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The Editor,

Sir,

To

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

Farmers Interactive Workshop in TNAU

On the eve of International year of Pulses 2016, an interactive workshop on "Role of Bioinoculants in Sustainable Agriculture" organized by the Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore on Dec. 28, 2016. The workshop arrived at popularizing recent advances in the bioinoculants technology.

About 75 farmers from various districts of Tamil Nadu and State Agricultural Department officials involved in the production of Bioinoculants participated in the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore and felicitated by Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education, TNAU.

TNAU scientist interacted with the farmers and Department officials on the latest developments in bioinoculant technology.

A demonstration on "Method of bioinoculant applications & production technology" was conducted in the afternoon session. A demonstration on "seed treatment of pulses with freeze dried concentrated *Rhizobium* biofertilizer" was also given. The participants as well visited the biofertilier production unit, TNAU.

Dr. K. Kumar, Special Officer welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Marimuthu, Professor and head delivered the vote of thanks.

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