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The Editor,

Sir,

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

TNAU Celebrates the 73rd Republic Day

The Republic Day celebration was held in TNAU on 26th January 2022. Dr. A. S. Krishnamoorthy, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) hoisted the national flag and delivered the Republic Day address.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor in his 73rd Republic Day address recalled the eternal memories of the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for new lease of life. He appreciated all the faculty members and the students of TNAU for receiving three National Awards viz., Green and Clean Campus Award for Main campus, PG Fellowship awards (second position) under Horticulture and Forestry and Agricultural Engineering groups from Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. He congratulated five students comprising of 2 M.Sc., and 3 Ph.D., in Plant Pathology were selected under MITACS programme sponsored by Indo-Canadian Shastri Institute, New Delhi, two students have bagged the prestigious Honorable Prime Minister of India Fellowships in Nano technology and Sixty nine TNAU students got ICAR JRF fellowships. Further, he also mentioned that University retained its eighth position under ICAR ranking and stood as second best State Agricultural University of South India.

He also stated the importance of agriculture and insisted upon developing the profits of agriculture. He praised the farmers who toil to feed the globe and the contribution done by each and every one for the development. The resilience of the farming community in the face of adversities made agriculture the only sector to have clocked a positive growth of 3.4 per cent at constant prices in 2020-21, when other sectors slid. The share of agriculture in GDP increased to 19.9 per cent in 2020-21 from 17.8 per cent in 2019-20. The last time the contribution of the agriculture sector in GDP was at 20 per cent was in 2003-04. Even inspite of pandemic, agriculture sector reached its accolade.

He further emphasised the fact that how the agriculture resounded back as the impact of Covid - 19 and he positively added that, "Revolve to evolve to sustain in the days to come".

The University Officers, Scientists, Students and Staff of TNAU campus took part in the celebrations The entire events were organized and co-ordinated by the Dean(Students Welfare), TNAU, Coimbatore.

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