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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:

**55th Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologist of India,
Emphasized the Sinaquon of invisible Microbes**

The 55th Annual Conference of the Association of Microbiologists of India was held in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. About 1000 participants from all over India had participated. The inaugural function was held at the University Convocation hall by 10.00 Am.

In the Presidential address by the Vice Chancellor Dr, K. Ramasamy, remembered the foreseen thoughts of Dr. G. Rangasami the microbiologist and the first Vice Chancellor of TNAU who had initiated this new branch of biology and microbiology in this part of the Country. The AMI, established in 1938 has grown up as one of the reputed scientific associations with more than 4000 life and annual members and about 450 corporate members. This association with the active participation of its members is conducting annual conferences every year and TNAU Coimbatore is proved enough to host the 55th annual AMI conference.

He also stressed the importance of Microbiology to the Society and called for the transformation to a bio-based economy for optimal utilization of resources to permit the future generation to live in natures' harmony. He advised the young microbiologists to inoculate the tools and technologies they learn from labs abroad and practice the same in Indian labs so that the next generation is exposed to emerging technologies. He also outlined the recent avenues in biological sciences put forth by the Government of India such as Inspire, young Scientist Fellowship etc., for the young generation in Science research front.

Mrs. Lakshmi Narayan, the Whole time Director of T-Stanes Company, Coimbatore in her inaugural address said that life on earth is dependent on microbes for many essential services, microbes are intimate partners in virtually every life process of plants by way of mobilization / acquisition of nutrients, out competition and antagonism of pathogens, plant stress alleviation, plant growth promotion, co-metabolism, degradation of toxins etc., Exploitation of such interactions between microbes and plants and optimization of plant micro- biome could allow farmers to apply less chemical fertilizer and pesticides besides improving the overall plant health which paves the way for sustainable development.

Dr. Hansel M. Fletcher, Assistant Dean, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, California, USA. Dr. Daleel Singh, Vice-Chancellor, OPJS University Rajasthan, Dr. Benkicher, Germany, Dr. R. Rabindran, Registrar also gave felicitations.

Earlier Dr. K. Kumar, professor and Organizing Secretary welcomed the gathering. Ultimately, Dr. G. Gopalsamy, Joint Registrar, proposed a vote of thanks.

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