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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## Award for Department of Agronomy

Under the aegis of the department of Agronomy of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) in the ongoing All India Coordinated Research Project and Puthukkadu Village of Erode comprising of 40 farm finalizes with on acreage of 100 acres, was adopted for empowerment of tribals, since Sept. 2012, through Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

To mobilize and to motivate the tribal people to secure a sustained and stabilized livelihood, Agricultural inputs and other farm resources like seeds, biofertilizers, tree saplings, goat, cattle and chicks and fodder were distributed. Also capacity building was taken up. More so, value addition techniques for millets was given by the University. Monthly training was imparted on the technicalities along with demonstrations.

Farm and on campus visit was attempted by the scientists concerned to attend to the barrage of questions and doubts posed by the tribals. Slew of assistance and guidance was given by TNAU with all out efforts.

Appreciating the functions and other allied activities of the AICRP-IFS of the Department of Agronomy, Best Performing Tribal Sub Plan Centre award was given at the All India Coordinated Research Project – Integrated Farming System – Biennial Workshop 2014.

Paiyur Regional Research Station, working as a segment under AICRP at Dharmapuri District was also bestowed with Best Performing On farm Research Centre, out of other centres. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, appreciated the efforts.

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