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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:

National Level Foodxplore Symposium in TNAU

The 9th National level Foodxplore' 15 Symposium was organized by the students from the Dept. of Food Processing Engineering, Agricultural Engineering & Research Institute (AEC&RI), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore on Oct. 16, 2015.

Dr. C. Divaker Durairaj, Dean, AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore felicitated the gathering, he said Foodxplore has been held for the past 15 years & that he was extremely happy that many students have participated & are participating from TNAU and other colleges in technical sessions which is the real intension of the symposium. He requested the organizers to pass on the legacy to the juniors.

Shri Gowrinandhan.T.Tonpe, Director, India & Lead SEA-R&D, Wrigley India Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore in his keynote address expressed his feelings of being and privileged in being present in this occasion and to get along with young scientists and students. He also said that “Intelligent and integrate use of technology in supply and value chain is needed”. He included that safe food is the right of every consumer. Developing processes and technology for production from farm level to dinner table is where FPE place on major role. In our nation 1/3 of the children population are suffering from malnutrition which will lead to people with low IQ in future that will have a great impact on that rational economy. Finally he requested all the students to put best effort in utilizing the opportunities and shape their destiny, he added.

Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU shared his experience about the utilization of β carotene in curing night blindness which is an international project between agricultural centres including TNAU. He said food engineering should work in making emerging products available to common man .he conveyed his desire of implementing new biological projects like Nano encapsulation of zinc and iron, microbial evaluation of plant materials by keeping in mind that concepts of food safety and security. He concluded by saying “Engineering your mind, energize your body”.

Earlier, Mr. R. Salman, Organizing secretary, IVth B.Tech (FPE), TNAU welcomed the gathering. Finally, Ms. P. Renuga Devi, IVth B.Tech (FPE), TNAU proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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