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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

Recognizing the importance of continuous professional development in enhancing research excellence, innovative teaching practices, and academic leadership among 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.

In his inaugural address, Dr. K. Subrahmaniyan, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor of TNAU, highlighted the urgent need to bridge traditional teaching methods with digital innovation. The address emphasized that adopting AI, smart agricultural extension tools, and interactive pedagogies is essential for nurturing the next generation of agricultural leaders and driving institutional growth.

Dr.C. Babu, Dean (SPGS), TNAU, the Keynote Speaker underscored the importance of high-impact research in solving real-world farming challenges. The speaker urged scientists to focus on crafting high-value research proposals, publishing in top-tier Q1 journals, and utilizing technology impact assessments to maximize the practical reach of their work.

The programme featured expert sessions on quality assurance for academic excellence, smart Technologies and emerging Trends in Agricultural Extension, understanding the Indian Education System, cybersecurity and data privacy, Artificial intelligence and innovative pedagogy, including virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), AI-powered pedagogy, advanced frameworks for Technology impact assessment, educational apps, game-based learning, strategic guidance for crafting High – value research proposals and strategies for publishing in Q1 scientific journals.

Sessions on technology impact assessment, emotional intelligence, and effective teaching practices highlighted the importance of holistic faculty development in the rapidly evolving academic landscape. The programme saw active participation from faculty and scientists across departments, setting a strong foundation for transformative academic and research leadership.

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

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