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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 conducts Tamil Nadu Soil Scientists Meet 2025 (TNSSM 2025)

The Tamil Nadu Soil Scientist's Meet 2025 (TNSSM 2025) was organized by the Soil Science Club, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, DNRM on 15.02.2025 at Golden Jubilee Hall, TNAU, Coimbatore. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore.

Dr. D. Selvi, Professor and Head, Department of SS&AC, TNAU, Coimbatore and President, Soil Science Club welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Director, DNRM, TNAU, Coimbatore and Dr. V.Murugappan, Former Director (SCMS), TNAU narrated on the TNSS Meet 2025. The Vice Chancellor shared her memorable association with senior Soil Scientists and important role played by Soil Scientists and significant achievements made in sustaining soil health and productivity.

In his special address, Dr. R. Dhinakaran IPS, ADGP, Chennai, thanked the Senior Professors and recalled his time as a student at the Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. S. Natarajan, Former Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural University elucidated about the initiation and activities of TNAU Soil Science Club. Dr. P. Murugesu Boopathy, Former Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore presented memento to all the participants. The senior retired Professors, sponsors and the aiders of TNSSM 2025 were honoured by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

About 200 participants comprising retired Soil Scientists, Soil Scientists working at different cadres across the State/National/Global level as Vice-Chancellors, Deans, Directors, and Scientists in esteemed organisations such as IARI, ICAR, ISRO and in state Department of Agriculture as JDAs, ADAs, DDs, AOs (about 5 generations) and students participated in the Meet and shared their experience. The seed for thoughts towards future development of Soil Science was deliberated in detail by the Soil Scientists. Dr.S.Thiyageshwari, Professor (SS&AC) and Secretary, Soil Science Club proposed the vote of thanks.

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