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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:

Grantsmanship Workshop to Empower Young Faculty

The Directorate of Research organized a three days “Grantsmanship Workshop” to empower young faculty of TNAU to acquire skills to write winning research proposals to get grants from externally funded projects.

The First Grantsmanship Workshop was inaugurated by **Dr. N. Kumar**, Vice Chancellor and presided over by **Dr. N.K. Krishnakumar**, former DDG (Horticulture), ICAR, New Delhi.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance research grants in augmenting financial support to undertake high quality research. The former DDG (Horticulture) narrated the needs of getting outside financial support and offered a series of strategies to win over the competitive research grants.

Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore, presented the overview of orchestrating a winning proposal besides providing tricks and tactics of getting research grants from various funding agencies. After the presentation, Director of Research, Director (CPMB & B) and a team of taskforce members reviewed 28 research proposals of young faculty from TNAU with reference to title and objectives.

Thereafter, **Dr. M. Raveendran**, Course Director, took the faculty to CPMB & B where they have been assigned three sessions of practical exercise to skeleton the project and the improved version .

On the third day, all participants had presented their projects, got it revised and ready for submission to the funding agencies. The participants expressed that they were extremely happy and such events helped them to empower themselves to get equipped on grantsmanship.

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