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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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

**TNAU conducts Training Programme on
Balanced Fertilization for Sustaining Soil Health**

In lieu of world soil day, a training programme on “Balanced Fertilization for Sustaining Soil Health” was organized under the ICAR-AICRP-STCR, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Directorate of Natural Resource Management, TNAU, Coimbatore at Sadivayalpathy Tribal hamlet, Thondamuthur Block, Coimbatore district on 14.12.2022 to enlighten the tribal farmers about soil health management. The main objective of the programme is to popularise the benefits of Balanced Fertilization for Sustaining Soil Health among the tribal farmers. Dr. S. Maragatham, Professor (SS&AC) and STCR - Scheme in charge welcomed the officials of TNAU and Department of Agriculture and participants of the training programme. Dr. S. Maragatham, Professor (SS&AC) and STCR - Scheme in charge summarized the activities carried out under AICRP-STCR and enlightened about the need for adoption of STCR-IPNS technology in field crops. Dr. P. Malathi, Associate Professor (SS&AC) emphasized the importance of soil testing and adoption of latest technologies in horticultural crops for the improvement of soil health. Dr. R. Rajeswari, Assistant Professor (SS&AC) explained the software’s available for making fertilizer recommendation for various crops based on soil test values. Dr.V.Davamani, Associate Professor (ENS) narrated the importance of recycling crop residues using microbial cultures and its application in soil to promote soil health and quality.

Dr. R.Santhi, Professor and Head, Dept of SS&AC in her technical address highlighted the importance of soil health and detailed about the ways and means for maintaining soil health through integrated nutrient management. Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Director, Directorate of Natural Resource Management in his presidential address explained about the fertility status of the tribal village and thrown light on conservation of natural resources. Soil Health Cards were distributed to the tribal farmers.

An exhibition was arranged and Dr. R. Rajeswari, Assistant Professor (SS&AC) narrated about soil sample collection, nutrient deficiency symptoms, demonstrations and trainings conducted under AICRP-STCR in different villages of Tamil Nadu. Dr. P. Malathi, Associate Professor (SS&AC) proposed vote of thanks. About forty four farmers including 22 woman farmers have participated in this programme and benefited.

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