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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:

One Day Workshop to Sensitize Field Staff on Plant Parasitic Nematodes

Scientists of the Department of Nematology, TNAU, Coimbatore have intercepted several cases of nematode dissemination through the infested planting materials across the state due to which many times the newly established orchards fail to take off resulting in huge losses to orchardists.

Nematodes are tiny microscopic worms that live in soil which infest most of the cultivated crops. However due to the insignificant symptoms caused by them, farmers fail to notice their presence.

Accordingly, a one day workshop was organized by Department of Nematology, CPPS, TNAU on 'Field Diagnosis and management of plant parasitic nematodes in horticultural crops' on 26th June 2019 in TNAU presided by Dr. N.Kumar, Vice Chancellor. He said that the main purpose of the workshop was to sensitize the extension officers and field officers of the State Government and quarantine officials of the Central Government on accurate diagnosis of the nematode problems and methods to raise nematode free planting materials of fruit crops.

The special address was delivered by Dr. Uma Rao, AICRP (Nematode) Project Coordinator i/c ICAR, New Delhi. She emphasized the destructive role of nematodes in horticultural crops and the integrated approach required to tackle them.

Participants of the workshop were given live demonstrations on diagnosis of nematode symptoms on infected planting materials and methods to raise nematode free materials.

Earlier, Dr.K.Prabhakar, Director (CPPS) welcomed the gathering and Dr. K.Poornima, Professor and Head, Nematology proposed the vote of thanks.

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