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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:

Staff Training Programme on Biogas Technology for Sustainable Fuel and Organic Manure

The staff training programme on Biogas technology for sustainable fuel and organic manure was organized by Biogas Development Training Centre (BDTC), Department of Bioenergy, Agricultural College and Research Institute (AEC&RI), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore sponsored by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, New Delhi. The training Programme was inaugurated on 17-9-2018 and organized for 4 days duration. The participants are Scientists from KVK's and staff from affiliated Colleges of TNAU.

Dr. S. Pugalendhi, Professor and Head Cum Coordinator (BDTC), welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of fuel for the livelihood of the people. He mentioned that in our country, the available fossil fuels are yet to complete in near fifty years for which we are in the need of finding techniques to produce sustainable alternate fuels. To achieve self sustainability in fuel we must follow the concept of recycling the resources which would ultimately leads to the secured food, fuel and organic manure. The Programme Coordinator noted that the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission is one of the examples to show the interest of our government in promoting renewable energy sector. He assured that the staff training will be a good opportunity to know and solve the problems faced by farmers especially in the biogas technology and aware the society about renewable energy in agriculture.

Dr. N. Varadharaju, Dean, AEC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore, in his presidential address focussed the need for alternate fuels to produce energy in this industrialized country. He focused the importance of managing the agricultural waste towards energy production and insisted the importance of staff training on Biogas Technology and Solutions.

The special address delivered by Dr. H. Philip, Director of Extension Education, TNAU to the gathering and stated that TNAU has three major roles *viz.*, Research, Education and Extension. In concern with the extension activities, impact of the training is a major factor which would decide the application of technology and adoption by farmers / public.

Dr. R. Mahendiran, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioenergy, TNAU, Coimbatore proposed the Vote of Thanks.

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