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**Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor, Thiru R.N.Ravi of
Tamil Nadu inaugurated Herbal & Aroma Garden
and Cacti House at TNAU, Coimbatore**

The Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor, Thiru R.N.Ravi inaugurated the newly added components of the Botanical Garden viz., Herbal & Aroma Garden and Cacti House at TNAU campus today (31.10.2021).

The Herbal and Aroma Garden is a rich repository of aromatic, herbal and medicinal species comprising of 150 medicinal and aromatic species which will serve as a learning centre for students and researchers to know about the economic and medicinal value of these species.

The Honourable Governor planted Rudraksha plant (*Elaeocarpus ganitrus*) which is a much acclaimed medicinal and sacred tree of India at the Herbal and Aroma Garden. The newly opened Cacti House is yet another collection of nearly 220 species comprising of cacti, succulents including *Adenium*. The Cacti and succulent plants collection is one of the attractive component of the Botanical Garden.

The Botanical Garden of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore was established in an area of 47.70 acres during the year 1908 and is one of the important botanical gardens in India. It

is home to a diverse and rich collection of native and exotic flora and is considered a valuable asset to the State and the country owing to its rich floral wealth.

The TNAU Botanical Garden was recently renovated at an outlay of Rs.9.0 crores for the benefit of students, public and farmers. The attractive components of the garden include Gazebo, Sunken garden, Bambusetum, Palmetum, Plant Conservatory, Japanese Garden, Orchid house, Arboretum, Aquatic garden and Native Woodlot.

The Hon'ble Governor also visited the TNAU Insect Museum which is India's first of its kind museum consisting of more than 70,000 insect specimens including crop pest, predators and parasitoids.

In this occasion, Dr.N.Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Secretary to Governor Thiru. Anandrao V.Patil, I.A.S, District collector Dr G.S. Sameeran, I.A.S., Registrar of TNAU, Dr. A.S. krishnamoorthy, Dr.L.Pugalendhi, Dean (Horticulture) and Dr.K.Rajamani, Professor & Head, Floriculture & Landscape Architecture were present.

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