

'Farmers' fest' held

ERODE: "The use of chemical fertilisers has affected the crops. So the farmers should switch over to organic manures to get better yield," said the Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan, at Gobichettipalayam on Saturday while inaugurating the 'Farmers' fest' organised by the Rural Rejuvenation Movement of Isha Yoga Center. The Union Minister also inaugurated an agricultural expo highlighting the details of organic farming methods and agricultural products produced through organic farming method. Ms. Subbulakshmi said already various industries were polluting groundwater and the water sources. Because of this, the crop yield had been affected. Added to this, use of chemical fertilisers had worsened the situation. Further in many places, the farmers were reluctant to take up cultivation. The Sub-Collector, Gobichettipalayam, Anshul Misra, Organic Farming Scientist Namazvar, the Project Officer, Isha Agriculture wing, Sekar, and others spoke.