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The Editor,

Sir,

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

Pest and Disease Surveillance & Forecast report for February 2011

Pest and disease surveillance was carried out in different districts of Tamil Nadu. During this month pest and disease incidence was found below economic threshold level in the districts.

Hence, farmers are advised to monitor the movement of adult insects by setting up of light traps, yellow sticky traps and pheromone traps. If necessary they can use Neem seed kernel extract 5% to manage the pests in early stage itself. Use of chemical insecticides may be restricted unless otherwise needed.

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