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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:

Tnau signed MoU with World Food Preservation Center, USA

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore in India has joined The World Food Preservation Center (WFPC) LLC, located at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, USA. The World Food Preservation Center LLC is a consortium of twelve “sister” universities located across the globe and ARO Volcani Center in Israel, to reduce postharvest food losses in developing countries and diminish world hunger.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed recently between TNAU and the World Food Preservation Center.

TNAU is a leading agrotechnology provider of India and its graduates are recognized throughout the world. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University had its genesis from establishment of an Agricultural School at Saidapet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India as early as 1868 which was later relocated at Coimbatore during 1906.

TNAU offers thirteen undergraduate degree programs, thirty three Post graduate degree programs and twenty-six doctoral programs all over Tamil Nadu. TNAU has 32 research centers for agrotechnology development and 14 Farm Science Centers (KVKs) for outreach.

Dr. S. Mohan, Dean (SPGS), TNAU, Coimbatore who has developed innovative technologies for the postharvest preservation of grains/seeds of agricultural and Horticultural crops was responsible for this collaboration with World Food Preservation Center.

The World Food Preservation Center LLC is a consortium of twelve major research universities and a research institute (ARO Volcani Center, Israel) in six continents dedicated towards providing an advanced world-class postharvest education (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) to young students in developing countries and conducting research on much needed new postharvest technologies. Dr. Charles L. Wilson, Former USDA scientist in post harvest pathology & Founder/Chairman & CEO of the World Food Preservation Center states, “Because of our rapidly exploding population, the world requires more food to feed the population and we see this association between TNAU and the World Food Preservation Center can address this crisis through a sustainable way along with other collaborators to address this crisis.” Dr. Wilson continues, “We are indeed fortunate to have TNAU joining the World Food Preservation Center® LLC in our effort to reduce the postharvest losses of food in developing countries and diminish world hunger. Their experience and knowledge will be most valuable to us as we move forward.”

The non-profit World Food Preservation Education Foundation has recently been formed to solicit scholarship for students to attend “Sister” Universities of the World Food Preservation Center LLC.

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