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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:

Tamil Nadu Legislative Estimate Committee Review at TNAU

Tamil Nadu Legislative Estimate Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Gandhirajan, MLA along with 10 members visited the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 17.07.2025 and reviewed the various government schemes. The Vice – Chancellor Dr. R. Thamizh Vendhan welcomed the gathering. The committee visited the TNAU Insect Museum and Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology (COXBIT). In the Insect Museum, committee reviewed the infrastructures like Digitization of insects, DNA barcoding, Insect hologram, Guided audio tour etc. The team appreciated the infrastructure development for insect museum along with more than 50,000 preserved insects on various groups for the benefit of school / college students and farming community.

The committee also visited the COXBIT complex and reviewed the infrastructures developments for advanced research in Biotechnology. Demonstrations on low cost coconut dehusking machine, drone spraying of nutrients and pesticides, telescopic coconut harvesting machine, plantrox app for pest and disease diagnosis etc. They visited the exhibition comprising of Agri Startups products, biocontrol agents for management of coconut rugose spiralling whitefly and maize fall armyworm, inputs for sustainable crop production.

A Farmers interaction meeting was organized along with the progressive farmers of Coimbatore district in which the various problems faced by the farmers viz., coconut root wilt disease, large scale production and supply of biocontrol agents for coconut whiteflies, pest and disease management in banana and wild animal problems.

Tree planting was done by the dignitaries in the COXBIT premises. The Estimate Committee members namely, Mr.P.R.G.Arunkumar, Mr.Rama Karumanickam, Mr.Ma.Chinnadurai, Mr.S.Sudarsanam, Mr.Saveur S. Ramachandran, Mr.S.B.Venkateswaran, District Collector Mr.Pawankumar K.Kiriappanavar, Dr.K.Srinivasan, Mr.P.Subramaniam, Mr.S.Balakrishnan, University Officials, higher officials from the department of Agriculture – Farmers Welfare and TNAU staff attended the programme. Mr.Pawankumar K. Kiriappanavar, Dr.K.Srinivasan, Mr.P.Subramaniam, Mr.S.Balakrishnan, University Officials, higher officials from the department of Agriculture – Farmers Welfare and TNAU staff attended the programme.

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