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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**TNAU with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's
Bi-National Agri-Cluster Workshop**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada has jointly organized two days binational agriculture workshop at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University from 22.02.2024 to 23.02.2024. The inauguration of two days binational agriculture workshop supported by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is held on 22.02.2024 at TNAU, Coimbatore.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore welcomed and delineated the significance of strategic partnership and recalled the association with the Canadian Institute for collaborative ventures, and emphasized the importance of the workshop to bring the research of both countries under one umbrella to explore partnership on topics of mutual interest, Transfer of technology and to develop a robust roadmap for agri-education, skill development, and industry engagement.

The Vice-Chancellor, TNAU also highlighted the main themes to be focused for Indo-Canadian collaboration in this workshop viz., Precision Agriculture, Food Processing and Value Addition, Waste Management, Soil and Plant Health, Technology Development and Transfer, Agri-Education & Skill Development and Industry Induction etc.

Honorable Shri.Sanjai Kumar Verma, High Commissioner of India to Canada reiterated the significance of customized technologies to prevent the large scale food losses and technological breakthrough must be taken care in the development of country to meet the challenges and he emphasized logistic management.

While presiding, Dr.R.C.Agrawal, Deputy Director General (Agriculture Education), ICAR, New Delhi, sent an appreciation note for the TNAU, for outstanding in the Intellectual Development Programme and wished to support in research and educational endeavors. He envisioned to capitalize Digital Agriculture, Food Processing and AI based technologies to propel the food demand, which could be possible only by technology – innovation hybridization.

While felicitating, Dr.Charlotte Yates, President and Vice-chancellor of University of Guelph, Canada and SICI Canadian Chair, underscored the need for deep research to combat climate change issues and emphasized the need for ground breaking technologies for high quality and safety food.

Dr.Alice Aiken, Vice-President, Research and Innovation at Dalhousie University, Canada envisioned for the seamless integration of partnership channel and agricultural waste management must be given due importance in the cluster approaches.

Dr.Pavneesh Madan, President of SICI insisted on the bilateral ties must be the similarities in problems and has to build connection through root level research to evolve promising strategies.

Nearly 70 participants from India and Canada take part in the workshop. Finally, Dr.N.Maragatham, Dean, Centre for Students Welfare, TNAU, Coimbatore and organizing secretary of this event proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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