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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:

### **Tribal Sub - Plan Training**

A modern Millet Processing Unit was established by the Seed Centre of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at the cost of Rs.5.00 lakhs at Thavalapatti, a Tribal hamlet in Attur taluk of Salem District, under the Tribal sub-plan programme of ICAR, New Delhi.

The Millet Processing unit comprising of seven equipments viz., Destoner cum Grader cum aspirator, Millet mill, Pulveriser, Grader with Aspirator, Dehuller, Grain Polisher and Polybag packing machine was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice- Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore on 21-2-16. A one day awareness cum training programme was also organized to offer a demo and ‘hands on training’ on the usage of the new machineries was given to the identified tribal farmers.

An exhibition on minor millet seed production technologies, value addition of minor millets, tapioca and castor cultivation aspects, management of pest and diseases, soil health testing, deworming of live stocks and veterinary health campaign was also organized. Scientists from TNAU delivered lectures on various latest technologies in minor millet cultivation and value addition. About 400 tribal farmers of the village participated in this training programme. The minor millet seed packets were also distributed to 200 farmers. The event was jointly organized by KVK, Sandhiyur and Tapioca and Castor Research Station, Yethapur.

Dr. S. Manickam, The Professor and Head, Tapioca and Castor Research Station, Yethapur welcomed the gathering. Dr. H. Philip, Director, Extension Education and Dr. P. Selvaraju, Professor and Head, Seed Science and Technology, Coimbatore delivered special addresses to emphasise the importance of millet cultivation.

Dr. N. Sriram, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sandhiyur delivered the vote of thanks.

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