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The Editor,

Sir,

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

TNAU Conducted Training Programme on GPT for Plant Molecular Studies

A three-day training programme titled “GPT for Plant Molecular Studies” was planned to conduct by the Department of Plant Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (CPMB&B), DBT–Bioinformatics Centre (BIC), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, from 23rd to 25th March 2026. Inauguration was held at the Online Academy Hall, Dean SPGS.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. L. Arul, Professor and Head, followed by the presidential address by Dr. N. Senthil, Director (CPMB&B), TNAU, who emphasized the growing role of artificial intelligence tools such as GPT in advancing plant molecular research. The chief guest address was delivered by Dr. P. Raj Kumar, Dean (Agricultural Engineering), TNAU. A felicitation address was given by Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad.

The training programme included expert lectures, hands-on sessions, and interactive discussions focusing on the application of GPT in plant molecular studies. Participants actively engaged in the sessions, enhancing their knowledge and technical skills.

The programme witnessed participation from a wide range of academic institutions, research centers, and industry organizations across India. Notable participants represented institutions such as Tamil Nadu Agricultural University-- Coimbatore, Horticultural College and Research Institute- Periyakulam, Palar Agricultural College, Bharathiar University- Coimbatore; Bharathidasan University- Tiruchirappalli, Annamalai University- Chidambaram, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)- Vellore, Kerala Agricultural

University, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore; and Rasi Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Salem.

The diverse participation reflected the growing interest in integrating artificial intelligence with plant science research. The programme provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and skill development. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Sridevy, Professor (Computer Science), who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, organizers, and participants for making the programme a grand success.

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