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The Editor,

Sir,

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

TNAU inaugurated Short Course on Environmental Impact Assessment

The Agricultural Engineering College & Research Institute (AEC&RI), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, inaugurated a Short Course on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) at Seminar Hall I today. The programme aims to enhance knowledge and skills in environmental assessment, sustainable development, and project appraisal among agricultural engineers and allied professionals.

The inaugural session was held under the leadership of Dr. R. Thamizh Vendan, Acting Vice-Chancellor, TNAU. Dr. A. Raviraj, Dean (Agricultural Engineering), AEC&RI, delivered the inaugural address, highlighted the industrial importance of EIA, and released the course workbook. The course is designed to cover legal frameworks, scoping, impact analysis, public hearing, and appraisal processes through interactive lectures and practical sessions. Dr. A. Bharani (Professor & Head, ENS, DNRM), who highlighted the real-time difficulties in EIA and encouraged participants to pursue sustainability studies.

Dr. S.K. Rajkishore, Assistant Professor, Department of Renewable Energy Engineering, welcomed the gathering and briefed the objectives and structure of the course.

Around 48 participants from KIT, Coimbatore; NASF; CIT, Coimbatore; and various departments of TNAU are taking part in this training programme. The event marks another step forward in TNAU's commitment to developing environmentally responsible professionals equipped to address contemporary challenges in agriculture, infrastructure, and resource management.