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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:

**Tamil Nadu Agricultural University conducted Training Programme on
“Quality Seed Production Techniques in Pulses”**

A one day training programme on “Quality Seed Production Techniques in Pulses” was organized and conducted by the Department of Pulses, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 10.02.2022 in Karuppur village, Krishnarayapuram Taluk, Karur District under the National Agricultural Development Programme scheme on “Augmentation of Seed Replacement Rate in Pulses and Oilseeds through Farmers’ Participatory Seed Production (Phase II)”. Dr. R.P. Gnanamalar, Professor and Head, Department of Pulses, TNAU welcomed the farmers with the introductory address. Felicitation addresses were given by Dr. J. Diraviyam, Programme Coordinator, Saraswathi Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Karur and Dr. S. Sivasubramaniam, Joint Director of Agriculture, Karur.

Presidential address was given by Dr. S. Sundareswaran, Director, Seed Centre, TNAU, in which he stressed about the importance of quality seed production and increasing the farmers’ income and profit through seed production when compared to grain production. Technical address was delivered by the scientists of Department of Pulses, TNAU.

Dr. A. Thanga Hemavathy, Assistant Professor (PBG) explained about the importance and procedures to be followed for maintenance of genetic purity in seed production. Dr. S. Anitta Fanish, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) explained about the various agronomic principles and practices to be followed during seed production in pulses. Integrated Pest and Disease management practices to be followed in pulses were explained by Dr. P.S. Shanmugam, Assistant Professor (Agri. Entomology) and Dr. L. Karthiba, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology).

Finally, Dr. S. Lakshmi, Associate Professor (SST) delivered the Vote of Thanks. About 40 farmers from Karuppur village who are undertaking seed production in pulses attended the training programme and got benefitted. Field visit was organized and pest and disease management was explained to the farmers. Scientists of the Department of Pulses made all the arrangements for the successful conduct of the training.

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