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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 Secures Third Place in National Hackathon on Human–Wildlife Coexistence

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing Third Place in the National Hackathon on Human–Wildlife Coexistence: Engaging Youth for Innovative Solutions, organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.

The award was presented by Shri Bhupender Yadav, the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, to the TNAU team in recognition of their innovative contribution to promoting sustainable human–wildlife coexistence.

The Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Dr.R.Thamizh Vendan, congratulated Dr.A.Raviraj, and the team mentored by Dr. S. K. Rajkishore and Postgraduate student Mr. Anto Rashwin, for their creativity and commitment to solving real-world environmental challenges through practical and sustainable innovations. The team presented an innovative solution titled “A Community-Friendly, Solar-Powered Deterrent System for Human–Elephant Conflict Mitigation,” which integrates renewable energy, sensor-based technology, and local community engagement to ensure sustainable coexistence between humans and elephants. Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Director, Planning and Monitoring, TNAU, also appreciated the team's efforts and encouraged them to scale up the technology for the benefit of farmers and communities living in human–wildlife conflict-prone areas.

The hackathon aimed to inspire young innovators to develop creative, technology-driven, and community-based solutions to address the growing challenges of human–wildlife interactions across India.

This recognition highlights TNAU's continued efforts in promoting research, innovation, and youth engagement in addressing critical environmental and wildlife conservation issues at both national and global levels.

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