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The Editor,

Sir,

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

MASU Celebrates 77th Republic Day with Honour, Pride, and Recognition

The Madras Agricultural Students' Union (MASU) celebrated the **77th Republic Day** with patriotic fervour at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) campus. The atmosphere resonated with national pride as students, faculty, and dignitaries gathered to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

At the entrance of the venue, MASU President Dr. Senthil N and MASU Secretary Dr. Boomiraj K formally received the Chief Patron of MASU & Vice-Chancellor of TNAU, Dr. Subrahmaniyan K, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. They were joined by MASU office bearers including Joint Secretary Dr. Gangai Selvi R, Treasurer Dr. Balaji Kannan, and Editor-in-Chief of MAJ Dr. Rajanbabu V, whose presence added warmth and significance to the gathering.

Following the formal reception, the National Flag was hoisted by Dr. Subrahmaniyan K, accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem. In his address, he emphasised constitutional values, agricultural innovation, and the responsibility of students toward nation-building. A special feature of this year's celebration was the honouring of officers who ensured the transparent and successful conduct of the MASU Elections 2026, organised after a six-year interval.

The Vice-Chancellor felicitated Chief Election Officer- MASU Election 2026 Dr. M. R. Srinivasan, Professor (Agrl. Entomology) & TNAU Press Election Officers Dr. E. Kokiladevi, Professor & Head (Plant Biotechnology), CPMB&B Dr. A. Subramanian, Professor & Head (Cotton), CPBG Their meticulous work and dedication were recognised with deep appreciation.

MASU acknowledged the tireless service of the Executive Committee members of the 2023–2026 **term**, who were honoured for their significant contributions to student activities and to the growth of MASU and the Madras Agricultural Journal. The celebration continued with the

recognition of students who excelled in various competitions organised as part of the Republic Day events. Activities such as Spell Bee, Photography, Quiz, Sudoku, and a thematic Sketch competition titled “**Freedom from My Eyes**” saw enthusiastic participation.

During the awards ceremony, **students who distinguished themselves in these events were felicitated with certificates and mementos** by the Vice-Chancellor and MASU office bearers, including the President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor-in-Chief. Their creativity and talent reflected the vibrant spirit of the student community.

The programme concluded with a group photograph featuring the Vice-Chancellor, dignitaries, Election Officers, MASU office bearers, and student winners. The event strengthened the spirit of unity and patriotism, echoing MASU’s long-standing tradition of fostering leadership, academic excellence, and service among agricultural students.

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