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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:

### **Workshop on Vetiver in TNAU**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) and India Vetiver Network (INVM) organised a workshop on Vetiver at TNAU, Coimbatore on 11-4-2016.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU delivered the inaugural address and underlined the significance of vetiver in multisectoral applications. The Vice Chancellor stated that research in vetiver needs more focused more on the root to unveil the valuable aroma compounds which have good market world over. This species is getting global importance and requested the scientists, NGOs, farmers and entrepreneurs to promote and develop into a rural enterprise to improve the livelihood of farmers.

In this workshop, Dr. Paul Truong, Technical Director, The Vetiver Network International delivered the presidential address. He highlighted the significance of vetiver in mitigation of the polluted environment especially water. He mentioned the scope of education, research and development relevant to vetiver system and requested the research scholars to make use of the opportunity.

Mr. C. Ashok Kumar, India Vetiver Network, Dr.V.Sundaresan, Scientist in charge, CIMAP, Bangalore, Dr. P. Lakshmanaperumalsamy, Emeritus Professor, Bharathiyar University and Dr. S. Mariappan, Dean (Hort.), Horticultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore delivered the felicitation address. Mrs.Vanitha Mohan, the noted environmentalist and the founder of Siruthuli offered her felicitation address and wished vetiver to be one of the components for restoration of polluted water bodies.

Many farmers, entrepreneurs, NGOs, environmentalists, scientists from other institutes and students participated in the workshop. Different aspects on improved technologies, varieties in vetiver, essential oil extraction, and value addition, role of vetiver in bioengineering and environmental restoration technologies, carbon sequestration, environmental protection, waste water and contaminated land treatment were discussed.

Farmers shared their success in vetiver cultivation and value addition. Earlier, Mr. P. Haridas, Co-ordinator, India Vetiver Network welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Rajamani, Professor and Head, Dept. of Medicinal and Aromatic Crops proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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