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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:

TNAU establish ‘Suthanthira Vanam’ (Freedom Garden)

On the eve of 76th Independence Day celebrated at TNAU, 76 rare tree species were planted to establish ‘Suthanthira Vanam’ (Freedom Garden) at the Botanical Garden, TNAU, Coimbatore.

Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore inaugurated the ‘Suthanthira Vanam’ (Freedom Garden) on 15.08.2022 by planting the ‘Palmyrah palm’, the State tree of Tamil Nadu. A seedling progeny of Jamun (*Syzygium cumini*) planted by our 'Father of the Nation' MAHATMA GANDHI, was planted at ‘Suthanthira Vanam’ by renowned Environmentalist and Eco Warrior Th. M. Yoganathan in the presence of Honorable Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore.

The Deans, Directors, Staff and students of TNAU planted 76 different native tree species which attracts birds and honey bees viz., *Saraca asoka*, *Ficus bengalensis* var. *Krishnae*, *Cassia fistula*, *Putranjiva roxburghii*, *Suregada angustifolia* and etc., in the ‘Suthanthira Vanam’ highlighting the 76th year of Independence.

The Vice Chancellor also inaugurated the ‘Rosarium’ comprising of 20 different Rose varieties. The newly established ‘Suthanthira Vanam’ and ‘Rosarium’ will be two new attractive components of the TNAU, Botanical Garden, Coimbatore which will enthuse nature lovers, botanist, scientists, students and public besides their recreational value. Dr. P. Irene Vethamoni, Dean (Hort.), and Dr.K.Rajamani, Professor and Head, Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, HC&RI, TNAU, Coimbatore organized the tree planting event.

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