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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 celebrated National Science Day

The Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (CPMB&B), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, successfully organized National Science Day on February 28, 2026, at Anna Auditorium, TNAU. The celebration witnessed active participation from colleges and schools, promoting scientific awareness, innovation, and research excellence.

National Science Day is observed every year on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Nobel Laureate Sir C. V. Raman. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has been celebrating National Science Day since 2015. This year's programme was organized under the theme "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat," emphasizing the pivotal role of women scientists and researchers in advancing India towards becoming a developed nation.

The event witnessed participation from 13 colleges, which included 3 Affiliated Colleges, 6 Constituent Colleges, 4 Private Colleges. Nearly 600 college students actively participated in various competitions, oral presentations, poster sessions, and the National Level Symposium conducted. As part of the celebrations, school-level competitions were conducted earlier on February 6 as preliminary events, featuring activities such as oratorical, essay writing, science quiz, canvas painting, Sci-Decode, Floral Fiesta, Myth vs Fact, and Rank-Only Memory contests. The school science exhibition was conducted today, with participation from 9 schools and around 60 students, who displayed innovative models and projects demonstrating their scientific understanding and creativity.

National Science Day celebrations were held on 28th of February with school-level exhibitions and college student competitions. The science exhibition showcased innovative models and research-based ideas presented students. Faculty members and judges appreciated the scientific creativity and practical approach demonstrated by the participants. Various engaging college competitions were conducted, including Stand-Up Science, Memes, Agar Art, Bio Snapping, Logo Fest, Memory Mania, Visions Unveiled. These events combined scientific knowledge with creativity, communication, and teamwork.

The Valedictory Function was held at 4.00 PM at Anna Auditorium. The programme began with the Welcome Address by Ms. B. Gokulasri, III B.Tech (Bioinformatics), followed by the presentation of the comprehensive event report. The valedictory session was graced by Thiru V. Thirunavukarasu, I.F.S., Principal, Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFoS), who emphasized the role of scientific knowledge in environmental conservation and sustainable development. The Prize Distribution ceremony was conducted in the presence of Dr. K. Venkatesan, Ph.D., Dean (Horticulture), TNAU & Dr. P. Balasubramanian, Ph.D., Director (NRM), TNAU

The prestigious Overall School Championship Trophy of National Science Day & Bioconcorrenza'26 was bagged by SBOA School, Coimbatore, for their exceptional performance, innovative exhibits, and consistent excellence throughout the competitions. The Runner-up Trophy was awarded to Dharmasastra School, Coimbatore, for their remarkable scientific creativity and enthusiastic participation in the exhibition and events.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. N. Agathiyan, III B.Tech (Biotechnology). The successful conduct of National Science Day & Bioconcorrenza'26 reflects Tamil Nadu Agricultural University & CPMB&B continued commitment to promoting scientific inquiry, innovation, inclusivity, and research excellence. The event provided a dynamic platform for students from schools and colleges to showcase their talents, exchange knowledge, and cultivate a spirit of scientific exploration aligned with the vision of a developed India.

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