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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:

World Meteorological Day celebration at TNAU

Weather makes a big difference in our daily lives and it's often a sub-conscious and even conscious factor in making many a decision. Farmers depend on good weather conditions for a great harvest; so, therefore, our food depends on the weather and the farmer's livelihood too.

World meteorological day is celebrated all across the world by the member states meteorological organizations every year on 23rd of March. It was the very first celebration of the World Meteorological Day in 1961 which commemorated its entry-into-force on 23rd of March in 1950 in the conference of World Meteorological Organization.

At this juncture, Agro Climate Research Centre, Directorate of Crop Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has organized World Meteorological Day with the objective of creating awareness among students and faculties regarding the environmental protection along with the National level workshop on Climate Models and Crop Simulation Models on 25.03.2019.

During the inaugural function, Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Director, Crop Management welcomed the gathering and emphasized the role of meteorology in changing climate. She also emphasized the importance of Crop simulation model as the need of the hour.

The chief guest of the function, Dr. R. Jagannathan, Former Professor and Head, ACRC delivered the key note address and he elaborated the past, present and future climate. He also pointed about the pre-industrial CO₂ concentration and compared with the current concentration level of 411 ppm and its influence on crop growth.

Dr. N. Kumar, Vice- Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, elucidated the research on agricultural meteorology and stressed for the precise weather prediction. He also cherished the growth of the ACRC from meteorological unit in early days. He also appreciated the student's active participation in the different events conducted by ACRC.

The function was concluded with Vote of Thanks by Dr. SP. Ramanathan, Professor and Head, ACRC.

During the event, a short film about the WMO theme of "The Sun, The Earth and The Weather" – 2019 was screened and the students, who won the events *viz.*, competitive quiz, rangoli and drawing were awarded with certificate and prize.

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