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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**Tamil Nadu Agricultural University conducts
“State Level Training on Scientific Beekeeping”**

A “State Level Training on Scientific Beekeeping” sponsored by National Bee Board, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi was inaugurated on 16.12.2021 at the Department of Agricultural Entomology, TNAU, Coimbatore. About 25 farmers / beekeepers from different parts of Tamil Nadu who were selected with the help of Krishi Vigyan Kendras participated in the training. The seven days training will be held from 16.12.2021 to 22.12.2021.

Professor of Entomology and the Principal Investigator of the project, Dr.M.R.Srinivasan, welcomed the gathering. The Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Dr.N.Sathiah explained the salient features of the training programme. The Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, Dr. K. Prabakar presided over the function and requested the farmers to involve themselves well in the hands-on training programme and to utilize the opportunity.

Dr. Naveen Kumar Patle, Executive Director, National Bee Board and Additional Commissioner of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI, New Delhi inaugurated the training by virtual mode.

He explained the Mini Missions I to III under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI, New Delhi. He sensitized the beekeepers to register under Madhukranti web portal and invited Krishi Vigyan Kendras of TNAU to promote bee flora plantation with the support of National Bee Board.

Dr. Ravi Kumar Theodore, Professor and Head (Agricultural extension), Training Division, Directorate of Extension Education, suggested forming Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) specifically for beekeeping for effective marketing of bee products. Mr. Vivek, a progressive beekeeper from Coimbatore District attended the programme as a resource person and interacted with the participant farmers. Dr. A. Suganthi, Assistant Professor of Entomology proposed the formal vote of thanks.

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