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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:

Training on "Advanced Techniques to Assess Photosynthetic Efficiency and Water Relations in Crops"

A two day training programme on "Advanced Techniques to Assess Photosynthetic Efficiency and Water Relations in Crops" is being organized by the Department of Crop Physiology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore for the young faculty of TNAU during March 21-22, 2019.

In the inaugural function Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Professor and Head Crop Physiology, TNAU gave the introductory remarks. He emphasized the importance of improving the biomass in crops by exploiting photosynthesis and water use efficiencies. He also briefed on the use of high throughput equipments namely Photosynthesis System, Chlorophyll Fluorescence meter and infrared thermometers in photosynthesis research.

Dr. R. Santhi, Director (Natural Resource Management) in the inaugural address emphasized that, food security and nutritional security can be addressed by physiologists through improvements in photosynthesis and water use. She encouraged the participants to make use of the training to propose multi- disciplinary projects.

Training manuals for the faculty and students were released during the occasion.

The training is being attended by thirty two scientists of TNAU across Tamil Nadu, from various specialization. Professor and Heads of Agronomy, Agro Climate Research Centre, Senior Professors and students attended the function. Earlier, Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi, Associate Professor Crop Physiology, TNAU welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Vincent, Professor (Crop Physiology) proposed the vote of thanks.

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