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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## TNAU Celebrates World Food Day

The Department of Food Process Engineering, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, celebrated World Food Day 2025 on October 16, 2025, with the theme "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future." The event aimed to create awareness on global food challenges, sustainable nutrition, and responsible food consumption practices among students and the community.

Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Professor and Head, Department of Food Process Engineering, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the need for innovative processing technologies and sustainable food value chain to ensure food security for future generations. The gathering was felicitated by Dr. A. Raviraj, Dean (Agrl.Engg.), who appreciated the initiatives of the Food Club of TNAU in promoting food safety and nutritional awareness through student-led competitions and activities.

The Presidential address was delivered by Dr. R. Thamizh Vendan, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. In his address, he highlighted the importance of linking agricultural innovation with nutrition improvement, and the crucial role of youth in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals related to zero hunger and malnurition. The celebration featured a variety of events, including a Human Chain organized by students to emphasize food security awareness, and a Mime Performance highlighting the importance of reducing food loss and waste. The Chief Guest, Mr. Pavankumar G. Giriyappavanar, IAS, District Collector, Coimbatore, delivered the Chief guest address, commending TNAU's continued efforts in promoting awareness on food security and sustainability and also distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted. Also, the District Collector administered the road safety pledge, emphasizing the importance of following traffic rules and ensuring safety of the commuters. The students actively participated and took the pledge with great enthusiasm and commitment to promote a culture of road safety and responsibility.