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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

**TNAU Vice-Chancellor conferred  
“Life Time Recognition Award”**

Prof. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore has conferred “**Life Time Recognition Award**” by the Confederation of Horticulture Association of India during International Conference on innovative horticulture at Pant nagar, Uttranchal, on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. The award was conferred to him for his outstanding contribution in field of Horticulture and academic leadership focused on Human Resource Development in Agriculture.

Prof (Dr.) N. Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore started his career as assistant professor in TNAU, and was promoted to associate professor in 1986 and further to the post of professor in 1992 and the Dean, 2009. In his career, Dr. Kumar served at various place like HC&RI, (TNAU), Periyakulam, HRS (TNAU), Kodaikanal and Yercaud and at Coimbatore as Dean (Hort.) 2009-2013.

In his career, spanning 35 years he guided more than 21 M.Sc (Hort.) and 13 Ph.D (Hort.) students, out of which five received prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Award. He handled 20 extremely funded projects and is credited to have developed more than 10 varieties and many technologies. Prof. Kumar was convener of the II International Symposium on Papaya held at Madurai, 09-12, December, 2008, besides, 12 national and 3 international conferences. Prof. Kumar visited 19 countries for various international events.

He was institutional in developing and signing MoU with many universities. During his career, Dr. Kumar bagged 5 in house medals and 7 National medals from the organizations for his contribution to Horticulture. He is fellow of AIPBUP and HIS and a member of RAC&QRT of ICAR and chairman and members in various high powered committees.

He was also part of accreditation team of ICAR. Prof. Kumar has published 8 text books and 14 chapters in editorial book, more than 130 research papers in international and National Journal and many monuments and bulletins. Currently, he is providing academic leadership as Vice Chancellor and is focused on the development of Horticulture.

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