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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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

TNAU conducted National Level awareness campaign on accidents due to trailers carrying human and other farm machines

A National-Level Awareness Programme on accidents due to trailers carrying human and other farm machines for Machinery operators were organized on 14 October 2026 at Itchipalayam village, Kodumudi Taluk, Erode District, by the Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Ergonomics and Safety in Agriculture and Allied Sector (AICRP-ESAAS) scheme in collaboration with MYRADA Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Erode.

The programme aimed to create awareness among farmers and farm machinery operators about safe operating practices, accident prevention measures, and essential safety precautions to be followed while operating tractors and agricultural machinery. Faculty members from the Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering and scientists from MYRADA KVK participated in the programme and addressed the queries raised by farmers from the Kodumudi region.

Farmers and farm machinery operators from Erode, Kodumudi, Chennimalai and surrounding areas participated in the awareness programme. Dr. R. Thiagarajan, Associate Professor, and Dr. S. Thambidurai, Assistant Professor, from the Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, along with Mr. John Prabhakar, Subject Matter Specialist in Agriculture, and other agricultural scientists from MYRADA KVK, participated in the event and highlighted the importance of farm machinery safety and accident prevention while operating the farm machines to the farmers and farm machine operators.

As a key activity of the programme, reflective warning stickers were distributed to tractor owners and operators for affixing to the rear of agricultural tractors, trailers, and slow-moving vehicles. This initiative was undertaken to improve the visibility of such vehicles, particularly under low-light conditions and to help prevent road accidents.

The faculty members and scientists clarified the farmers' queries regarding the safe operation of agricultural machinery and explained various technologies related to farm mechanization. Special emphasis was given to mechanization technologies for turmeric and tapioca cultivation, highlighting the importance of adopting appropriate machinery and safe operating practices to reduce drudgery and minimize the risk of accidents during agricultural operations.

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