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The Editor,

Sir,

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

Training Programme for Agricultural Scientists

Recognizing the importance of continuous professional development in enhancing research excellence, innovative teaching practices, and academic leadership among agricultural scientists, a three-day (19 – 21, Aug 2026) Faculty Development Programme "Beyond the Board to Academic Excellence" was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Directorate of Planning and Monitoring, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

The training is designed to enhance the professional competencies of agricultural scientists. The programme covered key areas such as developing high-value research proposals, understanding the Indian education system, quality assurance for academic excellence, cybersecurity and data privacy, and strategies for publishing research findings in high-impact (Q1) scientific journals.

The participants were also exposed to emerging educational technologies, including Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), AI-powered pedagogy, educational applications, 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 to meet the evolving demands of the academic and research landscape.

The training sessions were made more effective and engaging through a blend of hands-on practical exercises, written activities, and computer-based training modules. These interactive approaches provided participants with valuable practical exposure, enhanced their understanding of the concepts, and enabled them to apply the acquired knowledge and skills effectively in their academic and research activities.

Valedictory address was given by Dr. P. Rajkumar, Dean of AEC & RI, TNAU and Dr. K. Venkatesan, Dean of HC & RI, TNAU, and felicitation address was given by Dr. P. Jeyakumar, Director of Planning and Monitoring.

Dr. P.S. Kavitha, Associate Professor (Horti.), welcomed the gathering and Dr. S. UmeshKanna, IQAC Coordinator & Professor (Foresty) delivered the vote of Thanks.

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