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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:

TNAU Hosts National Science Day

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University's Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (CPMB&B) and the Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology (COXBIT), jointly organized a vibrant school outreach programme on 6th February 2026 at COXBIT as part of the National Science Day 2026 celebrations. The event aimed to foster scientific awareness and encourage curiosity among school students through engaging academic and creative competitiveness.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and teachers representing various schools in and around Coimbatore. A total of 16 schools including CBSE, Matriculation and government schools took part in the event, with 390 students actively participating in a wide range of scientific and creative activities. The outreach initiative served as an excellent platform for young learners to showcase their talents, develop analytical thinking, and cultivate a deeper appreciation for science and innovation.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to participants, highlighting the significance of National Science Day commemorating the discovery of Raman effect by Sir C.V.Raman, and the importance of nurturing scientific temperament among the younger generation. Organizers emphasized that such outreach programmes play a crucial role in bridging the gap between scientific institutions and school students by providing them with first hand exposure to scientific concepts and research environments.

A series of engaging competitions and interactive sessions were organized throughout the day. The oratorical competition provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking skills while presenting scientific ideas with clarity and confidence. The essay writing competition encouraged participants to articulate their thoughts on contemporary scientific themes, thereby enhancing their critical thinking and communication skills. The quiz competition tested students' knowledge across various scientific disciplines, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and collaborative learning.

Creative events such as Canvas Painting and Floral Fiesta enabled students to express scientific concepts through artistic mediums. Participants presented innovative visual interpretations of scientific themes, reflecting both creativity and scientific understanding. The Myth vs Fact competition encouraged students to critically evaluate common misconceptions and distinguish scientific facts from myths, thereby promoting rational thinking and evidence-based reasoning.

Another unique activity, Rank Only Memory, challenged participants' observation and memory skills through engaging tasks designed to sharpen cognitive abilities.

The programme created a lively and interactive learning environment, encouraging students to explore science beyond textbooks. Teachers accompanying the students appreciated the well-structured activities and the opportunity provided for young minds to engage with scientific ideas in a dynamic setting. The organizers noted that such initiatives are instrumental in inspiring students to pursue careers in science and technology.

The outreach event concluded on a high note, with participants expressing excitement and appreciation for the enriching experience. The winners of various competitions will be announced during the extended National Science Day 2026 celebrations scheduled on 28th February 2026.

As a continuation of the celebrations, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University will host a two-day exhibition, conference, and additional competitions for college students on 27th and 28th February 2026 at its Coimbatore campus. These upcoming events aim to further promote scientific innovation, research awareness, and interdisciplinary learning among higher education students.

Dr. N. Senthil, Director, CPMB&B & COXBIT, TNAU, Coimbatore highlighted that through this outreach initiative to promote science education and nurturing the next generation of scientists, researchers, and innovators. The programme successfully highlighted the relevance of science in everyday life and inspired students to explore new ideas, ask questions, and develop a lifelong interest in scientific discovery. He also stated that these events, organized by third-year year B.Tech Biotechnology & Bioinformatics students, aim to further promote scientific innovation, research awareness, and interdisciplinary learning among higher education students.

And finally, Students visiting the Centre of Excellence of Biotechnology (COXBIT) at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, were given a guided tour of advanced facilities including the Molecular Biology Laboratory, Bioprospecting Laboratory, Cold Room, Bioinformatics Laboratory, Technology-Driven Entrepreneurship Unit, and E-YUVA Centre. The visit provided students with exposure to modern biotechnology infrastructure and research environments. Teachers accompanying the students appreciated the high-end infrastructure and well-equipped laboratories available at the centre. The visit offered valuable learning opportunities and enhanced students' interest in scientific research and innovation.

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