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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

Dengue Fever Awareness Programme at TNAU

Two hundred National Service Scheme Volunteers of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University participated in the Dengue Fever Awareness campaign and Mosquito multiplication waste source reduction Programme organised by National Service Scheme, Students hostel, Directorate of Students' Welfare, TNAU and Coimbatore Corporation on 9-11-14.

Dr. C. Divaker Durairaj, Dean (Engineering) initiated the programme with brief words about need for waste reduction to prevent diseases.

Dr. P. Aruna, City Health Officer, Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Zonal Officer, Mr. K.V. Thirumal, Sanitary Inspector, Ward 21, Coimbatore Corporation explained the effects of Dengue fever and initiative taken by the government of Tamil Nadu to control the disease and also spoke about the disease causing virus borne by a vector, infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. He said that environment cleanliness should be maintained by every individual to protect themselves from diseases.

Dr. M.R. Srinivasan, Warden, Dr. M.R. Latha NSS Programme Officer and Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Coordinator, organised the Programme. Stagnating water, unwanted tyres, waste plastic bottles containing water are means to spread of mosquitoes and waste source reduction was done. Mr. M. Maruthachalam, Sanitary Officer, TNAU and Deputy Wardens, Dr. S. Meena and Dr. K. Amutha and Hostel residential tutors participated in the programme.

The volunteers were divided into five groups and gave awareness notice to residential areas of TNAU, hostels, mess and also collected the waste materials in hostel and residential areas which were removed by corporation and fogging was done in hostels and quarters to kill the mosquitoes.

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