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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 inks MoU with M/s.Ecobiocides and Botanicals Private Limited**

An MoU was signed on 10.10.2023 between Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and M/s.Ecobiocides and Botanicals Private Limited, Theni for large scale commercial production and marketing of botanical formulation “TNAU Sweet Flag 6% EC” in the presence of Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor of TNAU.

This new formulation was developed by the scientists in the Department of Agricultural Entomology, Centre for Plant Protection Studies TNAU, Coimbatore for ecofriendly management of storage pest, especially pulse beetle. TNAU sweetflag 6% EC is prepared using the rhizome extract of a medicinal plant sweet flag (Vasambu), surfactant and co-surfactant. This formulation is effective against the infestation of pulse beetle which is occurring while storing pulse seeds like black gram, green gram, cowpea and bengal gram for a period of six months. On behalf of TNAU, Dr.R.Thamizh Vendan, Registrar and on behalf of M/s. Ecobiocides & Botanicals Private Limited Mr. M. Karunakaran, Managing Director signed the MoU. Dr. E. Somasundaram, Director, Agribusiness Development, Dr. M. Shanthi, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, Dr. S. Jayarajan Nelson, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Scientists of TNAU and officials from the company were also present.

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