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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 organized an Expert Talk on
“Food Safety Regulations and Compliance for MSMEs”**

The Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology (COXBIT), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, organized an Expert Talk on “Food Safety Regulations and Compliance for MSMEs” on 05.06.2026. During the programme, ten selected MSMEs from the food processing and value-addition sector received technical and financial support under the TNAPEX–RAMP Programme included M/s. Aviva Organics Stores, M/s. Bublbox E-Retail Private Limited, M/s. Thennaivanam, M/s. Croptwin Agro Tech Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Nature Mills Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Sherpa Biotech, M/s. Microgreens Seed Disc, M/s. Ziwwit Sustainable Technologies Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Myco Enrich Foods and M/s. Pechi Foods.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. E. Kokiladevi, Professor & Head and Board of Director, COXBIT, highlighted the importance of food safety, quality assurance and value addition in strengthening the food processing ecosystem and promoting entrepreneurship in Tamil Nadu.

The presidential address was delivered by Dr. N. Senthil, Director, COXBIT & CPMB&B, emphasized the role of food safety compliance in improving product quality, consumer confidence and market competitiveness. He also elaborated on the various initiatives undertaken by COXBIT to support startups, entrepreneurs and MSMEs engaged in biotechnology, agriculture, food processing and value-added product development.

The expert session was delivered by Mr. J. Mohanadoss, Food Safety Officer, Coimbatore provided comprehensive insights into the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regulations and food safety compliance requirements. The session covered key aspects including hygiene practices, food packaging and labeling standards, safe food handling procedures, export-oriented food safety certifications, documentation requirements and regulatory guidelines for MSMEs. He also discussed best practices for improving product quality, ensuring regulatory compliance, building consumer trust and expanding market opportunities through adherence to national and international food safety standards. Participants actively interacted with the expert and clarified their queries related to licensing procedures, certifications, food business regulations, and quality control measures.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. V. Rajanbabu, Assistant Professor (DPB), proposed vote of thanks to the dignitaries, expert speaker, MSME’s, TNAPEX–RAMP Programme team and the COXBIT organizing team for making the event a success.

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