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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 conducted training programme on ‘Quality Assurance in Agricultural Education and Research’

A training programme on ‘Quality Assurance in Agricultural Education and Research’ was organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Directorate of Planning and Monitoring, from 26.2.2025 to 28.2.2025 at TNAU premises for the University teaching faculty from different centres of TNAU.

In the Inaugural address Dr. R. Thamizh Vendan, Registrar, TNAU emphasised the vital role of skilled professionals in agricultural education and research, who can contribute effectively for the betterment of the institution. He also added to maintain rigorous standards in curriculum development, teaching methodology and research practices, the arrangement of such comprehensive training to faculty members is essential.

In the Felicitation address Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Director, Planning & Monitoring highlighted the importance of the training and ensured such trainings will meet high standards in educational and research programmes in TNAU.

Dr. S. Senthil Vinayagam, CEO, a - IDEA and Head, ESM Division, NAARM, Hyderabad insisted the participants to develop problem solving skills to create innovative solutions which will be of good use to farmers.

Dr. V. Gomathi, Professor and Head, Centre for Agricultural Nanotechnology, TNAU appreciated that the topics chosen are need of the hour particularly emotional wellness and stress management.

Dr. M.R. Srinivasan, Professor (Agrl. Entomology) welcomed the gathering and Dr.T.Samsai, Professor (ARM) delivered vote of Thanks.

The training was given on latest technologies such as Design Thinking in Agricultural Education and Research; IPR, Patent and Copy Rights; Academic Auditing, Assessment, Accreditation and Ranking for Quality Assurance; Finance Management; Digital Teaching Technologies; Budget Auditing; Open Source Tools and Web Resources; Quality Research in Emerging Agricultural Ecosystem; Blended learning techniques for quality higher education; Cyber Security; Empowering agricultural research: Data Analytics, Visualization and reference management; Emotional Wellness and Stress Management. Subject experts from University and outside served as a resource persons. Both theory and hands on training was given on latest technologies.

In the felicitation Address, Dr. S. Mohankumar, Project Director, Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology, TNAU appreciated and congratulated the participants and he added that quality assurance in higher education is essential for maintaining high academic standards and enhancing the student learning experience. To achieve it, this type of refresher training is essential for the staff especially to enhance teaching effectiveness, promoting continuous professional development, and ultimately improving student outcomes. In such a way this training schedule was designed on latest topics needed of the hour. Shared his experience and encouraged the staff to get adapted to the recent advances in education and research.

Felicitation was given by Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Director, Planning and Monitoring, and Dr.V.Balasubramani, Controller of Examinations, TNAU.

So far IQAC has conducted a series of 16 trainings for Teaching, Non - Teaching, Affiliated college Principals, Staff deputed from Annamalai University and Faculty Development Programme for Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Tmt. R.Sasikala, Assistant Professor (Journalism) welcomed the gathering and Dr.K.Ganesan, Associate Professor (Agrl. Entomology) delivered vote of Thanks.

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