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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 organised Beyond the Board to Academic Excellence Faculty Development Programme for Agricultural Scientists

In a significant step towards strengthening professional competence and promoting lifelong learning, the Internal Quality assurance cell (IQAC), Directorate of Planning and Monitoring, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University organised a 3 day faculty development programme titled "Beyond the Board to Academic Excellence" with the objective of enhancing their professional competencies in research, teaching, and academic leadership for agricultural scientists from various centres.

In his inaugural address, Dr. K. Subrahmaniyan, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor of TNAU, emphasized that academic excellence goes beyond institutional evaluations and performance indicators. He stated that true excellence is reflected in a culture of continuous learning, innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to generating impactful research that addresses the needs of farming communities and contributes meaningfully to the progress of society.

Dr.E. Somasundaram, Director (ABD), TNAU, Education in the 21st century must extend beyond the boundaries of conventional classroom teaching and examination-oriented learning. It should focus on nurturing an entrepreneurial mindset among students by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and practical exposure needed to transform innovative ideas into sustainable enterprises. Achieving this vision requires continuous capacity building of teachers..

In his felicitation address, Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Director of Planning and Monitoring, Faculty members play a pivotal role in inspiring students, integrating emerging technologies into teaching, promoting research-driven learning, and creating an environment that encourages innovation and entrepreneurship. Recognizing this need, the faculty development programme was designed to equip teachers with contemporary pedagogical approaches, advanced research skills, digital teaching tools, cybersecurity awareness, and effective scientific communication.

The programme featured expert sessions on crafting high-value research proposals, understanding the Indian education system, quality assurance for academic excellence, cybersecurity and data privacy, and strategies for publishing in Q1 scientific journals. Participants were also introduced to emerging educational technologies, including virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), AI-powered pedagogy, educational apps, game-based learning, and smart technologies in agricultural extension. Sessions on technology impact assessment, emotional intelligence, and effective teaching practices highlighted the importance of holistic faculty development in the rapidly evolving academic landscape.

Subject experts from the University and other leading institutions served as resource persons, sharing their expertise and practical insights. The programme concluded with a session on key takeaways, reinforcing the need for continuous learning, innovation, and excellence in higher education to meet the challenges of modern agricultural research and education.

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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