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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:

TNAU Trains Farmers, Scientists on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

The Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Gujarat (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) in coordination with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) is organizing a training programme on ‘Conservation, Cultivation and Post harvest Management of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants’ from June 28-30, 2017 at TNAU, Coimbatore for scientists and farmers. Sponsored by the National Medicinal Plants Board, New Delhi in association with Department of Medicinal and Aromatic Crops, TNAU, the programme imparts training to farmers, scientists and stakeholders across the country. The purpose of the training programme is to impart knowledge on recent improved technologies and interventions, new varieties, marketing and post harvest processing of medicinal and aromatic plants.

In the inaugural function held on June 28, 2017 Dr. P. Manivel, Director of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Gujarat stated that the programme was the first in Southern Region, as part of the efforts for the global reach of Indian medicinal plants and traditional medicinal systems.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU in his inaugural address, emphasized the need for a cooperative movement for medicinal plants cultivation and product commercialization. This is largely possible, he added, as many medicinal plants are native to India.

Earlier, Dr. K. Rajamani, Professor & Head, Dept. of Aromatic & Medicinal Plants, TNAU welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU, Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean, Horticultural College and Research Institute, TNAU offered felicitations. Th. Tamilarasan of Kappalpatti, Ottanchathiram a progressive medicinal plant grower was honoured on the occasion with certificate. Dr. R. Nagaraja Reddy, Scientist, DMAPR, Gujarat proposed a vote of thanks.

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