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The Editor,

Sir,

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

International Workshop on "Management of Forest Invasive Species"

An International workshop on "Management of Forest Invasive Species" was jointly organized by the State Planning Commission, TamilNadu Land Use Research Board and Forest College & Research Institute, TNAU, Mettupalayam on 02.03.2023 and 03.02.2023. The second day (03.02.2023) of the workshop started with tree planting by the Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission Dr.J. Jeyaranjan within the Forest College & Research Institute, Mettupalayam campus. The delegates of the workshop visited the exhibition of value-added products made out of Forest Invasive Species. In the technical sessions, detailed deliberations on thematical issues viz., Value-addition and Livlihood Opportunities and Policy & Legal Issues were made. Panel discussion was chaired by the members of State Planning Commission Professor M. Vijayabaskar and Professor Sultan Ahmed. In the valedictory session, Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, Professor (Forestry) welcomed the participants of the workshop. Tmt. S. Sudha, IFS and Dean (Forestry) Dr.K.T.Parthiban summarized the key points of the two-day workshop on "Management of Forest Invasive Species". Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor Dr.V. Geethalakshmi, in her presidential address emphasized on the strategies and guidelines towards managing Forest Invasive Species taking into consideration the ecological, environmental and the associated sociological implications. State Planning Commission Vice-Chairman, Dr.J.Jeyaranjan congratulated the organizers for the successful conduct of the two days workshop on "Management of Forest Invasive Species". He appreciated the entrepreneurs, for effectively converting Forest Invasive Species into value-added products and the Research Scholars for their research findings on Forest Invasive Species. Finally, Dr.K.Baranidharan, Professor (Forestry) proposed the vote of thanks.