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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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

**TNAU organized training on Value Addition in
Traditional Proso Millet Varieties**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Agro Climate Research Centre, Directorate of Crop Management, organized a one-day training programme on “Value Addition in Traditional Proso Millet Varieties” on 22.09.2025. The programme was conducted under the scheme “Exploiting Climate Resilient Crops for Improving Nutritional Security under Projected Climate Scenario in Developing Countries”, sponsored by Grand Challenges Canada. Dr.S.Kokilavani, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Meteorology) welcomed the gathering and highlighted the role of climate change adaptation strategies in traditional Proso Millet cultivation. The overarching theme of the training was to create awareness on cultivation, production and consumption of nutritious traditional Proso Millet varieties and their value-added products, thereby contributing to improve the nutrition and resilience against lifestyle-related diseases. The training was presided over and inaugurated by Dr. M. K. Kalarani, Director, Directorate of Crop Management who elucidated about the central and state schemes related to the minor millets and the crop specific zone for the minor millets. Dr.N.K.Sathyamoorthy, Professor and Head, ACRC detailed the application of weather information in Proso Millet cultivation practices.

Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Professor and Head, Centre for Post Harvest Technology, explained about the heritage importance of traditional Proso Millet detailed in sangam literature. Dr.Saraswathy Eswaran, Secretary, Ramasamy Chinnammal Trust (RCT), shared insights on the role of NGOs in entrepreneurship development and their contribution to doubling farmers’ income. Dr.V.M.Malarkodi, Professor (HRM), Department of Agricultural and Rural Management, CARDS presented on “Marketing and Export opportunities of Traditional Proso Millet Varieties” The programme witnessed the participation of 20 farmers from Yercaud, Salem District. The participants were provided with practical knowledge on cultivation aspects, food safety and marketing strategies of traditional Proso Millet. The traditional rice-based health mix sample developed under this scheme was distributed to all the participants. The programme was concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. P. Geetha, Professor (FSN) who also shared her experiences in value addition and product development.

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