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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

Hands on training programme on “Integrated Weed Management” to Scheduled Caste Farmers of Tamil Nadu

All India Coordinated Research Project on Weed Management, Department of Agronomy, TNAU has assigned a task of conducting training programme on “Integrated Weed Management” to scheduled caste farmers under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan of Indian Council of Agricultural Research during 2021-22. One day training programme on “Integrated Weed Management” was conducted at Puravipalayam, Pollachi Taluk, Coimbatore District on 11.03.2022.

There are about 50 farmers participated and benefited about integrated weed management. The scheduled caste coconut farmers were trained with herbicidal weed management in the cropped and non cropped areas and also they have exposed with different herbicides. This programme was presided over by the Dr. C.R.Chinnamuthu, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy delivered herbicidal weed management to the scheduled caste farmers and distributed the inputs viz., hand hoe, steen pan and Pendimehtalin herbicide. He highlighted about herbicides recommended for different crops and their safe usage, in particular he explained in detail about herbicidal weed management for maize and clarified the farmer’s queries. Dr.N.Vadivel, Associate Professor (Agronomy) delivered special lecture on “Major and minor millets cultivation practices and special emphasis to Sorghum cultivation. Mr. Ameer, Assistant Agriculture Officer explained about the different farmers welfare schemes in operation at Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu. Dr.P.Murali Arthanari, Associate Professor and Principal Investigator; AICRP Weed Management explained the selection, time of application and method of application of herbicides to the field crops. Later, the ill-effects of Parthenium and its management were also explained and demonstrated the methods of spraying of herbicides for cropped and non cropped areas.

Mr.Nagarathinam, President, Puravipalayam Town Panchayat felicitated the gatherings. The final year students of TNAU who are in the Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) programme also participated and interacted with the farmers. Finally, Dr.C.Bharathi, Assistant Professor (Soil Science) proposed Vote of Thanks.

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