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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:

ICAR Winter School training at TNAU

The Seed Centre of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore has organized a 21 days ICAR-Winter School on “Pre and post harvest seed crop management techniques for improving productivity of agricultural and horticultural crops and their marketability” during Dec. 3 – 23, 2014. The inauguration of this training programme was held today (3-12-2014) at TNAU, Coimbatore. Above 100 scientists from all over Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have participated.

The introductory remark on Winter School was given by Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Special Officer (Seeds), Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore who is the course director of this training.

The felicitation was given by Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore. He stressed the importance of conducting more research on Pre harvest sprouting, dormancy and other biological factors that will cause deterioration of seeds during storage which will be more appropriate for this training.

The inaugural address was given by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Ramasamy, TNAU, Coimbatore. He released the training manual and highlighted the importance of seed as a main component in agricultural production and also stressed the importance of dormancy in relation to storability and the role of secondary metabolites responsible for the physiological phenomena of seed. He insisted upon the importance of preserving the seeds to strengthen the biodiversity and maintaining the farmers variety. More emphasize should

be given towards the traditional seed storage by the farmers. He also stressed about seed village concept a novel and highly practical approach need to be promoted to facilitate the production and timely distribution of quality seeds.

Earlier, Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Seed Science and Technology welcomed the delegates and emphasized the importance of programme. Finally, Dr. P. Selvaraju, Professor (SST), Department of Seed Science and Technology, TNAU, Coimbatore proposed a vote of thanks.

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