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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:

**Training on nematode management under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)  
by TNAU Scientists**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Dept. of Nematology was organized a one day training for the indigenous dwellers of Sadivayal, Singapathy, Vellapathy and Pottapathy villages of Thondamuthur, Coimbatore district on “Nematode management in paddy, cotton and turmeric” on 10-12- 2015.

The programme was arranged at Sadivayal and was presided Dr. K. Ramaraju, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Sciences (CPPS), TNAU, Coimbatore. He emphasized the significance of using biopesticides for crop protection against pests, diseases and nematodes and the necessity to reduce the usage of chemical pesticides.

Dr. S. Subramanian, Professor and Head of the Department of Nematology, TNAU, Coimbatore gave the introductory address about the programme.

Dr. K. Poornima, Professor and AICRP on Nematodes scheme incharge, Dr. P. Kalaiarasan and Dr. N. Swarnakumari, Assistant Professors (AICRP-N) spoke on damages caused by plant parasitic nematodes, means of identifying their presence in paddy, cotton and turmeric and the precautionary measures to keep them under check.

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Dr. N. Swarnakumari, Assistant Professor (Nematology) proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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