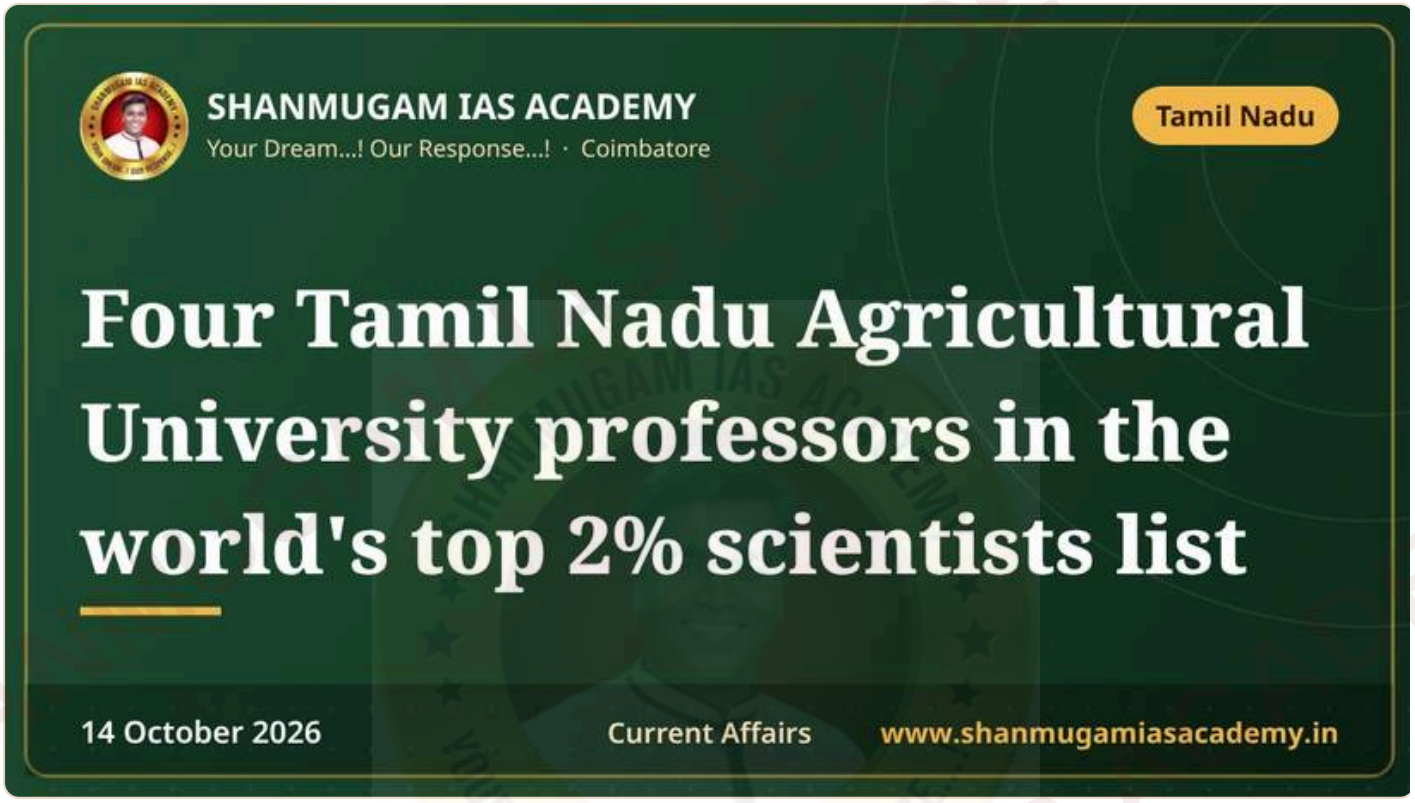
Four Tamil Nadu Agricultural University professors in the world's top 2% scientists list

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News

Four professors of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, are in the 'World's Top 2% Scientists' list by Stanford University (USA) and Elsevier (2026 edition, released 7 Oct): acting Vice-Chancellor Ravindran, former Director of Research Subramanian, Agricultural Microbiology head Sivakumar and Crop Physiology professor Janakiraman. Only two were on the list last year. Six professors of Periyar University, Salem, are also on the list.

Key facts

List	Stanford–Elsevier 'World's Top 2% Scientists' (2026, released 7 Oct)
TNAU professors	Ravindran, Subramanian, Sivakumar, Janakiraman (2 last year)
Basis	Composite citation indicator incl. citations and h-index; 22 fields, 174 subfields
Lead	Prof. John P.A. Ioannidis, Stanford
India	Among Indian institutions IISc Bengaluru leads, followed by IIT Delhi

Background

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was set up at Coimbatore in 1971; its farm-college tradition goes back to the 1868 agricultural school at Saidapet.
- Elsevier is a Netherlands-based science publisher (the Scopus database). The h-index was devised by Jorge Hirsch (2005).
- Note: it is not four from all of Tamil Nadu – many from several institutions are listed; 'four' refers to TNAU alone. It is a list, not a ranking.

Tamil Nadu link: TNAU (Coimbatore) and Periyar University (Salem) are both Tamil Nadu State universities. Dr M.S. Swaminathan, father of India's Green Revolution, studied at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

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