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To  
The Editor,  
Sir,

Date: 08.02.2023

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

### **TNAU Entomology Scholars secure UGC- SJSGC**

Women's education is an effective form of women empowerment. The Government of India has made several initiatives to improve the status of women, including scholarship to higher education for girls. To attain and encourage girls' education, the University Grants Commission, established the Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child (SJSGC).

SJSGC is a Fellowship Scheme for pursuing studies culminating to a Ph.D. degree. This scheme's target demographic is the "single girl child" or the sole girl child in the household who does not have a sibling. The number of fellowship seats will be determined each year based on qualified applications that are complete in every regard and are published electronically.

Fellowship opportunities for the year 2022 were available in September 2022. Ph.D scholars V.P. Abarna, S.V. Dharini, S. Paripoorani and K.Elakkiya from the Department of Agricultural Entomology at TNAU, Coimbatore, presented their research proposal to UGC for consideration of the SJSGC Fellowship. The results of the selected candidates were published online on 06.02.2023 in the UGC website. All four students have been chosen for the fellowship. The Vice – chancellor, The Dean (SPGS), The Director (CPPS), The Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology and other academic staff commended the students on their achievement to excel in research.

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