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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 Hosts 11th Annual Seed Workshop 2025

The 11th Annual Seed Workshop was organized by Seed Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 20.03.2025. More than 80 scientists participated in the workshop to finalize the seed production of various crops in TNAU for the ensuing year 2025-26. During the inaugural session, Dr. R. Umarani, Director, Seed Centre, TNAU welcomed the gathering and delivered the introductory address, in which she elaborated the achievements made by TNAU in seed production during 2024-25.

The presidential address was given by Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, in which she emphasized that after initiation of the Seed Centre in 2006, seed production has increased by four fold. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the Seed Scientists of TNAU for developing TNAU Seed Stock Webportal which provides real time data on place of seed availability on various crops and classes. Farmers immensely benefited by the TNAU webportal for purchasing the quality seeds on time. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Scientists for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and National Seeds Corporation Ltd., New Delhi for the supply of TNAU seeds, saplings, seed coating formulations, biofertilizers, biopesticides, micronutrients, crop boosters, etc., to NSC so as to enhance the availability of quality inputs to the farmers at national level.

Dr. R. Ravikesavan, Director, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, TNAU, Coimbatore highlighted the salient features of newly released varieties and influence of climate change on the crop productivity and seed yield. He has emphasized the importance of nucleus seed maintenance for further seed production in seed supply chain. Mr. J. Selvendran, Regional Manager, NSC, Chennai has narrated that the MoU signed with TNAU will definitely support the corporation to disseminate the TNAU products including seedlings, crop boosters, biofertilizers, etc., for the benefit of the farming community and other regions of the country.

Dr. V. Sankaran, Ex. General Manager, NSC has highlighted the role of foundation and certified seeds in ensuring the agricultural productivity and the TNAU technology can be utilized for the on farm seed production being conducted in the NSC Farms. Finally, Dr. V. Manonmani, Professor and Head, Department of Seed Science and Technology, Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore has proposed the vote of thanks.

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