Seminar on agriculture

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COIMBATORE: Global warming, food scarcity and global meltdown are the three factors that threaten the future of the world, agricultural scientist G. Nammalvar said recently.

Rural development

Speaking at a seminar on "agriculture – as an income generating profession in the current situation" conducted by Suzlon, Isha Foundation and Project Concern International recently as part of its rural development project at Kittampalayam village, he observed that local needs could be met through promoting alternative methods of livelihood such as tree growing, livestock rearing, and traditional agriculture.

For this, people should come together and form community-based groups, he said.

According to a survey conducted by Isha Foundation, more than 70 per cent of the population was dependent on the income from power loom industries.

Sustainable growth

The programme aimed at developing a rural development plan based on it with the participation of local beneficiaries.

In order to ensure sustainable development, villagers should identify an alternative source of income. More than 150 farmers, self-help group members, youths and the general public participated.