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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## TNAU organises "Orientation Training for Newly Recruited Pro Deputy Collectors"

The Directorate of Extension Education, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore organised Orientation Training to 18 newly recruited Pro Deputy Collectors Tamil Nadu (Group 1 Officers) during  $04^{th} - 10^{th}$  August 2025 at TNAU. Dr.R.Thamizh Vendan, Acting Vice-Chancellor of TNAU interacted with the Pro Deputy Collectors and advised that being administrative officers and policy decision makers, always keep in mind of serving to the downtrodden and neglected people in the society. Further, the Acting Vice-Chancellor insisted to keep agriculture as focused and prime area of development which provides food and nutrition to all.

Dr. P. P. Murugan, Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore narrated the TNAU initiatives for the welfare of farmers and stakeholders. TNAU is involved using new methods and approaches to connect the end users. Further, it works on promotion of Organic Agriculture, Plant Protection, High yielding varieties in Agriculture and Horticulture crops, Millet cultivation, Value addition technology, Drone technology, Digital Platforms and modernised implements.

The one-week training covered, various institutional visit within TNAU. It planned to orient with Transfer of technology Activities of TNAU, Agri Educational Opportunities in TNAU, Recent Advances in Agricultural Engineering Research, TNAU Research Programmes, Seed Production and Distribution System in Tamil Nadu, Agricultural Meteorology Advisories to Farmers, Advance Horticultural Technologies, Accelerated Vermicomposting unit, Animal Husbandry enterprises for empowering Farm Income, Soil Health Management and Technologies and Nano Technology, Recent Advances in Post Harvest & Value addition technologies, Recent Reforms in Agricultural Marketing, Role of Crop Boosters in Plant Growth and Productivity, Integrated approaches for Pest & Disease Management, Agricultural startups, Incubates and Entrepreneurship Initiatives of TNAU, Micro Irrigation Technologies and Drone Application, Recent Advances in Organic Farming.

Besides Visit to Insect Museum, Kisan Call Centre, Community Radio, Educational Media Centre, Computer Centre and TNAU Library was arranged.

Dr. N. Anandaraja, Professor and Head (Training Division), Directorate of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore briefed on the training objectives. The participants were from the District Administration of Salem, Erode, Madurai, Kanniyakumari, Theni, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Virudhunagar, Dharmapuri, Trichy, Namakkal, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Vellore and Thanjavur. The formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.C.Cinthia Fernandaz, Associate Professor (Agrl. Extension), DoEE.

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