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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:

**Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu Inaugurates Herbal Garden &
Cacti House at TNAU**

The **Honourable Governor and Chancellor, Thiru R.N. Ravi** inaugurated the newly added components of the Botanical Garden viz., **Herbal & Aroma Garden and Cacti House** at TNAU campus on 31.10.2021. The Herbal and Aroma Garden is a rich repository of aromatic, herbal and medicinal species comprising of 150 medicinal and aromatic species which will serve as a learning centre to know about the economic and medicinal value of these species.

The Honourable Governor planted Rudraksha plant (*Elaeocarpus ganitrus*) which is a much acclaimed medicinal and sacred tree of India at the Herbal and Aroma Garden. The newly opened Cacti House is yet another collection of nearly 220 species comprising of cacti, succulents including *Adenium*. The Cacti and succulent plant collection is largest in India and is one of the attractive component of the Botanical Garden.

The Botanical Garden of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore was established in an area of 47.70 acres during the year 1908 and is one of the important gardens in India. It is home to a diverse and rich collection of native and exotic flora and is considered as a valuable asset to the State owing to its rich floral wealth.

The TNAU Botanical Garden was recently renovated at an outlay of Rs.9.0 crores for the benefit of students, public and farmers. The attractive components of the

garden include Gazebo, Sunken garden, Bambusetum, Palmetum, Plant Conservatory, Japanese Garden, Orchid house, Arboretum, Aquatic garden and Native Woodlot.

The **Honourable Governor** also visited the TNAU Insect Museum which is India's first of its kind museum consisting of more than 70,000 insect specimens including crop pest, predators and parasitoids.

In this occasion, the Secretary to Governor Thiru. Anand Rao V.Patil, I.A.S, Dr.N.Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Dr.A.S.Krishnamoorthy, Registrar, Dr.L.Pugalendhi, Dean (Horticulture) and Dr.K.Rajamani, Professor & Head, Floriculture & Landscape Architecture were present.

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