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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

**Valedictory function of the Model Training Course on
Multi Nutrient Management in Soils and Crops in TNAU**

The valedictory function of the model training course on “Good Agricultural Practices for alleviating multi nutrient deficiencies in soils and plants” for the middle level extension officers of Department of Agriculture and Horticulture from throughout the nation was held in the department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry.

Twenty extension officers from the states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Kerala, Andaman Nicobar, Karnataka, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu participated in the training conducted from 21.11.16 to 28.11.16.

The training course was sponsored by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.

Dr. P.Malarvizhi, Professor (Soil Science) and Deputy Registrar briefed about the training. She added that in the context of increasing multi nutrient deficiencies, the different lectures and exposure visits arranged during the training will be highly useful for the trainees. During the training period, exposure visits were arranged to Nutriseed pack Unit, Micronutrient mixtures Unit, Liquid formulations production unit, Microbial formulations production Unit, DRDO lab in Bharathiyar University.

Dr. K. Kumar, Special Officer (DNRM) in his felicitation address emphasized the importance of maintaining soil organic matter for increasing the crop productivity. He suggested that the biomass should be recycled as manure by composting instead of burning them.

Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director (Crop Management) in her address insisted that maintenance of soil health is important for sustainable agriculture. For ensuring food and nutritional security, measures such as integrated nutrient management, balanced fertilization, inclusion of legumes in crop production, insitu incorporation of green manures and integrated farming system should be adopted. In the feedback given by the participants, they thanked the organizers for the successful conduct of the training and the highly useful informations given during the course of the training.

Dr. K.Ramasamy, Vice chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University distributed the certificates to the participants and gave valedictory address. In his address, he compared the technologies followed by our ancestors with the present day technologies. He also insisted the need for assessing soil health and technologies for maintaining soil health. He explained about demand driven nutrient supply using foliar diagnosis. He asked the trainees to apply the technologies learned in the training in their places of work so that it will be useful for the farming community.

Earlier, Dr.K.Arulmozhiselvan, Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry welcomed the gathering. Finally, Dr.T.Chitdeshwari, Professor, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, proposed vote of thanks.

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