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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

### **African Extension Functionaries Visit to TNAU**

A group of 39 extension practitioners from Kenya, Liberia and Malawi participated in the US-India-Africa triangular international training programme on “New dimensions in Agricultural extension management” offered by the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad.

The international training is proposed to bring about trilateral cooperation in adapting technological advances and innovative solutions to address food security challenges in Africa. As part of the sixty days visit to India, an exposure visit to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore was organized on August 31, 2015 to learn about the innovative extension approaches of TNAU.

Dr. C.R. Anandakumar, Acting Vice Chancellor of TNAU felicitated and interacted with the extension delegates. Dr. H. Phillip, Director of Extension Education, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University addressed the participants on Major Transfer of Technology Activities of Directorate of Extension Education, TNAU. He also highlighted the initiatives of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Farmers Facility Centre, ATIC, Uzhavarin Valarum Velanmai in imparting effective extension activities to the farming community. Dr.S.Palaniswamy, Professor and Head, Training Division also graced the occasion.

The team visited Kisan Call Centre (KCC), Community Radio Station and Educational Media Centre to acquire knowledge on the functions and impact of mass media in Agriculture.

The delegates also visited the Department of Millets, Department of Pulses. Dr. R. Ravikesavan, Professor and Head, Department of Millets, elaborated on the aspects of latest developments in millets promotion. Dr. J.R. Kannan Babu, Professor and Head, Department of Pulses, discussed on the pulses promotion in Tamil Nadu.

Dr. N. Anandaraja, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Extension) summarized on the e-Extension Initiatives of ICT in Agriculture.

The exposure visit was concluded with a feedback and discussion session on the extension activities of TNAU pertaining to global food security.

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