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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 with  
“Harit Ratna Award 2019”**

Prof. N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore has been conferred with National Award for Agriculture sector namely “**Harit Ratna Award 2019**” by the All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA) during 5<sup>th</sup> National Youth Convention “Next Generation Agri Innovations: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Employment Generation in Agri and Allied Sector” held on 20- 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyala, Raipur.

The award was conferred to him for dissemination of Rs.30 crore entrepreneurship project for attracting youth in agri business activity and his contribution to increase the impact of Fertigation, precision farming, ultra high density planting system for increasing farmers income and involved in increasing awareness of students and their role for welfare of the society and motivated the students to agriculture sector in Tamil Nadu.

He was institutional in developing and signing MoU with many universities for students’ exchange and research collaborative programmes. . 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 agricultural education and research in Tamil Nadu.

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