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The Editor,

Sir,

To

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

Inauguration of Infrastructural Facilities at TNAU

Various infrastructural facilities created under the NADP Project "Augmenting flower production in Tamil Nadu through elite seed / planting material production and technological interventions' which was implemented in the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping of the Horticultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore during 2020-2022 were inaugurated by the Honourable Vice Chancellor of TNAU on 26.01.2023. The newly established infrastructural facilities which were inaugurated include a training hall with capacity of 100 members, a Video Conference Hall, a Post Graduate Laboratory, a Thiruvalluvar statue and a gate adjacent to the Thiruvalluvar statue inside the TNAU Botanical Garden. These facilities have been established with financial sponsorship from the NADP project. The Thiruvalluvar statue has been sponsored by Rasi Seeds.

The Honourable Vice Chancellor of TNAU, Dr. V. Geethalakshmi inaugurated the infrastructural facilities created in the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping which is located inside the University's 115-year-old Botanical Garden. The Vice Chancellor delivered the Inaugural and Presidential address in the event. The Special Guest for the event was Mr. R. Rajendran, the Managing Director of Rasi Seeds who delivered the Special Address of the event.

The event was organized by the faculty and students of the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping of the Horticultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore under the leadership of the Professor and Head of the Department, Dr. K. Rajamani, with the support of the Dean (Horticulture) of the Horticultural College and Research Institute, Dr. P. Irene Vethamoni.

These facilities have been created to support extension activities such as training programmes and demonstrations to farmers and floriculture entrepreneurs as well as to support floriculture research and education.

A ticketing machine for entry fee collection at the Botanical Garden Entrance was launched in the event to facilitate hassle free entry fee collection and precise documentation, besides enabling reduction in the manpower requirement.

A CAD image of the recently renovated Botanical Garden which has been conceived and designed by PG Scholars of the Department was released during the event. Dr. K. Rajamani, Professor and Head of the Department thanked the guests, sponsors, students and public participated.

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