

TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

PRESS MEET

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- TNAU is one of the leading developers of human resources and technologies in the field of agriculture and allied areas.
- TNAU has developed 826 varieties in a wide array of crops, 1500 production technologies and 166 farm implements and machineries
- TNAU's research and extension activities enabled the state of Tamil Nadu to achieve food security by producing >120 lakh tonnes of food grains regardless of vagaries of monsoon which enabled Tamil Nadu to obtain Krishi Karman Award for four times in the recent six years from National Food Security Mission, GOI, New Delhi
- TNAU carry out its academic, research and extension activities through its 14 constituent colleges, 26 affiliated colleges, 39 research stations and 14 KVKs.
- Through intensive planning, former Vice-Chancellors have placed TNAU at the top among all SAUs and 25th rank among all universities in India (as per NIRF' 2018)
- I will strive hard to fulfill the following **VISION's of TNAU**:
 - To maintain the excellence in agricultural education, research and technology transfer and take TNAU to newer heights
 - To improve the livelihood of farmers and other stake holders
 - To transform TNAU into a world- class university

My overall aim is to facilitate successful implementation of all Government Schemes for achieving sustained increase in food production in the state and to make agriculture as a profitable venture to the farmers.

My immediate goal is to involve TNAU in assessing damages caused by the cyclone GAJA in agricultural holdings (about 1,00,000 ha), develop suitable plans and policies for restoration and join hands with other Government machineries including Department of Agriculture in relief measures.

My Strategic Plans for TNAU

Education:

- ❖ Enhancing **employability of students** through imparting skill oriented world-class education
- ❖ Introducing **demand driven courses** to improve marketability of our graduate
- ❖ Establishing **Skill Development / Entrepreneur Development Centers** for students, farmers and other stake holders
- ❖ To make **TNAU as a preferred destination** for other state and neighboring country students to pursue their higher education

Research:

- ❖ Promoting need based product oriented research for **doubling the farmer's** income under changing climate and shrinking land
- ❖ Developing model **"System of Crop Intensification"** for **Pulses and Oilseeds** to increase the productivity of pulses in Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Intensifying research on **input use efficiency, high density planting, direct seeded rice, automation in agriculture etc.,**
- ❖ Strengthening research **infrastructure in all regional campuses** of TNAU
- ❖ Increasing both the number and quality of publications to **improve ranking of TNAU** globally
- ❖ **Enhancing institutional prominence** through attracting externally funded projects
- ❖ **Enhance collaboration** with other leading global and domestic universities

Extension:

- ❖ **Ensuring supply of quality planting materials**, breeder seeds and bio-inputs
- ❖ Supporting activities related to **seed availability to the farmers** through strengthening seed production, bio-input production etc.,
- ❖ Developing and promoting **customized ICT enabled technology** delivery, e-marketing etc.,
- ❖ Establishing **knowledge parks** for the benefit of farmers
- ❖ Promoting horticulture, livestock rearing *etc.,* to increase farmers revenue
- ❖ Act as a knowledge partner in establishing **Special Agricultural Zones (SAZ)** for crops of economic importance

My motto is to provide encouraging, engaging and empowering environment to the students, researchers, faculty and all staffs of TNAU to deliver their maximum.
