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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:

**Value addition is the best way to minimize the post harvest loss – says
TNAU VC**

Department of Food and Agricultural Process Engineering, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) organized three days workshop of All India Coordinated Research Project on “Post Harvest Engineering and Technology” during 4-1-2016 to 6-1-2016 at Seminar hall, RI building of TNAU. About more than 100 scientists participated in the workshop.

Dr. S. N. Jha, Assistant Director General, ICAR delivered the inaugural address along with coordinators report.

Dr. C. Divakar Durairaj, Dean, Agricultural Engineering & Research Institute, TNAU in his special address, explained the overall contribution made by processing engineers in reducing post harvest losses through the All India Co-ordinated Research Projects in the last 40 years.

Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU stressed the need of integration of biology and engineering and also he insisted the focus of research on post harvest physiology of horticultural crops.

Dr. R. K. Gupta, Director, CIPHET-ICAR, Ludhiana highlighted the achievements and pointed out the need of introducing the novel technologies in food processing sector.

Dr. K. Alagusundaram, Deputy Director of General, Agrl. Engineering, ICAR, New Delhi insisted on the consortium or value chain mode of research rather than the conventional mode which will facilitate the delivery of benefits to farmers immediately. To initiate this consortium for grain storage, value chain on turmeric were started at different

centers in last year. Also he announced as part of the above exercise, the Journal of grain storage will be released for the benefit of stockholders in grain handling shortly. Finally he concluded with the importance of team building attitude among the willful scientists to bring out the fruitful research.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore in his chief guest address, informed the gathering about the requirements made from the honorable prime minister for insecticide free honey and millet drink for competing with coca cola at international level trade. Also he mentioned steel manufactured from Salem used in different industries worldwide but its usage in food processing sector need to be exploited. In furtherance, he listed the benefits of coconut in reducing heart diseases. He acknowledged the work done by students of TNAU for making breads without any remuneration for flood affected victims in Cuddalore and Chennai. He felt prideful for the recently developed non thermal processing method for tender coconut water in TNAU.

Earlier, Dr. S. Ganapathy, Professor and Head, Department of Food and Agricultural Process Engineering welcomed the gathering. Finally, Dr. N. Varadharaju, Professor and Head, PHTC, TNAU proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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