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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 hosts Convocation for Open Distance Learning Graduates

Several Diploma and Certificate courses are being offered in the Directorate of Open and Distance learning, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore since 2005. These courses are offered in Agriculture and Horticulture based subjects to school drop outs, farming community, self help groups and other unemployed youth with a view to empower them for self employment and to develop as entrepreneurs. For the year 2024, Graduation day for Diploma in Agri Inputs, was organized on 13.02.2024 in TNAU.

Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Director, Open and Distance learning, welcomed the gathering with the introductory address about various Open and Distance Learning Programmes and highlighted the importance of learning the ODL courses. Felicitation addresses were given by Th.M.Mohan, State President, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Input dealers, Th.M.Sathyamoorthi, State Secretary, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Input Dealers Association, Dr.V.Balasubramani, Controller of Examinations, TNAU and Dr.M.Raveendran, Director of Research, and Dr.R.Thamizh Vendan, Registrar, TNAU. Special address was given by Dr.Venkataraman Balaji, Vice President (COL), Common Wealth of Learning, Canada and he highlighted the role of Common Wealth of Learning in education and AgMOOCs in distance education of Agriculture. In this ceremony, Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, honourable Vice – Chancellor of TNAU offered the Presidential Address and she enlightened the gathering with importance of ODL courses and about the various job opportunities which can be got for unemployed youth, Self-help groups and farmers by studying various ODL Courses.

Certificates were distributed to the students studied Diploma in Agri-Inputs Programme and special awards were given to the rank holders by the Vice – Chancellor and Chief Guest and invitees. In this Graduation Day about 706 students were graduated as Diploma holders consisting of 567 male candidates and 139 female candidates from various parts of Tamil Nadu. Among the 49 rank holders 30 were Male and 19 were Female candidates. Finally, Dr.S.Lakshmi, Professor (SST) delivered the Vote of Thanks.

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