

**Central University of Tamil Nadu**  
**School of Life Sciences**  
**Department of Horticulture**  
**Minutes of meeting**

**Alumni Meet**

Department of Horticulture has conducted an Alumni meeting with 2020 batch students and their parents on 12/03/23 in the afternoon session. The meeting was chaired by HOD and the following department faculty were present.

1. Prof. S. Manivannan (Professor and Head)
2. Dr. A. Ramesh Kumar (Associate Professor)
3. Dr. K. Rama Krishna (Assistant Professor)
4. Dr. S. Senhil Kumar (Assistant Professor)
5. Dr. S. Srivignesh (Assistant professor)
6. Dr. Moumita Malakar (Assistant Professor)

The meeting was started by Dr. K. Rama Krishna (Alumni Coordinator), inviting all the students and parents of the Alumni and congratulating them for getting awarded the degree. A formal introduction of the alumni and present batch students was done. Fifteen alumni students and 6 parents of them attended the meeting.

Prof. S. Manivannan (HOD) briefed them about the development activities of the department to the alumni and sought their cooperation and suggestions for further development of the department.

The following suggestions are put forth by the alumni members of the department

1. The alumni members have suggested that the field activity should be fastened and a separate field manager and field staff can be provided to the department.
2. It was also suggested that more field labor can be employed to take care of the day-to-day activities of the field.
3. A separate exam, CUTN entrance exam should be conducted apart from the NET-qualified Ph.D entrance, as the students have to get ICAR\_NET which is not regularly conducted. This will increase the opportunity for the students to join for Ph.D at CUTN.
4. The alumni members requested to float the placement opportunities as well as give career guidance to the students from time to time.
5. The Parents of the alumni suggested the University, provide Bi-Cycles to the students for their welfare.

The parents were happy and the achievements made by their children and thanked the department for their guidance and support.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. K. Rama Krishna to all the parents and Alumni.

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