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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:

Training Programme on Mushroom cultivation to SC Students for Income Generation Conducted by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi

A one day training programme on "Mushroom cultivation for income generation" was organized by the Department of Plant Pathology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore to 50 scheduled caste students of Kovai KalaiMagal College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore, on 16.09.2026 through the financial support of All India Coordinated Mushroom Improvement Project of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. The program began with a welcome speech by Dr. K. Angappan, Professor and Head, who stressed the significance of mushroom cultivation as a high-tech horticulture venture that provides more income per unit area through vertical space utilization and supports the socioeconomic livelihood of the student community. Dr. M. Shanthi, Director, Center for Plant Protection Studies, in her special address, pointed out the importance of mushroom production, the nutritional value of mushrooms, and the benefits of value addition for earning additional income. She also mentioned that TNAU would extend necessary technical support for the upcoming entrepreneurs so as to create self employment opportunities among youngsters. Dr G. Thiribhuvanamala, Professor & scheme officer of the project, pointed out the need to develop more young mushroom entrepreneurs to create income-earning opportunities while learning, and she provided

demonstrations and training to the beneficiaries on oyster mushroom cultivation. Dr.P.Mahalakshmi, Asst. Professor delivered strategies for storing of mushrooms, managing pests, diseases, and abiotic disorders in mushroom cultivation. The beneficiaries also received free of cost essential input materials for mushroom production.

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