

# Coming together to help single women, landless women, widows

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Prime objective of this programme is to ensure food security

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The Tamil Nadu Women's Collective, a network of rural grassroot level women's groups working in around 20 districts in Tamil Nadu for the past eight years, has been successfully promoting collective farming.



...sion of labour, all the members are equally responsible for each and every activity right from seed selection, transplanting, etc., work week-cultivation are em-tem-m-ees

## Community based organisations for upliftment of farmers' lives

Women were trained in production of nutritive food items from coconut

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## Work towards enhancing production in rain fed areas' Need for a farmers' federation

The ICAR Director General, Dr. S. Ayyappa inaugurated an exhibition in Chitradurga and Tumkur. The exhibition was set up by Zonal Agricultural Research Station, Tumkur. He opined that more emphasis on value-addition and post-harvest technology.

## Controlling stem borer in maize

Use pest to

The stem borer is the most destructive pest of maize. Its caterpillars damage the plant by eating the leaves, stem and roots. In young plants, it causes a typical 'whorl' symptom where the leaves dry up. Feeding makes the plant part of the gain. Agricultural leaders there by

## Aromatic crops provide good returns in hilly regions

The fragrance from these aromatic plants keeps wild animals at bay

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Experiencing unexpected losses in agriculture due to adverse climate or pest attack is a common feature in the life of farmers. Even the best technologies fail when they have to gamble with adverse climate. The problem is all the more acute for those living in hilly regions bordering reserve forest areas.

Because apart from the vagaries of climate, farmers also have to keep track of movements of wild animals in their fields which cause sudden and disastrous loss both to the crops and sometimes to human lives.

Mrs. Puttiyamma, is a lady farmer of Bargur hills in Erode district of Tamil Nadu, successfully proved that all the above stated facts are not a deterrent when it comes to



due to constant incursion by wild animals from the bordering reserve forests many of them could not succeed in their farming operations, explained Dr. P. Alagesan, Programme Co-ordinator, Myrada Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

"When some of the tribals approached us for guidance our team visited the area and after careful study realized that aromatic crops can be safely grown there as the climate is cool and favourable and also the fragrance emanating from these aromatic plants will keep the wild animals at bay," he says.

### Clear understanding

Myrada krishi vigyan Kendra encourages group approach to get fair price to the product. A clear understanding between marketing agencies and growers committee is ensured. The tribals are