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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:

Indian Society of Agronomy Gold Medal Award for TNAU Scientist

Dr.C.Jayanthi, Professor of Agronomy & Director of Crop Management, TNAU, Coimbatore was conferred with the prestigious Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) Gold Medal Award for the year 2014 by the Indian Society of Agronomy, New Delhi. Gold Medal Award was conferred by International Agricultural Scientist Padmashree Dr.M.S.Swaminathan, Founder of Dr.MSS Research Foundation on the occasion of Fourth International Agronomy Congress on November 22nd, 2016 at New Delhi. It is worth to mention that Dr.Jayanthi is the First Woman Agronomist to receive this award at National level. Dr.Jayanthi was conferred with this prestigious ISA Gold Medal Award for her outstanding contribution in the field of Agronomy and in particular Farming System Research and Development.

She is the Pioneering researcher in Integrated Farming System Research, which paved way for Developing, Designing and Implementing Farming System Research & Development at National Level.

In addition, Dr.Jayanthi as a University Teacher taught many Agronomy courses to graduate and post graduate students and guided many post graduate scholars in the field of Integrated Farming System. She had operated many ICAR, GOI-DST and NADP sponsored schemes on Farming System Research. She has served as resource person on FSR&D in trainings, Symposia and Conferences.

Dr. Jayanthi to her credit published more than 75 Research Papers, 8 Books, 40 Book Chapters, Six Review Papers and 43 Popular Articles. Dr.Jayanthi is recipient of Fertilizer Association of India & Indian Society of Agronomy Awards for her Doctoral Research; Best paper Award in ISA - First International Agronomy Congress 1996, Best Paper Awards in Madras Agricultural Journal 2005 and Indian Journal of Agronomy 2006, Best TNAU Researcher Award 2005 and Indian Society of Agronomy Fellow 2009.

She served as member in Project Screening Committee, ICAR National Research Appraisal Committee for Farming System Research and Councilor of Tamil Nadu for ISA. She is an active member in Editorial Board of Indian Journal of Agronomy and Madras Agricultural Journal.

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