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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 RKVY-RAFTAAR-R-ABI Grant disbursement for Start-Ups

TNAU's Agri Business Development, ABIS - Technology Business Incubator, is a GoI - MoA & FW, RKVY - RAFTAAR - R-ABI centre for implementing GoI - RKVY - RAFTAAR - R-ABI programme from 2019 onwards. Under this GoI - RKVY - R-ABI three programmes viz., (i) Student Orientation Programme (SOP) for a grant upto 4 lakhs (ii) Agripreneurship Orientation Programme (AOP) for a grant upto 5 lakhs and (iii) Startup Agribusiness Incubation Program (SAIP) for a grant upto 25 lakhs are being conducted. The MoA & FW has sanctioned grant to 165 startups with an amount of Rs.17.26 Crores from through 7 Cohorts.

The grant disbursement function was held at ABIS - TBI - RABI Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore on July 08th, 2026. Dr. K. Subrahmanian, respected Vice - Chancellor, TNAU presided over the function and distributed the grant to the grantees. A grant amount of Rs.45.40 lakhs for 11 SAIP Cohort 6 Grantees Rs. 30.00 lakhs for 10 AOP Cohort 6 Grantees and Rs. 7.80 lakhs for 4 SOP Cohort 6 Grantees were disbursed as First instalment. In total, Rs. 83.20 lakhs were given to 25 SAIP, AOP and SOP Cohort 6 grantees who are all incubatees of ABIS-TBI, TNAU, Coimbatore.

Dr. K. Subrahmanian, in his presidential address emphasized the need for retaining the youth in agriculture and to support agri based startups to innovate and implement new technologies for sustainable and profitable agribusiness. The disbursed grant will be useful to the grantees for the development of their products and upscaling of their startups in agri and allied ventures.

Dr.E.Somasundaram, Director, ABD welcomed the gathering and Sri.A.V.Gnansambandam, MD & CEO–ABIS, offered the vote of thanks.

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