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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:

Veteran Agronomist Dr. Subrahmaniyam Kasirajan to Lead TNAU as Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor

In a significant administrative development at the prestigious Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), **Dr. Subrahmaniyam Kasirajan**, a distinguished agricultural scientist and veteran academician, has been appointed as the **Registrar in-charge** and will perform the duties of the **Vice-Chancellor**.

Distinguished Academic and Research Career

Born on April 20, 1969, in Peralaiyur Village, Vridhachalam, Dr. Subrahmaniyam Kasirajan is an alumnus of Annamalai University (B.Sc. and M.Sc. Agri.) and TNAU, Coimbatore, where he earned his Ph.D. in 2003. His academic excellence was recognized early on with the ICAR Junior Research Fellowship.

He has a rich international research background, having conducted advanced research on degradable plastic mulch at **Zhejiang University, China** (2004-2005) and serving as a **Fulbright Fellow** at **Michigan State University, USA** (2010-2011), where he specialized in microclimate modification.

Leadership and Contributions

Prior to this elevated role, Dr. Subrahmaniyam Kasirajan served with distinction in several key positions:

- **Director**, Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute (TRRI), Aduthurai (since 2022).
- **Professor and Head**, Regional Research Station, Vridhachalam (2020-2022).
- **Dean**, Palar Agricultural College (2018-2019).

- **Programme Coordinator**, KVK Vridhachalam, where he earned the **Best KVK National Award** in 2010.

Research Excellence and Varietal Development

Dr. Subrahmaniyan Kasirajan is widely acclaimed for his research in plastic mulch technology, groundnut agronomy, and Integrated Farming System (IFS) models. His scientific impact is evidenced by:

- **Publications:** Over 150 research and review papers and 5 books.
- **Varietal Release:** Instrumental in the release of 25 crop varieties, including 7 rice, 6 groundnut, 3 sesame, and various millet and pulse varieties for the benefit of the farming community.
- Instrumental in developing and demonstrating the **Integrated Farming System (IFS) model** tailored for the Cauvery Delta Zone, facilitating its widespread adoption.
- **Awards:** Recipient of the ISA Fellow Award (2018), Best Scientist Award (2007), Thiru Nalla Venkattappa Award (2011) and Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) Gold medal award (2025)

He has successfully guided numerous Ph.D. and postgraduate scholars and continues to serve as a peer reviewer for several leading international journals. With nearly three decades of experience in the TNAU system, Dr. Subrahmaniyan Kasirajan's appointment is expected to provide stable and expert leadership to the university during this transition period.

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