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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:

**TNAU marching towards Global excellence in Elevating Agricultural
Higher Education**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), standing tall as one of India's premier Agricultural Universities, reaffirms its commitment to advancing agricultural education, research, and development in alignment with the nation's technological progress and agricultural requirements.

Triumphant Conclusion of PG Admissions for 2023-24 Academic Year

TNAU proudly announces the successful completion of its Masters and Doctoral admissions for the academic year 2023-24, reaffirming its unwavering dedication to providing timely education. This commitment ensures that PG and Ph.D. students can commence and conclude their academic journey as per the regular schedule, eliminating unnecessary delays.

The admissions process, which commenced on June 4th this year, included 33 Masters programs and 28 Ph.D. programs. Merit-based selections, determined through the state entrance exam and DBT GAT-B entrance examination for the Biotechnology program, culminated in the selection of 353 M.Sc. scholars and 136 Doctoral scholars. Notably, TNAU's 2023-24 admission cycle attracted a diverse pool of scholars from various states across India, including Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Puducherry, and Telangana. TNAU's reputation for academic excellence and adaptability has made it a magnet for talent from all corners of the nation.

Seamless Transition to Digital Admissions Process

One of the standout features of this academic year's admission process was TNAU's seamless transition to a fully digital application-to-admission system. Leveraging its Academic Management system, TNAU digitized student details and registration, eliminating the need for cumbersome paper documentation. Thorough verification of students' original certificates by university staff ensured a smooth transition to this digital approach.

International Collaborations and Patent

TNAU has further solidified its global presence through Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with esteemed international institutes, including Western Sydney University, Australia; Dalhousie University, Canada; University of Southern Queensland, Australia; CIMMYT, Mexico; Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden; ICRISAT, Hyderabad; and National Institutes, among others. These collaborations facilitate education, research, and training for Post Graduate students. Notably, TNAU students collaborate internationally with various universities. For example, Ms. Nivethitha, a biotechnology student, and Ms. Dharani, an entomology student, are pursuing a dual-degree Ph.D. program at Western Sydney University in Australia. Additionally, Mr. Bavish, studying meteorology, and Ms. Diyyala Reddy Prasanna, specializing in agribusiness management, are engaged in a cotutelle program at the University of Southern Queensland in Australia. TNAU's Patent Cell, operating at the SPGS office, has filed an impressive 39 patents, with nine of them already granted. Notably, this cell processes and patents outputs from student research at no cost, fostering innovation.

Empowering Meritorious Students

In the preceding academic year 2022-23, TNAU's School of Post Graduate studies facilitating to the 853 Master's and Ph.D. students through a diverse range of fellowships, encompassing programs like CMR-JRF, DST-INSPIRE, ICSSR, ICAR JRF/NTS, CSIR, FMC, UGC MANF, NFST, along with prestigious scholarships such as the ZYTEX Science Leaders Scholarship Program and FMC Science Leaders Scholarship Program. The cumulative value of these fellowships stood at an impressive Rs. 55,000,000. (Five Crore Fifty Lakh Rupees), underscoring TNAU's unwavering dedication to student empowerment.

Commencement Address Highlights

The commencement address captivated the audience with inspiring insights drawn from the top 10 commencement speeches. Students were encouraged to embrace their roles as future scientists, professors and administrators and to cultivate thought patterns that determine their approach to problem-solving. They were reminded that their time is precious, urging them to pursue their career research goals from day one. The Vice-Chancellor Dr.V.Geethalakshmi address, imbued with inspiration and foresight, Challenged students to champion knowledge's unending flight. In this prestigious institution's legacy, they're heirs of might, to shape a brighter future, their dedication ignites.

The Dean of the School of Post Graduate Studies, Dr.N.Senthil, encouraged students to embrace innovative insights that drive efficient learning through blended learning systems. He urged them to nurture their research capacities, emphasizing the significance of adopting sound research practices, thoroughness, and the publication of their work in high-impact journals as crucial elements for both academic and professional success.

Promoting Excellence and Innovation

In a significant event, TNAU witnessed a gathering of leadership, with Directors from various directorates and Deans from constituent colleges coming together to inspire and motivate students. This event, conducted both online and offline, marks a pivotal moment in cultivating a culture of excellence and innovation among the student body.

As TNAU embarks on the 2023-24 academic year, it remains dedicated to fostering academic brilliance, advancing research, and facilitating life-changing journeys for its postgraduate and Ph.D. scholars.

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