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The Editor,

Sir,

To

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

## Beat Air Pollution – TNAU takes a leap towards Environmental Protection

Every year, June 5 is celebrated as "World Environment Day". As a part of Environmental protection, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Department of Environmental Sciences celebrated World Environment Day in this year too at TNAU on the theme "Beat Air Pollution" on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.

As a part of the programme, Dr.N.Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore inaugurated the improved TNAU Sewage treatment plant in order to manage the water scarcity through eco friendly utilization of treated sewage water in the TNAU main campus. During this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, University officers, Staff and students of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University planted tree seedlings and flowering plants. Mr.Murugan and his staff of NIzhal Mayyam, an NGO participated in this programme and supplied tree seedlings at free of cost.

Environmental rally to create awareness on impact of air pollution among public was also organized on 07.06.19 which was flagged off by the Registrar and Dean (Agriculture), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and the rally covered a distance of two kilometers starting from Department of Crop Physiology and reached the Department of Environmental Sciences covering through A.A.Scheme road and Marudhamalai road.

About 350 students and 50 University staffs participated in rally wearing masks and carrying the pluck cards quoting the environmental protection slogans, on air pollution. ITC-WOW an NGO of ITC, Thekkampatty also participated in this rally and supplied caps to the participants.

A training programme on "Safe and Judicious use of pesticides" has been jointly organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences, TNAU and M/s Corteva Agriscience on 07.06.19. Dr.R.Santhi, Director (DNRM), welcomed the gathering, Dr.A.S.Krishnamoorthy, Registrar felicitated the training. About 110 participants of students and staffs of Directorate of Natural Resource Management were trained on the safe and judicial use of pesticides by Dr.A.Bharani Deepan, Corteva Agriscience.

Dr.K.Valliappan, Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Sciences delivered the formal vote of thanks.

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