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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 49<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and  
ODL Graduation Day**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Graduation Day of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) were held at Convocation Hall on 1-7-2019.

Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Registrar, TNAU, welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Anandhan, Director, Open and Distance Learning briefed about the features of B.F. (Technology) course, which is the first of its kind in India. The three years course, comprising of 6 semesters aims at transforming the farmers into technocrats and job providers.

Dr. N. Kumar, Vice-chancellor in his keynote address recollected the transformation of the University to its current status from a small farm school at Saidapet in 1863. He lauded the cooperation extended by the ICAR in transforming agricultural education and research and emphasized the need for framing curriculum that suits the interest of the state / region.

In his Foundation Day address, Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, New Delhi appreciated the TNAU's achievements in setting an example to all other agricultural institutions of the country.

As part of the ceremony, Smt. Sheuli Burman, IPoS, has released the Special Postal cover of TNU and was received by the Vice-Chancellor, TNAU and permanent pictorial cancellation of Lawley Road S.O. was issued on behalf of the India Pos to add further pride to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

As part of the ODL Graduation ceremony, 57 farmers and entrepreneurs were awarded B.F.Tech degree. The TNAU scientists who have completed 25 years of unblemished service were also honoured.

Apart from this, Best researcher, Teacher, Extension worker, Women Scientist, NSS Programme Officer, Best Research Station, Best Krishi Vigyan Kendra, best UG & PG students and best NSS volunteer awards were also presented on the occasion.

Finally, Dr. K.S. Subramaniam, Director of Research, TNAU proposed a vote of thanks.

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