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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:

### **Hands-on training in Genome Editing in Crop Plants**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Department of Plant Biotechnology, is conducting a four-day "Hands-on Training in genome editing in crop plants" About 25 students and scientists from various colleges and research institutes across India participated in this training program.

The Hands-on Training commenced with an inaugural ceremony on August 5, 2025. Dr. N. Senthil, Director (CPMB &B), participated in the inauguration session and, in his inaugural address, elaborated on the crop gene editing work done at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and across the globe. He highlighted the rice yield improvement achieved using gene editing at TNAU.

Department of Plant Biotechnology, Professor and Head, Dr. E. Kokiladevi welcomed the gathering and briefed the genome editing work done at TNAU. Dr. L. Arul, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics, gave a special address on plant gene editing. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. K. K. Kumar, Professor, Department of Plant Biotechnology.

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