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The Editor,

Sir,

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

Vice Chancellor TNAU Flag off 11 New Vehicles for KVKs

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor of TNAU, Coimbatore has flagged off 11 new jeeps for 11 Krishi Vigyan Kendras of TNAU.

ICAR sponsored KVKs functioning in Tamil Nadu have been recognized as effective institutional links between agricultural research and extension system in the state. KVKs are the frontier frontline extension system at the district level which functions with the mandate of "Technology assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products".

Tamil Nadu has a total of 30 KVKs of which 14 KVKs are under the control of TNAU involved in technology transfer through frontline extension activities. Recently, KVK, Vellore has bagged the best zonal KVK award for its accomplishments and KVK, Cuddalore has bagged best "Cluster Frontline Demonstration" on pulses at the National Level.

In order to strengthen the extension activities for the benefit of the farming community, The University has purchased 11 new Jeeps for 11 KVKs at a total cost of about Rs. 92 lakhs with the funding support from ICAR, New Delhi.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore flagged off and handed over the jeeps to the Programme Coordinators of KVKs on 01/06/2017 in a function at TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education In-charge of KVKs, Er. S. Senthil Kumar, Estate Officer, TNAU and University Officers/ Heads of Departments of TNAU were present during the event.