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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## One day workshop on Organic Vegetable Farming

One day workshop on Organic Vegetable Farming was conducted in the Department of Sustainable Organic Agriculture on 8.12.2017 as a part of the National Conference on New Vistas in Vegetable Research towards Nutritional Security under Changing Climate Scenario. More than eighty participants comprising of Scientists, Department officials and post graduate students participated and get benefited by this workshop. Dr. E. Somasundaram, Professor and Head narrated the importance of organic vegetable farming, organic input production techniques, weed control methods and pest and disease management practices. An exhibition on organic inputs was arranged. Demonstrations on five leaf herbal insect repellant, 3G extract, neem leaf extract and pest repellant cafeteria were done by Dr. Ganesan, Assistant Professor (Entomology) of this Department.

Finally, the participants were taken to the field by Dr. P. Prasanna Kumar, Senior Research Fellow who explained the organic IFS model, Silpaulin weed composting and Nutritional vegetable gardening at the Eastern block farms, TNAU, Coimbatore. Dr. T. Arumugam, Professor and Head, Dept. of Vegetable Sciences, HC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore and organizing Sectary of the Conference supported the programme. Dr Kumanan, Asst. Prof. (Hort.) and Dr. M. Karthikeyan, Asst. Prof. (Plant Pathology) assisted the Workshop.

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