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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:

Staff Training Programme on Biogas Technology in TNAU

The staff training programme on Biogas Technology was organized by Biogas Development Training Centre (BDTC), Department of Bio-energy, Agricultural Engineering & Research Institute (AEC&RI), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore jointly with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, New Delhi was inaugurated on 7-12-2015 in Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore for KVK staffs of Tamil Nadu. The programme is organized for 4 days duration

Dr. C. Divaker Durairaj, Dean, AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore gave his welcome address in which he stated that our TNAU is the pioneer in biogas technology formed by Prof. K.R. Swaminathan in the year 1982. Our institute takes the credit to spread of biogas technology throughout our country and also he requested the KVK scientists to gain knowledge and experience from this training to extend the technology to the farmers for doubling the production and tripling the income.

Dr. H. Philip, Director of extension education, TNAU delivered his felicitation address to the gathering. In his address he stated that TNAU has 3 major functions like research, education and extension. For all these functions, training component is the necessary one to attain success in these activities. He assured that the KVK staff will attain knowledge and skill from this training programme to extend the biogas work to farmers through constructing biogas model farms in all KVK.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore in his inaugural address informed that Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Ministry of New and

Renewable Energy (MNRE) are funding to conduct research work in TNAU. Now central government is requesting to train the KVK's to extend the technology to the farmers. He also informed that Tamil Nadu has received first three consequent prizes for biogas plant implantation in Erode, Coimbatore and Kanyakumari districts. He also requested all 14 KVK's of TNAU to have 2 solar lanterns, 1 biogas plant with lighting system in their premises. He also requested the KVK staff to acquire knowledge about funding and subsidy opportunities from NABARD, central and state governments, problem solving techniques in biogas plants and to promote the growth of biogas technology to farmers for benefit of village development.

Dr. S. Pugalendhi, Professor and Head Cum Coordinator, BDTC, Department of Bio-energy, TNAU, Coimbatore proposed the Vote of Thanks with the assurance that biogas system will regain its strength in utilization with the transfer of technology to the farmers as LPG subsidy will be cancelled in near future.

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