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The Editor, Sir.

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

## TNAU conducts International Conference on Environmental Sustainability

The International Conference on Environmental Sustainability (ICES 2025) inaugural ceremony was held on 04.03.2025 at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Under the aegis of the Department of Environmental Science functioning under the Directorate of Natural Resource Management, This event brought the leading experts, researchers, and industry professionals across 5 countries (Australia, China, Oman, Rwanda and Vietnam) to deliberate ground-breaking advancements in environmentally sustainable solutions.

Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor in her presidential address, highlighted that ICES 2025 is designed to share knowledge and ideas under six thematic areas covering air, soil, water, solid wastes, emerging contaminants and environmental management and will showcase world-class work on the existing technologies to control air pollution, soil pollution, and water pollution, remediation of existing and emerging contaminants. She emphasized the need to reduce the carbon footprint through ecofriendly technologies as well adopting life style changes.

Th. V. Thirunavukarasu, IFS, APCCF (Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests) and Principal, CASFOS, Coimbatore, in his address focused on innovative strategies for sustainable environmental management and delineated subsequent development of environmental legislation.

Dr. S. P. Anandh Kumar, IFS, Special Secretary, Sports and Youth Services, Government of Punjab, delivered special address highlighting the role of sustainability in shaping the future of youth.

The event featured a felicitation address by Th. Vivek Kumar P Yadav, Assistant Mission Director, Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission (TNCCM), Department of Environment and Climate Change, Chennai who highlighted the key initiatives of Tamil Nadu Government to tackle climate change and emphasized the importance of sustainability in urban governance, climate action, and industry best practices.

Th. Sivaguru Prabakaran, Commissioner, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation shared the achievements of Coimbatore city by implementing 24x7 water supply scheme, underground sewage system and tertiary treatment of wastewater for reuse in industrial processes.

Dr. M. Muthukumar, Executive Director, Tea Board India, Coonoorunderlined the impacts of climate change on tea production systems.

Dr. K. Ravichandran, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Coimbatore, shared valuable insights on sustainable development and environmental policies.

Book of Abstracts 2025 was released, a comprehensive collection of scholarly work presented at ICES 2025. As a part of the event the veteran TNAU Professors of Environmental Science were honoured for their lifetime contributions to academia

The conference aimed at fostering global collaboration in sustainable environment practices. The inclusion of lead papers from renowned international and national scientists, along with oral and poster presentations, ensures a comprehensive exchange of knowledge and experiences

ICES 2025 served as a platform for sharing innovative research and explore solutions that address contemporary challenges in sustainability and technology.

Dr. P. Balasubramanian, Director, Natural Resources Management, welcomed and Dr.P.Dhevagi, Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, proposed a formal vote of thanks

Atleast 300 scholars across the country and abroad participated.

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