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The Editor,

Sir,

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

TNAU with WVC, Taiwan's Field Day at Karamadai: Integrated Pest Management in Lablab bean

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and World Vegetable Center, Taiwan have been implementing a research project on “Integrated Pest Management Tomato and Lablab Bean”. As part of the project, “Lablab Bean Integrated Pest Management Field Day” was organized at Kolathupalayam village, Annur block, Coimbatore on December 22, 2023. Dr.N.Anandaraja, Training Division head, welcomed the delegates and farmers. He emphasized the need for combined approaches rather than single pest management interventions.

The insect pests of economic importance in Lablab bean and their management were explained by the Department of Agricultural Entomology Professor and Head, Dr.M.Murugan. He also advocated that the application of insecticides should be based on economic thresholds. Dr.G.Karthikeyan, Professor (Plant Pathology), explained the lablab bean disease and its management strategies. He also stressed the importance of *Trichoderma asperillum* and *Bacillus subtilis* applications to minimize soil-borne diseases. The importance of biotechnological approaches for viral disease management was explained by Dr.N.Manikanda Boopathi, Professor (Plant Biotechnology).

Dr.S.Kokilavani, Assistant Professor (Agri Metrology), narrated about the impact of climate change on the incidence of pests and diseases. The IPDM practices, viz., seed treatment, placing sticky and pheromone traps for monitoring, and application of biorational insecticides practiced in the experimental plot, were explained by Entomology Associate Professor Dr.T.Elaiyabharathi. The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra senior scientist and head, Dr.P.Kumaravadivelu, explained the activities of Krishi Vigyan Kendra to the farmers. The activities of the Horticultural Department were explained by Assistant Director of Horticulture, Tmt.R.Suchutra. About 100 farmers in and around Kolathupalayam village participated in the program and interacted with the scientists.

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