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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:

**Awareness Campaign on Importance of Micronutrients for Crops
in TNAU**

All India Coordinated Research Scheme on Micro and Secondary Nutrients and Pollutant Elements in Soils and Plants which is functioning in the Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry for the past forty eight years. Recently, under the Tribal Sub Plan Programme, the scheme is also doing activities like Assessment of micronutrient status in soils of tribal villages, conducting Front Line demonstrations on Micronutrients applications to crops etc.

In TSP programme, on the eve of the Inter National Year of Soils – 2015, one Awareness Campaign on "Importance of Micronutrients for Crops" was organized on 21-12-15 at tribal village Jammugandy, Anaikatty area, Coimbatore district in which Officials from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, Dr. V.P. Duraisamy, Special Officer, Directorate of Natural Resource Management, Dr. V.V. Krishnamurthi, Professor and Head and Scientists from Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, TNAU, Coimbatore, Veerapandi Panchayat, Ward counsilor & ward members of respective villages and more than hundred tribal farmers participated. Exhibition on Secondary and micronutrients management was also arranged by displaying charts and live specimens on boron deficiency symptoms in crops and explained by Dr. P. Malathi, Assistant Professor.

Dr. V.V. Krishnamurthi, Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, TNAU, Coimbatore welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Stalin, Professor & Micronutrient Scheme officer, explained about the scheme activities including TSP activities and delivered Lecture on importance on Micronutrients for crops.

Felicitations were offered by Dr. V.P. Duraisamy, Special Officer, Directorate of Natural Resource Management and Dr. S. Jayanthi, Assistant Veterinary Surgeon, Anaikatty.

Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore distributed soil health cards to the tribal farmers and delivered presidential address. Dr. D. Jegadeeswari, Assistant Professor, TNAU proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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