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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

Judicial use of Water is key to increase Food Production

82nd Scientific Workers Conferene was held at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) on 5-7-2016.

Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU welcomed the gathering. He said that submitted to Tamil Nadu Government based on the field problems faced by the farmers being taken by the farmers being taken by the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TANU rendered his special address and said that mechanization is the need of the hour and Paddy, Sugarcane and Cotton are being practised with mechanized cultivation.

Small millets prduction has been increased from 9 to 29 lakh metric tonne, for that Krishi Karman has been conferred thrice by the Central Government to Tamil Nadu. 32% of the land under cereals has been changed to vegetable and fruits cultivation. Virtual water export is to be taken into account as one third of Bangalore fruits and Vegetable market is supported by Tamil Nadu.

In future, agriculture in Tamirabarani delta is to be given important apart from cauvery delta. 69% of Banana production in Tamil Nadu comes from Tirunelveli and Tuticorin districts and more than 60 varieties are are grown.

When all the Inter-departments in agriculture work together, growth rate of 8% can be achieved. Doubling the production and tripling the income is the motive for future. Solar energy exploitation will help to curb electricity changes. Tamil Nadu is pioneering in India in urbanization. Third generation is pursuing their attention in farming. Rain water harvesting is the need of the hour. Harvested water can be used for agriculture throughout the year and export produce to all the states and countries, he added.

Dr. Rajendran, I.A.S., Director of Agriculture in his presidential address, Bee keeping will prevent elephant enter into the farm. Growing landlord will curb elephant as per ancient Tamil literature. 2016 is International year of pulses. 43 lakh metric tonnes is needed in Tamil Nadu, but our production is only 23 lakh metric tonnes. High yielding pulses varieties are to be developed.

In 1960 agriculture contribution to GDP is 46%, but in 2014 it is only about 6%. Available land for ultivation has been shrinked from 66 lakh hectares to 43 lakh hectae and cropping intensity about felt down to 110% from 120%. Average land hoding was also reduced from 1.28 hectare to 0.8 hectare. Inspite of all this odds with help of Government of Tamil Nadu farmer we produce enough granins at support all our people's need.

The Departments of Agriculture Engineering, Horticulture, Seed Certification and Marketing are essential for improving agricultural production. Agriculuture is the prime sector in Tamil Nadu Government and it needs to be continued to support million people who depends on agriculture.

Earlier, Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Ravi, Director, TRRI, Aduthurai proposed the formal Vote of thanks.

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