources to major pests and diseases

S. No	Name of the Scientist	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3	Theme 4	Theme 5	Theme 6	Theme 7	Theme 8	Theme 9	Theme 10	Total
			Man hours/week									
1.	M. Jayachandran						10	10				20
2.	N. Chandrasekaran						10					10
3.	A. Thirumurugan								8	12	7	27
4.	S. Ganapathy	20	5	5								30
5.	M. Shanmuganathan	20	5	5								30
6.	N. A. Saravanan	15	5	10								30
7.	G. Manickam				20			5				25
8.	S. Thiruvarassan					10		10				20
9.	G. Gayathry				10							10
10.	L. Chitra							10				10
11.	R. Nageswari					15		5				20
12.	S. Douressamy							2	10	10	8	30
13.	V. Baskaran							2	8	12	8	30
14.	V. Ravichandran							2	8	9	8	27
15.	J. Jayakumar								8	12	8	28
16.	D.Manohar Jesudas				10							10

Work Load of Sugarcane scientists for the Year 2018-19

S. No.	Scientists	% of time
1.	M. Jayachandran	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	35
	Administration	30
	Student guide	25
	Extension	5
	Other Activities	5
2.	L. Chitra	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	35
	Administration	30
	Student guide	10
	Other activities	25
3.	A. Thirumurugan	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	22
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	33
	Univ. Sub Project – 3	20
	Administration	25
4.	S. Ganapathy	
	Univer. Sub Project – 1	20
	AICRP(S)	50
	Breeder seed Production	10
	MLT & ARTs	10
	Extension & Other activities	10
5.	M. Shanmuganathan	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	20
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	20
	Univ. Sub Project – 3	20
	Teaching	20
	Other activities	20
6.	N. A. Saravanan	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	20
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	20
	Univ. Sub Project – 3	20
	Farm & Other activities	40
7.	G. Manickam	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	25
	Univ. Sub Project – 3	25
	Other activities	25
8.	R.Nageswari	
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	30
	Teaching	20
	Seed Production	30
	Other activities	20

S. No.	Scientists	% of		
		time		
9.	Dr. S. Thiruvarassan			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25		
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	25		
	Univ. Sub Project – 3	25		
	Other activities (Farm)	25		
10.	R. Anitha			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25		
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	25		
	Univ. Sub Project – 3	25		
	Other activities	25		
11.	K. Indira			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	40		
	Seed Production	40		
	Other activities	20		
12.	G. Gayathri			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25		
	Externally funded	30		
	Teaching	15		
	Extension	10		
	Other Activities	20		
13.	S. Douressamy			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	30		
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	30		
	Farm superintendent	30		
	Extension & other activities	10		
14.	V.Baskaran			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25		
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	30		
	Teaching	15		
	Other activities (Farm)	30		
15.	V. Ravichandran			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25		
	AICRP (S)	50		
	Extension	10		
	Other activities	15		
16.	J. Jayakumar			
	Univ. Sub Project – 1	25		
	Univ. Sub Project – 2	25		
	Teaching	20		
	Extension & Other activities	30		