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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:

New Executive Committee Elected for 115-year-old Madras Agricultural Students' Union at TNAU

The Madras Agricultural Students' Union (MASU), one of the oldest academic societies in agricultural education in India, has elected its new Executive Committee for the year 2026. MASU, founded in 1911 and registered as a Society in 1923, has played a significant role in promoting agricultural education, research, and scholarly communication for over a century. The first President of MASU was Mr. Cecil Wood, with Mr. De Silva serving as the first Vice-President, and Mr. Ramaswamy Sivan as the first Secretary and Editor of the *Madras Agricultural Journal (MAJ)*. Over the decades, the Society has been associated with several eminent agricultural scientists from Southern India, including Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, who served as a member and office bearer of MASU.

At present, MASU has a strong membership base comprising 603 life and annual members, along with about 6,500 student members as of 2025, which has since increased to 750 life members. The Society has been functioning continuously, contributing to academic discourse and dissemination of agricultural research through its flagship journal.

The election to the Executive Committee of MASU was held on 06 January 2026, with Dr. M. R. Srinivasan, Professor of Agricultural Entomology, serving as the Chief Election Officer. All eligible life members participated in the election process. The following office bearers were elected unanimously by the members: Dr. N. Senthil, Director, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology President; Dr. M. Karthikeyan, Associate Professor (Plant Pathology) – Vice President, Dr. Balaji Kannan, Professor (SWC) – Treasurer, Dr. K. Boomiraj, Professor (Environmental Sciences) – Secretary, Dr. R. Gangaiselvi, Professor (Statistics) – Joint Secretary and Dr. V. Rajan Babu, Assistant Professor (Biotechnology) – Editor-in-Chief

The newly elected Executive Committee members formally assumed charge on 08 January 2026 in the presence of Dr. K. Subrahmaniyan, Chief Patron and Acting Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. The new team is expected to further strengthen MASU's legacy by enhancing academic activities, promoting research dissemination through the MASU Journal, and fostering greater engagement among members.

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