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The Editor,

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Sir,

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

### **Bioconcorrenza'15 and PG Biotechnology Seminar Triggered Scientific acumen**

"Bioconcorrenza'15 and PG Biotechnology seminar", a two days national level technical symposium was organized by third year undergraduate students of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics program in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, from Mar. 3-4, 2015.

During Inauguration, felicitation address was given by Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean, Agricultural College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore who pointed out the avenues and opportunities of biotechnology to students.

Dr. S. Mohan, Dean, School of post graduate studies, TNAU, Coimbatore motivated students by his talk, and narrated the history and modern advancement of science and technology in the fields of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics in India.

Dr. C. Divakar Durairaj, Dean, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore showcased the responsibilities of young budding scientists towards participation in scientific conference.

Dr. K. Ilamurugu, Controller of Examinations, TNAU, coimbatore gave valuable information about the effective utilization of available resources for research and encouraged the young minds to get more practical skills.

Dr. N. Regupathi, Director, Students welfare, TNAU elaborated the opportunities that are available in the areas of Biotechnology and Bio-informatics.

The guest of honour Dr. Purnima Sharma, CEO and Managing Director, Biotechnology Consortium India Ltd., New Delhi delivered a valuable talk on career opportunities for fresh

biotech graduates, post graduates and PhD holders. In addition she provided excellent information about the government support and opportunities in entrepreneurship development, management of intellectual property, Technology transfer and regulatory affairs. She also stimulated the student participants to undergo industrial training and stressed the importance of higher studies.

In the subsequent session, Dr. Ravi Maruthachalam from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Trivandrum presented his cutting edge research findings on the novel method of developing haploids in plants.

Finally, Dr. R. Chandrababu, Director, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, TNAU who is the driving force behind the conference, briefed about the key objectives of the symposium and concluded the inaugural session.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Ram Rajasekharan, Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore presented his research findings on plant oils and fats from weeds and introduced us into the new concept of thermogenic foods. He motivated the technocrats by sharing his personal experiences and stressed on business opportunities from every innovation. In the evening, we had a brain storming quiz “BIO-WIZZ” wherein the students of other colleges actively participated. All the sessions and the speech by eminent personalities kindled our knowledge and encouraged us to strive for impeccable research.

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