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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:

**Wealth of Information Hidden in the Millets should be unearthed
- Says TNAU VC**

Post-Harvest Technology Centre of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University organising 21 days training programme on Post Harvest Process and Value Addition of Millets for the Development of Functional Foods for Combat life Style diseases which starts today by inviting 30 Scientist from all over the India

Course Director Dr M. Varadharaju while welcoming gathering says that, this training programme is an outcome of 3 year research project about food culture of South Asian Countries. In order to disseminate important finding of the project, TNAU and ICAR permitted to conduct this summer school by providing financial support of 3.42 Lakhs.

Dr.DivakarDurairaj, Dean, Agricultural Engineering, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has said that innovating appropriate machineries for processing and value addition is difficult and called youngster to come and join in the research endeavour to face this challenge.

Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice- Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University inaugurating the summer school said that, basically, our food culture is based on millets and change of time and by effect globalisation we changed our food habit. These changes had dramatic effect on health. Considering rich nutrition aspects in the millets, all the hidden information in the millets should be unearthed. An opportunity in the millet processing and value addition is abound and it should be explored through interdisciplinary research. Last 12 year production millets has being shrinking, TNAU took up initiatives with support of Government of Tamil Nadu to produce millets seed and make it available to the farmers on time and motivated them to cultivate millets pays rich dividend now. Last 2 years production of millets is increased considerable reaching 122.8 metric ton.

Dr Malathy, Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University proposed a formal vote of thanks..

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