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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 WEED SCIENCE BAGS BEST CENTRE AWARD

Indian Council of Agricultural Research through its prime institute Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur has adjudged TNAU All India Coordinated Research Project on Weed Management as Best Centre during 2016-17. The National Best Centre Award 2016-17 was presented during 24th Annual Review Meeting held at Maharana Pratap Agriculture University and Technology, Udaipur on 27th February, 2017. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Professor (Agronomy) and Principal Investigator and Dr. P. Murali Arthanari, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) received the award from Dr. Uma Shankar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, MPAUT, Udaipur in the presence of Dr. S. Baskar, Assistant Director General (Agronomy), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. A.R. Sharma, Director, Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur.

The award in the form of shield, citation and Rupees one lakh additional grant was given to TNAU Centre for its outstanding contributions in the field of weed science research and extension by a team of scientists; Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Dr. P. Murali Arthanari, Dr. P. Janaki, and Dr. A. Ramalakshmi, Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

TNAU's Weed Science Centre has developed integrated weed management technologies for different crops, such as rice, soybean, sugarcane, groundnut, onion, sugar beet, tobacco, maize and also aquatic weeds. Research on herbicide residues in soil, water and food chain and impact assessment of weed management technologies on improving the crop yields have also been carried out.

Successful weed management technologies are being transferred through front line demonstrations and on farm research trials to disseminate the technology to farmers.

More than 30 research scholars and scientists have specialized in weed science, who bagged several national and international awards for their contribution. During the last 5 years, 61 research papers in NAAS rated journals, 6 popular articles, 21 book chapters and review articles, and 5 books and manual were published. In addition, 95 articles on weed science were presented in various symposia/conferences. This Centre also collaborated with public and private institutions and operated sponsored schemes worth Rs.1.75 crores.

In recognition of the above works, TNAU AICRP Weed Management centre has been conferred with Best Centre Award 2016-17 among 24 All India Coordinated Research Project on Weed Management centres operated in various parts of the country.

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