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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## **TNAU Won Ricoh Education Excellence Award, 2016**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) is awarded 'Ricoh education Excellence Award', 2016 by Business World for the best technology Implementation (IT Infrastructure and systems) under Institutional awards category. The award ceremony was held in New Delhi on 19-2-2016. Dr. K. Ilamurugu, Controller of Examinations, TNAU, Coimbatore has received the prestigious award for the contribution to implementation of exam pad system of examination.

The paperless exam system (Exam Pad) being first-of-its-kind, innovative, ecofriendly technological solution has been launched during 2013-14 which aimed at not only eliminating the necessity of paper in the entire process of conducting University Examinations but also make entire examination process secure, transparent and student friendly. The Exam pad device uses a special texture which gives similar experience of writing on paper, the entire process of conducting an exam, right from authoring questions, exam scheduling, delivering the exams, evaluating the responses, and declaring results accomplishing digitally, thereby eliminating the necessity of paper and reducing the time in the entire process. Access to the Exam Pad Writer device is controlled through biometric finger print authentication which ensures that only the registered candidate takes the examination. The use of ICT and implementation of paperless exam system of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has been selected awarded for the Ricoh education Excellence Awards 2016 by Business world for best technology Implementation (IT Infrastructure and systems) under Institutional awards category.