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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 organized workshop on “Targeting Energy Crops: Food-Energy Nexus”

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and AxiomGroup of Companies, organized a workshop on "Targeting Energy Crops: Food-Energy Nexus" on 22nd February, 2024 between 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm at Rasi Seeds Hall, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr.A.Raviraj, Dean (Agrl. Engg.), welcomed the dignitaries from Ministry of Environment, Govt. of Kerala, scientists from various ICAR institutes, expert industrialists of Axiom and staff from TNAU. He highlighted the activities of Dept. of Renewable Energy Engineering and research contributions in biofuels and bioenergy generation from energy crops. Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU inaugurated the Workshop and emphasized the interconnected relationship between food production and energy systems under the concept of Food-Energy Nexus. She added on the impact of biofuels and the energy crops, viz., corn, sugarcane, cumbunapier, palm and other agro residues on Indian energy scenarios as well as on mitigating environmental pollution by carbon sequestration.

Mr.G.V.Shankar, Director, Axiom India Pvt Ltd. elaborated on the role of Axiom group of companies in the domains of biofuels, hydrogen energy, fuel cell, water management, soil health and sustainability. Mr.K.R.Jyothilal, Add. Chief Secretary, MoE, GoK, Mr.Narendra NathVeluri, CEO, ANERT, GoK, Dr.R.Ravikesavan, Director, Centre for Plant Breeding & Genetics, TNAU, Dr.Rabi N.Sahoo, Principal Scientist, IARI Delhi, Dr.Navdeep Toor, Chief Operating Officer(Axiom), Dr.G.Hemaprabha, Director, ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, Prof. Venkatesh Meda, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Dr.S.A. Patil, Former Director-IARI and Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad were the key speakers of the workshop who expressed their views and research highlights in the key aspects of bio-energy, energy crops specifically sugarcane, cumbunapier, genomics and phenomics for enhancing crop yield, pre and post-harvest management, soil health and sustainability. Mr.Sudarshan Suryawanshi, Chief Operating Officer, Axiom India delivered the Vote of thanks.

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