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The Editor,

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Sir,

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

Training on Organic Agriculture to Tribal Farmers

Two days training programme on Organic Agriculture was conducted by the Department of Sustainable Organic Agriculture during 28th - 29th October 2015 for 25 tribal farmers of Sadivaiyal and Seengapathy villages of Coimbatore district under the Network Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) –Tribal Sub Plan. PRA approaches were conducted on 13.10.15 at Sadivayal & Seengapathy to identify the needs of tribal farmers in the organic agriculture.

The first day started with inauguration and welcoming the participants by Dr.E.Somasundaram, Professor & Head, Department of Sustainable Organic Agriculture where is he emphasized on the nutrient and weed management in the organic farming system.

Demonstrations on seed treatment using biofertilizers was explained by Dr. R. Subhashini, Asst. Professor (Agrl. Microbiology) and organic manure preparation like vermicompost and panchagavya using biological wastes was explained by Dr.A.Bharani, Asst. Professor (ENS). The lecture on Pest and

Diseases Management in Organic Agriculture was explained by Dr.K.Ganesan, Asst. Professor (Agrl. Entomology).

On the second day, organic certification was explained by Dr.R.Jansirani, Professor (Agrl. Extension). An exhibition of organic inputs were displayed. The organic inputs like Biofertilizers, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Trichoderma viride*, Biomineralizer, Azophos etc., were distributed to the tribal farmers and silpauline vermibed unit was installed at Sadivaiyal and Seengapathy villages.

The scientists of the Department of Sustainable Organic Agriculture was appreciated by Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director (CM), TNAU, Coimbatore for the successful conduct of the two days training programme.

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