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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:

Beyond the Board to Academic Excellence: Faculty Development Programme for Agricultural Scientists

A three-day Faculty Development Programme titled “**Beyond the Board to Academic Excellence**” was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Directorate of Planning and Monitoring, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, to enhance the professional competencies of faculty members and equip them with innovative approaches for effective teaching and academic practices.

In his Presidential address, Dr. M. Raveendran, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor of TNAU, emphasized on the vital role of teachers in shaping students’ academic growth, values, skills, and future careers. He also insisted the scientists to focus on adopting innovative teaching methodologies and modern learning approaches to prepare students to meet global standards and emerging opportunities.

Dr. M.R. Srinivasan, Special Officer (Publications), TNAU, in his Special Address pointed out, the need to move beyond the traditional classroom, blackboard and PowerPoint-based teaching by adopting innovative approaches and emerging ideas in education. He also necessitated the importance of **clear** Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) for research and transparent, unambiguous rubrics for student evaluation. In the context of scientific excellence, emphasis was

placed on honest, reproducible and traceable research as the foundation of quality scholarship.

The programme also emphasized the need for continuous professional development and academic excellence in the changing higher education landscape.

The programme featured expert sessions on Artificial intelligence and innovative pedagogy, quality assurance for academic excellence, smart Technologies and emerging Trends in Agricultural Extension, cyber security and data privacy, educational apps in innovative pedagogy, VR, AR & use of COTA in digital teaching, advanced frameworks for Technology impact assessment, game-based learning, strategic guidance for crafting High – value research proposals, the elite blueprint for publishing in Q1 scientific publishing. decoding Indian Education System, teachers ego and emotional intelligence, setting a strong foundation for transformative academic and research leadership.

Dr. S. UmeshKanna, Professor (Forestry) and Training Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and Dr. T. Samsai, Professor (ARM) delivered vote of Thanks.

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