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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:

### **TNAU NSS Special camp at Kinathukadavu Village**

NSS special camp of Agri Varsity is being held at Sokkanur near Kinathukkadavu from 23-5-2015 to 29-5-2015.

In the third day 25-5-2015 morning session a special veterinary camp was held in Sokkanur village and about 61 animals were treated by Dr. Ravichandran in the presence of local leaders Mr. Sivamurugesan, Mr. Nataraj, Mr. Muthu Manickam and Mrs. Velumani. Cleaning programme was carried out in Muthugoundanur School campus and Sokkanur roadsides by the NSS volunteers.

A lecture on the eradication of Parthenium was conducted by Dr. Prabhakaran, Professor, Dept. of Agronomy, TNAU, Coimbatore to 30 farmers of Sattakkalputhur village. Followed by this, an awareness rally on Parthenium eradication from Veerapagoundanur to Sokkanur village was initiated by him and Dr. Janaki, Assistant Professor, Dept, of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, TNAU, Coimbatore in which 200 NSS volunteers participated and raised slogans on parthenium eradication and carried placards on the parthenium management aspects.

A seminar on “Food and Health” was held at Muthugoundanur in which Dr. Singaravelu, Specialist in Alternate Medicine addressed informative lecture about the health maintenance and nutritious food to 150 NSS volunteers and 50 school children.

The day culminated with a demonstration on “Solar Energy and Bioenergy Utilisation” by Dr. Mahendran, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Bioenergy, TNAU, Coimbatore. He showed the models of Solar drier, Dheenabandhu Biogas Plant and Improved Chulahs to 25 farmers and farm women. He said that improved chulahs had 20% higher heating efficiency over conventional chulahs and the time for cooking gets reduced by half and thus saves four cylinders per year. The farmers who are in need of improved chulahs were advised to contact the Professor and Head, Department of Bio-energy, TNAU, Coimbatore.

In the fourth day 26-5-2015, morning session a General medical camp was organised by TNAU medical group, Thulasi Pharmacy India Private Limited and Cipla Pharmaceuticals in Muthugoundanur. This camp was initiated by Sokkanur President Smt. Mani Sivamurugesan and Sri. Sivamurugesan. About 65 people were examined and treated by Dr. A. Arulmozhi, Chief Medical Officer, TNAU Hospital. In this camp, blood pressure, blood sugar level, CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in lungs were diagnosed. If the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in lungs exceeds 6%, Chief Medical Officer recommended further medications. Meanwhile the veterinary camp was held at the same village in which 86 animals were treated by Dr. Ravichandran, veterinary doctor.

Cleaning programme was carried out in the surroundings of school and temple by the NSS volunteers.

In the noon session a lecdem on coconut tonic was given by Dr. Srinivasan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Crop Physiology, TNAU, Coimbatore which benefited nearly 25 farmers.

In the evening session “ANTI TOBACCO AWARENESS” rally was initiated by NSS programme officer Dr. M.R. Latha, Dept. of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, TNAU, Coimbatore in which 300 NSS volunteers enthralled the minds of the smokers through their slogans “SAY NO TO TOBACCO, AVOID CANCER, SAVE LUNGS”. NSS Programme Officers of TNAU Dr. Sakthivel, Dr. A. Hema Prabha, Dr. G. Guru, Dr. Valliammai, Thulasi Pharmacy PRO Sri. Giriraj and Cipla pharmaceuticals Officers were also participated.

The day culminated with a cultural programme which was arranged to encourage the talents of village children like yoga, dance, singing, rhymes telling and prizes were given by NSS Programme Officers.

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