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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## Wild Life Photographic Exhibition inaugurated in TNAU

12<sup>th</sup> Wild Life photographic exhibition was inaugurated in Technology Park of TNAU on Oct. 28, 2015 by OSAI, NGO in association with Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Rotary Club of Metropolis and National Service Scheme (NSS) of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore.

The exhibition to continue for 5 days depict more than 1,500 pictures showing the importance of biodiversity hot spot, the Western Ghats, its importance in water conservation, human animal conflicts and a video show on biodiversity conservation is also organized which was inaugurated by Mr. Mahendra Ramdoss, Managing Director, Mahendra Pumps (P) Ltd., Coimbatore. More than 200 Undergraduate first year agri volunteers and school children from Tiruppur and Coimbatore participated.

Mr. Kalidasan, President, OSAI introduced the programme. District Forest Officer, Mr. Senthil Kumar, Coimbatore Chamber of Commerce President Mr. Subramaniam, Rotary Club of Metropolis President Mr. VIjayakumar offered their felicitations.

Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture), TNAU, Coimbatore in his presidential address called upon the young volunteers to participate in national development by conserving the biodiversity. He said that biosphere II project in Arizona University reiterated the fact that biosphere cannot be artificially made and all the creatures are interlinked with each other and have to be sustained in long run.

Mr. Srinivas Reddy, Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve gave his inaugurated address in which he called on young volunteers to develop interest in wild life photography and conservation. He said all the school and College students of district and state should visit the exhibition and spread the message of awareness.

Mr. Prabhakar, College students submitted a report on butterflies in Western Ghats volunteers of NGO OSAI, Mr. Maruthachalam, R.K. Photo Centre, Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Coordinator, TNAU, Dr. M. R. Latha, Programme Officer, TNAU, Dr. Lakshmanaperumalsamy, Former Head, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Dr. Prabhakaran, Professor, Biotechnology from Bharathiar University participated.

Earlier., Ms. S. Akila, Organizer, OSAI welcomed the gathering. Finally, Mr. Tamil Marai, organizer, OSAI proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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