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The Editor,  
Sir,

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

**TNAU conducted National level webinar on  
“Weather based agricultural production and technologies”**

A two days national level webinar on “Weather based agricultural production and technologies” was conducted by District Agromet Unit, ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sandhiyur, Salem District on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. The main theme of the webinar is concentrating on weather for better making agriculture more profitable which is taking momentum on a global dimension.

Dr. R. Jegathambal, Programme Coordinator, ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sandhiyur, Salem gave the welcome speech. Mr. Velu, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Panamarathupatti, Salem graced the occasion and highlighted with importance of rainfall forecast in agriculture.

Mr. Nagarajan, a progressive farmer inspired the other participants by sharing his success in protecting the crop by sticking on to the weather based agro advisory that is regularly provided by District Agromet Unit, KVK, Salem on every Tuesday and Friday.

Dr.S.P.Ramanathan, Professor and Head, Agro Climate Research Centre delivered a special lecture on role of Agro Climate Research Centre in issuing seasonal forecast and medium range weather forecast at block and village level and dissemination of weather forecast to the farmers of Tamil Nadu.

Dr. K.K. Singh, Director, Indian Meteorological Department, New Delhiour guest invitee conveyed the role of Grama Krishi Mausam Seva (GKMS) and District Agromet Unit (DAMU) preparation and dissemination of weather forecast based agro advisories. In the Introductory speech by Dr.P.P. Murugan, Director of Extension Education, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, hestressed about the role of KVKs in taking the

technologies from lab to farm and other extension activities of the KVK for the welfare of the farmers. He also requested the farmer to utilize the facilities at the KVKs.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore delivered the Presidential address. During her address, she emphasised the importance of weather in crop production, pointed out weather as an invaluable input for making agriculture more profitable and also discussed about the positive approaches towards weather smart farming. Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU also interacted with the farmers and answered all the questions raised by the farmer during the session.

The inaugural programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr.C.Pradipa, SMS (Agromet), District Agromet Unit, KVK, Sandhiyur, Salem. Dr. R. Jegathambal, Programme Coordinator, ICAR-KrishiVigyan Kendra, Sandhiyur, Salem appreciated Dr.C.Pradipa, SMS (Agromet), Mr.S.Prabhakaran (Agromet observer), the scientists of KVK and all the other staffs for successful conduct of the programme. More than 200 participants from various sector (Farmers, Students, Researchers and scientists) from all over the country attended the two days online programme.

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