

S. THANGAPAZHAM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
(Affiliated to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University)
Vasudevanallur-627 760



World Soil Day

5th December 2024



Context and Background

World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources.

An international day to celebrate Soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002. Under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand and within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership, FAO has supported the formal establishment of **WSD as a global awareness raising platform**. The FAO Conference unanimously endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013 and requested its official adoption at the 68th UN General Assembly. **In December 2013 the UN General Assembly responded by designating 5 December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day**. Since then, World Soil Day (WSD) is observed annually on 5 December to focus attention on the importance of healthy soils and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources. The theme for the WSD celebration this year "**Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage,**" underscores the importance of accurate soil data and information in understanding soils characteristics and supporting informed decision-making on sustainable soil management for food security.

This year's celebration is particularly significant as it is the 10th celebration globally and, STAC Also planned to conduct various competitions to raise awareness among the students.

Target audience

To commemorate the World Soil Day 2024, it is proposed that the following events may organized to raise awareness among the students of S Thangapazham Agricultural College and involves community in the locality as well.

Events

A. Competition for Students

Themes of competition on the occasion of WSD2024 have been highlighted. Students shall register with a theme, which will be conducted from 30th Nov to 4th Dec 2024 at Auditorium of S Thangapazham Agricultural College, Vasudevanallur. All the students participating will be provided with a letter of appreciation. The winners shall be provided with prizes by the Chief Guest on 4 Dec 2024.

S.No	Date	Event	Theme
1.	01.12.2024	Essay (English)	"Magical world of soil "
2.		Essay (Tamil)	"Soil adventures "
3.	02.12.2024	Poetry (English)	Dust to dinner plate
4.		Poetry (Tamil)	
5.		Pencil Drawing	"Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage"
6.	03.12.2024	Elocution (Tamil)	உலகளாவிய சுற்றுச்சூழல் அமைப்பில் மண்ணின் முக்கிய பங்கு

7.		Elocution (English)	Important role of soil in global ecosystem
8.		Scanning	-
9.	04.12.2024	Quiz (4Nos. / team)	-
10.		Find the object	-
11.		Rangoli using only soil (2 Nos. / team)	“Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage”
12.		Photography	“Heart Beat of Earth”
13.		Poster making	Beauty in Soil
14.		Video clipping	“Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage”
15.		Mime	Caring for soil

Programme Schedule of the events on occasion of World Soil Day 2024

- Programme scheduled :- 4th Dec – 2024 @04:00 PM

Welcome Address : Dr. B. Vimalan, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor (SS&AC) & Vice principal

Presidential Address : Dr. A. Ramaligam, Ph.D.,
Principal, STAC

Special Address and
Distribution of Prizes : **Dr. Maj. S. Subramanian**
Former HOD, Dept. of Soil Science,
AC & RI, Madurai
Thiru. S. T. Murugesan
Secretary,
S. T. Group of Institutions

Vote of Thanks : Mr. G. Kalaiselvan,

Assistant Professor (SS&AC)

Role of Organizer

The planning of the event will involve students from all of the batches. To improve job clarity and avoid overlapping functions, specific tasks would be given to each group of pupils. The principal-led organising committee will take the lead and delegate work to several batches.

Organizer

Dr. B. Vimalan, Ph.D., Associate professor (SS & AC)

Ms. B. Vinodhini & Mr. G. Kalaiselvan

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List of prize winners

Prize Winners List

S.No	Event	Theme	Winners list
1.	Essay (English)	“Magical world of soil “	1. Aravind S K – 2024 2. Monish S – 2022041052 3. Sankara Subramanian N - 2024
2.	Essay (Tamil)	“Soil adventures “	1. Madhuvini S – 2022041041 2. Berzilin zenika J – 2021041022 3. Gurunathan S – 2024
3.	Poetry (English)	Dust to dinner plate	1. Suruthi S – 2021041126 2. Suganth K – 2021041123 & Anusha soundarya M – 2021041012 3. Mergina jenie J - 2021041072
4.	Poetry (Tamil)		1. Santhiya P – 2021041102 2. Suruthi S – 2021041126 3. Lavanya C - 2023041052
5.	Pencil Drawing	“Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage”	1. Mugeshpriya P – 2021041075 2. Kiruthika M – 2021041057 3. Vishnu Priya R – 202304114 & Monish S - 2022041052

6.	Elocution (Tamil)	உலகளாவிய சுற்றுச்சூழல் அமைப்பில் மண்ணின் முக்கிய பங்கு	1. 2023041037 – Gowsalya B 1. 2021041005 – Aiswaryaa M B 2. 2023041076 – Priya Dharshini S
7.	Elocution (English)	Important role of soil in global ecosystem	1. 2023041039 - Harshitha E 2. 202241023 – Gopika C S
8.	Scanning	-	1. Ishwarya R – 2022041030 2. Aswin Ram V- 2021041020 3. Gurunathan S - 2024
9.	Quiz (4Nos. / team)	-	1. Mohana M – 2021041074; Riyafa Fariya S – 2022041071; Vishmi VB – 2023041113; Thanuja O – 2024 2. Logesh P – 2021041061; Yogesh M – 2022041101; Lavanya C – 2023041052; Gopal P – 2024 3. Sriraman R – 202104117; Ishwarya R – 2022041030; Parvathy K R – 2023041072; Krishnaraja S - 2024
10.	Find the object	-	1. Aswin Ram V- 2021041020 2. Viswanath V – 2021041135 3. Subashini S - 2021041121
11.	Rangoli using only soil (2 Nos. / team)	“Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage”	1. Sangeetha kumari M – 2021041099 & Prathihaa B – 2021041090 2. Shasya T – 202104112 & 2021041121 3. Christine J – 2023041022 & Aswini Krishna mathi M - 2023041018
12.	Photography	“Heart Beat of Earth”	1. Lavanya R - 2024 2. Srithar J -2024 3. Fathima Nargis - 2021041032
13.	Poster making	Beauty in Soil	1. Umamaheswari S – 2022041097 2. Vinotha C – 2023041112 3. Bavithra P - 2024
14.	Video clipping	“Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage”	Abitha M – 2021041003 & Fathima Nargis AN – 2021041032 Hima Swadhanthra R – 2021041040 & Jeevadarshini S - 2021041045

15.	Mime	Caring for soil	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Karuppasamy S - 2023041050 ; Danush G - 2023041024; Arishankar G - 2023041014; Sriramprasath M - 2023041101; Prince B - 2023041075; Gokul V - 20230410362. Christine J - 2023041022; Dhanavarsshini M - 2023041023; dharshini M - 2023041027; Dixmi jain J - 2023041028; Bavatharini S - 2023041021; Karpaga Lakshmi M - 2023041048
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Event photos of World soil day Dec 2024

Elocution – Tamil&English



Rangoli



Poster presentation



Drawing

Rangoli



Quiz





