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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 is hosting a workshop on “AgriAdapt Climate Risk Tool for Rice Value Chain”**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University’s The Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, in association with the World Resources Institute India, New Delhi and National Agro Foundation, Chennai is organizing a 2-day consultative workshop on “AgriAdapt Climate Risk Tool for Rice Value Chain” during 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at TNAU. AgriAdapt is a free online tool that helps users identify and manage climate risks for agricultural supply chains. About 150 participants from different segments of the rice value chain starting from input dealers, farmers, FPOs, processors, bankers, government department officials, scientists and research scholars from different disciplines of TNAU are participating in the AgriAdapt workshop. This workshop aims to collectively engage with various stakeholders in the rice value chain to gather feedback on improving the current tool and discuss climate adaptation interventions.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU presided over the function and delivered the Keynote Address. She stressed the importance of building capacity of all the stakeholders across the entire rice value chain because climate change impacts are increasing in intensity and frequency. Changes in rainfall, delayed onset of monsoon, and heat waves are all likely to intensify due to climate change. Dr.D.Sureshkumar, Director, CARDS, in his opening remarks highlighted the significant impacts of climate change on different sectors and need for interventions. Dr.Nambi Appadurai, Director, Climate Resilience Practice, WRI India highlighted the need to work together to understand the challenges people are facing, learning from their experiential knowledge for evidence based research. Dr.M.R.Ramasubramaniam, Executive Director, National Agro Foundation, Chennai welcomed the gathering and set the tone for the two day workshop. To learn more about climate risk to agricultural value chains visit [www.agriadapt.org](http://www.agriadapt.org).

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