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## **MESSAGE**

In the backdrop of declining land resources, the future of Agriculture is purely dependent on adoption of modern technologies. Agricultural Extension system shoulders the responsibility of disseminating those technologies to the farming community and thereby plays a significant role in increasing the farm production.

In the past decade, Information Technology has successfully transformed the entire world into a global village. **As envisioned by the Hon'ble Chief Minister**, Tamil Nadu has become a leader all over the Nation in exploiting the Information Technology tool in Agriculture for faster and effective transfer of technology to farmers. The AGRISNET portal developed by the Department of Agriculture has been enabled with various platforms for giving advisory to farmers on latest technologies, weather forecast, input availability and market trend. Further, two modules viz., Farm Crop Management System (FCMS) and Comprehensive Input Supply Management System (CISMS) have been recognized as best tools in the country and Government of India has given National e-Governance Gold Award to Tamil Nadu.

Now, efforts are being taken to effectively harness this portal for multiple uses such as implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Soil Health Card, Mobile apps for daily reporting system in Agricultural Marketing, Automation of entire Seed Production System and online monitoring of all infrastructure facilities such as Analytical laboratories, State Seed farms and various Schemes implemented in the State.

I strongly hope that strengthening this portal is a right step in the direction of creating a strong Information System for the betterment of farmers. I thank all the officers involved in this task and request all to make use of this portal to keep abreast of the latest information.

  
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