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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 Celebrates the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

The Independence Day celebration was held in TNAU on Aug. 15, 2016. Dr. K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) hoisted the national flag and given away the Independence Day address.

The Vice-Chancellor in its 70th Independence Day address recalled the eternal memories of the matyrs, who sacrificed their lives for new lease of life. He stressed that unity alone can safeguard and nurture our Independence as Maha Kavi Bharathiyar said.

He believed that the Science and Technology paved the way for enhancing the food grain production even upto the tune of five times since Independence to meet out the growing demands of the populace. He recalled the receipt of Krishi Karman Award by Tamil Nadu from the Union Government for the millets and pulse production and the Golden Jubilee of Green Revolution award to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University from the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, ICAR last year for our valuable contribution in the agricultural sector.

Further Vice Chancellor reiterated the dire need for progressing in the positive direction for attaining food and nutritional security. He requested the scientists to come out with location-specific millets to various parts of the State will boost the millet

production in the state. To derive the best results and to empower marginal and small farmers, they may be motivated to form farmers' groups so as to get all the technical inputs in time and to ensure judicious use of various scarce resources

He also added, in the International year of pulses, pulse researchers need to focus on reaching farmers and increasing their incomes rather than only on increasing productivity. He requested the scientists to produce Quality seeds and planting materials are key agricultural inputs, which determine the productivity of crops.

Since knowledge is the source of power for uplifting the economic status of the individual and nation as a whole, the role of teachers and scientists should be realized and the bondage between students and teachers, researchers and farmers needs for strengthening.

The Vice-Chancellor inspected the Independence day Parade by NCC and NSS parade during the function along with Lt. K.M.Sellamuthu and Capt. S. Manonmani, NCC Officers of the University.

A grand cultural mela was performed by the students as a part of the programme. Prizes were distributed for those who had excelled in competitions and the blood donors.

The University Officers, Scientists, Staff, Students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, school children of TNAU campus participated in the celebrations

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