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To  
The Editor,  
Sir,

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

### **NIRF Ranking 2023: TNAU Triumphs**

Under Agriculture and allied sectors category, the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) is adjudged at number 5 in the rankings out of 152 Institutions across the country, **2<sup>nd</sup> among the State Agricultural Universities of India**, 93<sup>rd</sup> among 2478 institutions representing all Public and Private funded Universities, Central and State Institutes, Autonomous bodies etc. and 72<sup>nd</sup> rank out of 1073 universities that participated in the ranking.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU stated that the top notch performance of TNAU is due to its commitment in teaching, research, outreach, agribusiness and ODL activities at regional, national and international levels. This is reflected in the increase in number of applications over the years for admission and it has reached 40,000. During this period, TNAU has established 15 learner centric education modules based on Augmented Reality & Virtual Reality technology, 12 smart classrooms and seven Language Labs under ICAR – National Agricultural Higher Education Project – Institutional Development Plan. The university has established Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to regularly monitor education quality and conduct capacity building programme to improve education process. Through the Global Conference on Agricultural Innovation and Expo, PG students were linked to 17 firms to work on their research output for product development. Dual degree programmes and International exposures to students are implemented to enlighten their global outlook.

The University received funding from 32 funding agencies and operating 483 externally funded research projects. The University has released more than 51 varieties, 25 farm implements and 10 technologies during last three years; eight patents were obtained; 9 patents were published and 2 patent applications have been filed by the TNAU scientists during the assessment period. The h – Index of research publications has considerably increased to 94 witnessing good publication record.

The Mega State level Farmers Mela organized at Agricultural College, Madurai was attended by more than 25,000 farmers, 3000 students, 1000 SHG members and 50 FPOs across Tamil Nadu participated.

Commendable agribusiness activities of the university are technology commercialization (17 technologies have been commercialized to 24 firms), support to startups and innovation through seven Agribusiness incubation forums and Entrepreneur Development Programme (EDP) on Agriculture Export for the benefit of farmers, rural youths, unemployed graduates etc., Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a flagship program implemented by TNAU and 180 Venture Capital Schemes are operating in the University for generating funds.

The Open and Distance Learning (ODL) is one of the key activities of the University to disseminate the knowledge and educate the farmers, Input dealers and other Stake holders through different diploma and certificate courses.

TNAU has collaboration with many National and International institutions and more than 85 MoUs have been signed with reputed institutions facilitating students exchange programmes and collaborative research in cutting edge areas. TNAU has also received recently, the ICAR- Sardar Vallababhai Patel Outstanding Institution Award, 8<sup>th</sup> FICCI Higher Education Excellence - University of the Year Award 2022 and ranked 65 in QS South Asia University Ranking in 2022-2023.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU appreciated the faculty members, staff and students for their commitment and stellar performance in the National ranking and motivated to reach number one position in the coming years.

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