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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:

Refresher Course in TNAU

A refresher course with ten days duration on plant parasitic nematodes has been commenced on Sept. 28 2015 at the Department of Nematology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore under All India Coordinated Research Project on Nematodes in Cropping Systems, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

Dr. C.R. Ananda Kumar, Acting Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme and delivered the presidential address By stressing the importance of Plant Parasitic Nematodes and their role in reducing the crop productivity by around 30 percent. He also highlighted the necessity to manage these nematodes using biological methods. He also released the course manual.

Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU felicitated the programme and narrated the role played by AICRP on nematodes at the national level in order to bring out an integrated management approach for nematodes.

Dr. K. Ramaraju, Director of Centre for Plant Protection Studies, TNAU gave the course introduction and narrated the importance of the course. He projected the milestones involved in the development of Nematology at TNAU. He also gave an introduction about the course, its significance and objectives.

Earlier Dr. S. Subramanian, Professor and Head and the Course Director, Department of Nematology welcomed the gathering. Finally Dr. K. Poornima, Professor and Co-Director of the course and Scheme officer for AICRP on Nematodes proposed a vote of thanks.

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