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The Editor,

Sir,

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

TNAU Scientists on Look out for Big Mushroom

Scientists of the Dept. of Plant Pathology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore headed by Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Professor, and Mrs. B. Priyadharshini, Ph.D., students collected a robust mushroom weighing 6.5 kg under a may flower tree at Narasimanayaickenpalayam, Coimbatore.

The research team indicated that the mushroom is calirble and belongs to the family Tricolomataceace species calocybe indica commonly called milky mushroom. The mushroom loves to grow at high temperature and high humidity conditions. The shelf life of the mushroom is more than 7 days. A similar kind of mushroom called "Milky mushroom Var. APK2" was released for commercial cultivation from TNAU, Coimbatore during 1998 Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Professor, TNAU, Coimbatore.

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