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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 organized Expert lecture by Prof. David Hughes, Teesside University,  
UK: Research to Practice**

Agricultural Engineering College & Research Institute, TNAU, is conducting a week-long Expert Lecture Series from 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 by Prof. David Hughes, Associate Dean (Research & Innovation), School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies, Teesside University, UK, organized by the Department of Renewable Energy Engineering as part of the SPARC–UKIERI collaboration. Inaugurating the expert lecture by Dr. A. Raviraj, Dean (Agrl. Engg.), highlighted the significance of international collaborations in strengthening research and innovation at TNAU and hands-on knowledge on sustainability materials and life cycle analysis on energy and food systems. Dr.M.Balakrishnan, Professor and Head of the Department of Processing and Food Engineering, delivered the felicitation address, appreciating the initiative and welcoming Prof. David Hughes's to the academic community of TNAU. Dr. R. Mahendiran, Professor, Department of Renewable Energy Engineering, quoted the importance of Prof. David Hughes's expertise and contributions in the industry-academia on sustainability materials development.

Prof. David Hughes, Associate Dean (Research & Innovation), SCEDT, Teesside University, UK, delivered the first session on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 to the students of Masters and Doctoral programs “Industrial Research and Research Clinic”. it was highly interactive, addressing common challenges in research and offering valuable guidance on paper publications.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Prof. David Hughes engaged III B.Tech. Food Technology students with lectures on Packaging for Shelf-life: Barrier Design and Testing for Foods and Lean Thinking in Food Processes: Flow, Waste and Quality, which emphasized packaging innovations, properties barrier mechanisms, and lean principles for enhancing efficiency and reducing waste focusing on Lean thinking and six sigma followed by the hands-on lab sessions From Milk to Bioplastic.

On 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 the interactive session on Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship in Agri-tech also has been handled to the B.Tech. Agricultural Engineering on enriching experience to provide insights into sustainability, food technology and renewable energy.

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