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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 organised 6th International Conference on Plant Physiology

The International Conference on Plant Physiology (ICPP 2025) was inaugurated on December 15, 2025, at the Convocation Hall, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore. The programme commenced at 9.00 a.m. with a prayer and lighting of the lamp.

Dr. M.K. Kalarani, Director of Crop Management, TNAU, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the relevance of plant physiology research in addressing emerging challenges in agriculture. Dr. C. Viswanathan, Joint Director (R), IARI and Honorary Secretary, ISPP, New Delhi, outlined the vision and activities of ISPP, followed by an overview of the conference theme and objectives by Dr. M. Raveendran, Director of Research, TNAU.

In the Special Address, Dr. R. Thamizh Vendan, Acting Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, emphasized the growing importance of translational genomics, integrative plant physiology, and data-driven research for enhancing crop productivity, climate resilience, and environmental sustainability. He highlighted the need to shift from descriptive research to predictive and system-level approaches through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairman, ASRB and President, ISPP, New Delhi, in his Presidential Address, discussed the transformation of plant physiology into an integrative science encompassing molecular biology, genomics, and advanced imaging. He stressed that physiological insights are central to developing resilient cultivars and sustainable technologies essential for long-term food and nutritional security.

The Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi, who highlighted global challenges related to climate change, water, soil, and biodiversity. He emphasized the need to double food production, resource-use efficiency, and quality by 2047 through advances in genomics, plant stress management, carbon capture, water-use efficiency, and innovation-led research.

The programme also featured the release of the ICPP 2025 Souvenir and the ISPP Award Ceremony. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. A. Senthil, Professor & Head (CRP) and Organizing Secretary, ICPP 2025.

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