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The Editor,

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Sir,

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

## **Minister Calls for Innovative Methods of Farming for Rejuvenating Agriculture**

14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Agri Intex 2014, India prime Agri Trade Fair was held at CODISSIA Complex, mustering a strength of 10,000 of farmers.

Earlier Mr. Devarj, Chairman, CODISSIA, welcomed the gathering. He appreciated the patrons for their maturation and support rendered for the efficient conduct of the fair.

Dr. Baskaran Manimaran, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam in his felicitation cooperated for the integrated farming by combining the agriculture and fishery enterprises for augmenting the income for a lucrative livelihood.

In the presidential note, Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore appreciated the involvements of III generation youngsters in farming and landed that they are the creators of innovations. It is the cindrella time to capitalize the technological break through and reassured in no way the farming taken to the backseat. Despite water scarcity, 110 take metric tonnes of food grain production was unstressed, thanks to the strenuous effort of agricultural department and University. Dissertation had been a major attempt for cleaning the tasks and rivers, to augur the agriculture for sustainability.

In the special address, Pollachi. V. Jayaraman, Deputy Speaker, Government of Tamil Nadu recalled the pride of the fair, is due to the hefty turnover of farmers across Karnataka and Kerala, gave a booster to agriculture by doubling the production and tripling the income adopting revolutionary ideas.

Thiru. S.P. Velumani, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Laws, Court and Prison, Govt. of Tamil Nadu said agriculture is the

backbone of the country and time the traditional agriculture is fading, chief minister took special initiatives to introduce moral schemes of development and welfare to proliferate the ten lakhs of agriculture, uplifting the livelihood of 63 lakhs and 40,000 farmers. Through the special initiatives taken up by the present government, 101.52 lakhs metric tonnes of food grains was produced. TANFED triggered interest free loan and 4% VAT free exempted, are the hall mark achievement of the Government, he appreciated.

Thiru Agr. S.S. Krishnamoorthy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, overwhelmingly told that the chief Ministers day to day articulation of slew of programme by allocation of a huge proportion of funds of 1 lakh crores has been a great financial manifesto, which shows the administrative calibre and intelligence.

Starting a whopping, 1 lakh 2000 crores in loll-12, the allocation rose to 1 lakh and 48 crores, which is a land mark allocation, aompared to 39 States. She had been the key to lay the foundation stone for doubling the production and tripling the income. Extension strategies of Agritex is quite commendable, he added.

While surfacing art the special initiatives of the Chief Minister, he recalled the agri and agri related enterprises are growing in leaps and bound from 1951, even the area had shrunk to 0.16 hectors, providing 4% are only for livelihood.

In 2005-2006, 52.4 Lakhs hectors is deteriorirating to 48 lakhs but however the waterland area had rose to 7.59 lakhs hectors to 11.71 lakhs hectors.

Due to the innovative preparations, 82 million farm families have been benefitted due to the provision of 44 traction for 1000 population, which would weekly to reduced demand supply gap.

Bernard's shows striving to excel only success quotient, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Chief Minister effort to win Krishi Karman award to buy II Green revolution of about 110 lakhs metric tonnes of food grains, 88 modern warehouse establishment through infrastructural development attempts, 100% subsidy for microirrigation techniques for small and medium farmers, 4% VAT free, setting up model village. New policies for organic farming, impetus for dryland farm technology all play a major role and had been a process success for the programmes for only people and not people depend on programme creative ideas and harbining attempts are to be triggered for the successful farming.

He also extolled the Chief Minister for recently appointed Asst. Professros, which was a step ahead for lifeline and livelihood line.

Later, Thiru. V. Thirugnanasambandam, Hon. Secretary, CODISSIA, Coimbatore proposed a vote of thanks.

As a part of the programme, Agrl. Minister and team went for exhibition rounds, released a souvenir and business edition.

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