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To The Editor, Sir,

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

Inauguration of Scholarship Cell and Orientation Programme on "All about Scholarships"

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University organized one-day orientation programme on "All about Scholarships" to all its constituent and Affiliated Colleges at Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore.

The central and state governments focus in providing a hustle-free platform for scholarships through variety of schemes to students for their higher education. In order to strengthen the bridge between the government providing scholarship schemes and students, a "Scholarship Cell" was established in the Office of the Dean (Agricultural College and Research Institute), TNAU, Coimbatore. The aim of the scholarship cell is to coordinate all the constituent and affiliated colleges of TNAU with the undergraduate, Diploma and post graduate scholarships & fellowship governed activities.

As a part of mandatory activities of Scholarship cell an one-day orientation programme on "All about Scholarships" was conducted to Institute Nodal Officers (INOs), administrative staff of the all constituent and Affiliated Colleges at Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore.

Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, opened the "Scholarship cell" at Dean (Agriculture) AC & RI, Coimbatore. In her inaugural address in the orientation programme she mentioned that scholarship is a financial aid provided by the government to students to reduce their financial burden for their higher education and create a strong foundation in their success. She added that various measures are being taken by the university to ensure that no student is deprived of getting the benefit from the government. As a first step, 'Scholarship cell" is established in the Dean (AC & RI) Coimbatore to coordinate all the colleges for smooth

functioning of scholarship related activities. A Scholarship manual was released in the occasion.

Dr. R.TamilVendan, Registrar, TNAU delivered a keynote speech at the ceremony, instructed that all the college principals should ensure that all the students are sensitized on various scholarships provided by the government and should should reach them without any leakage. Further Chairman of scholarship cell, Dean (Agriculture), Dr. N. VenkatesaPalanichamy, the scholarship cell will guide the students regarding all type of scholarships addressed that various welfare programs are being conducted. Deputy Registrars Dr. N. Ganapathy (Education) and Dr. S. Muthuswamy (Affilation) participated in the training programme and highlighted the scholarship procedures and time limits and timely submission of applications.

Scholarship Nodal Officer Dr. P. G Kavitha explained various scholarship schemes of Central and State Governments and the steps for applying through the National Scholarship portal. Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR) Nodal Officers Dr. K. Prabhakaran and Dr. K. Saraparwin Banu explained about ICAR scholarships and processes involved in ICAR-Accreditation. Scholarship Nodal Officer Dr. R. Sudhakar delivered the vote of thanks. Principals, Assistant professors and office staff from 18 constituent and 28 affiliated colleges under Tamil Nadu Agricultural University participated in this orientation programme.

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