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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 Agricultural Scientists visited TNAU

A team of six African Agricultural faculty from Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Malawi visited Tamil Nadu Agricultural University during July 24-25, 2014 to learn innovative agricultural extension methods and agricultural technologies developed by the university and replicate such innovations to improve the agricultural scenario at Malawi. At TNAU, Coimbatore, they visited the e-Extension Centre, Kissan Call Centre, Agricultural Technology Information Centre, Community Radio Station, Education Media Centre, Post Harvest Technology Centre, Tissue culture lab and green houses of the Centre for Plant Molecular Biology, Directorate of Extension Education and Directorate of Research. During their exposure visit they had in-depth interaction with the scientists of TNAU. One African faculty, Mr. Diamon presented a radio talk about Malawian Agriculture which was broadcast through community radio Vivasayee 107.4 MHZ and as well uploaded in the TNAU Agritech portal (www.agritech.tnau.ac.in). The African scientists appreciated the novel Extension methods adopted by TNAU to reach the farming community with various innovative approaches viz., e – Velanmai, Agritech portal, expert systems, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) etc.

The mechanism adopted by TNAU to disseminate Agricultural technologies through various means viz., KVKs, educative video modules, Agritech portal were commendable and these approaches need to be adopted in our country to educate farmers, told Mrs. Trust, an African Faculty.

The Directorate of Extension Education, TNAU arranged the African scientists visit to TNAU and the exposure visits were coordinated by Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Professor, e-Extension Centre, TNAU.

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