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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  
One day training on Integrated Management of Maize Fall Armyworm**

A one-day training programme on “Integrated Management of Fall Armyworm” for Extension functionaries of Coimbatore and Tiruppur district was jointly organized on 01.03.2022 by Department of Agricultural Entomology, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, TNAU and State Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Coimbatore and Tiruppur Districts).

Dr. S. Jeyarani, Professor (Agricultural Entomology) invited the gathering. The Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, Dr. K. Prabakar in his special address delved into the recent invasive pests that invaded our country and caused havoc in agricultural and horticultural crops. He elaborated on the IPM strategies to be followed for effective management of fall armyworm. He stressed the importance of residues due to indiscriminate use of insecticides and the need for effective biocontrol agents for pest management. He also opined that, use of drones for pesticide spraying is gaining momentum in the recent years and will be thoroughly standardized before being taken up under field conditions.

Dr. S.V.Krishnamoorthy, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, in his inaugural address stressed the importance of the training for Agricultural officials. He also advised the trainees to recommend the right insecticide, at the right time, at the right dose, at the right stage of the crop and following the right method for effective management of fall armyworm.

Mr. G. Perumalsamy, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore and Tmt. Punitha, Agricultural Officer (Quality Control), Coimbatore district participated in the programme and advised the officials to have greater interaction with the scientists to provide the right recommendation to the farmers. Finally, Dr. T. Srinivasan, Assistant Professor (Agrl. Entomology) delivered the vote of thanks.

Earlier the extension functionaries have been exposed to field level demonstration on damage assessment, seed treatment, release of *Telenomus remus* egg parasitoids and drone spraying at New Area farm, Department of Millets, TNAU, Coimbatore. More than 60 extension officials from Coimbatore and Tiruppur districts have got benefitted from this training programme.

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