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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:

“Centre for Advanced Faculty Training in Agronomy”

37th Centre for Advanced Faculty Training in Agronomy on “Advanced Agro techniques and Agronomic interventions for Doubling Farmers income” is being organized at the Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore will be held from 28th November to 18th December, 2019. There are Fourteen participants covering seven states from all over the India is participating in the training programme.

The Inaugural Function of the training programme was held today (28.11.2019) at the Department of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 28.11.2019. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr.N.Kumar, Ph.D., Honorable Vice Chancellor, TNAU. During his inaugural address he has stressed the role of advanced Agro technologies for doubling farmers income. Further, he has highlighted socio economic status of the farmers and the low level of farmers' income due to increased cost and year to year fluctuations are a major source of agrarian distress. This distress is spreading and getting severe over time since half of the population of the country is dependent on farming for livelihood. Persistent low level of farmers income can also cause serious adverse effect on the future of agriculture in the country.

To secure future of agriculture and to improve livelihood half of India's population, adequate attention needs to be given to improve the welfare of the farmers and raise agricultural income. Achieving this goal will reduce persistent disparity between farm and non-farm income, alleviate agrarian distress, promote inclusive growth and infuse dynamism in the agriculture sector. Respectable income in farm sector also attract youth towards farming profession and ease the pressure on non-farm job which are not growing as per the expectations. There are two possible way to increase the farmers income that, we have to increase the productivity of the crops or increase the farmers has to get higher price for his produce.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Director, Directorate of Crop Management delivered her address and narrated the problems faced in the agricultural sectors especially in the areas of climate change, soil health etc., She has stressed to utilize the advanced technologies developed by the different agricultural scientists to mitigate the problems and improve the income of the farming community. She also indicated the programme on Doubling farmers income organized by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at Kinathukadavu areas.

Earlier, Dr.C.R.Chinnamuthu, Professor and Head & Director (CAFTA), Department of Agronomy, welcomed the gathering and narrated the genesis of Centre of Advanced Faculty Training programmes. Finally, Dr.A.Velayutham, Professor (Agronomy) and incharge of CAFT programme has proposed a vote of thanks.

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