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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:

COTTON RESEARCH MEET IN TNAU, COIMBATORE

The annual group meeting of on All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Cotton is being held in TNAU during April 8–10th,2015. Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Assistant Director General, Commercial Crops, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi inaugurated the group meeting. In his address, he complemented the cotton scientist for surpassing China in cotton productivity by 400 lakh bales. He reiterated the importance of producing compact cotton varieties suitable for mechanized harvesting and also multiple stress resistance varieties for different zones of India.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, presided over the meeting. In his address, he sensitized the scientific fraternity about the enormous biomass potential of cotton for producing crystalline cellulose for large scale industrial uses. He also opined that, cotton and sugarcane are the two most important commercial crops which have higher industrial usage. Their productivity have to be increased many fold for higher profitability. In addition, he has stressed the scientist in public and private organization have to undertake basic

research and conserving the long lasting tradition and heritage system of cotton crop.

Dr. C. D. Mayee, former Chairman of Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, emphasized that, there is an immense potential for coloured organic cotton in India and abroad. Dr. P. G. Patil, Director CIRCOT, Mumbai stressed the importance of close interaction between cotton breeders and textile industries for developing cotton varieties and hybrids suited for industries.

Dr. V. Santhanam, Ex-FAO consultant and founder project Coordinator of CICR, emphasized the need for developing genotypes and hybrids with higher fiber quality, suited for both textile and medical use. Dr. A. H. Prakash, Project Coordinator highlighted the results of Cotton Research in India. Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Director (CPBG), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University proposed the vote of thanks.

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