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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's NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME SPECIAL CAMP
VALEDICTORY FUNCTION**

NSS special camp of Agri Varsity was held at Sokkanur near Kinathukkadavu from 23-05-2015 to 29-05-2015.

Muthugoundanur school campus was cleaned and further Higher Secondary block was painted. In Muthumalai Murugan Temple, surroundings and roadsides were cleaned by NSS volunteers. Further along the hill pathways, 50 peepal tree saplings were planted which was initiated by NSS programme officer Dr. M. R. Latha.

United Nations Assembly has announced 2015 as International year of soils. Variety of programmes like special lectures, Seminars and other events are planned and executed by the department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to commemorate this events. In the NSS Special camp, a lecdem on soil, conducted in Muthugoundanur school campus was given by Dr. A. Vadivel, Professor, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry,

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Around 25 children participated in this programme gaining the basic ideas of soil, like its characteristics, importance, types, absorption capacity etc., Soil science department Professors, Dr. Vasanthi, Dr. Bhagyavathi and Assistant Professors Dr. M. R. Latha and Dr. Gopalakishnan also attended this programme. A rally for International Year of Soil in the Veerappagoundanur village was initiated by Dr. A. Vadivel, Professor, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in which 300 NSS volunteers participated carrying the placards illustrating like, “Protect soil from erosion, Don’t dirt the dirt, No food without soil” etc.,

In Sokkanur a lecture on fodder crops cultivation was delivered by Dr. V. Vasuki, Assistant professor, Dept. Of Agronomy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. The lecture was focused on new technological innovations in fodder crops cultivation and their usage was also illustrated.

NSS camp valedictory function was held at sokkanur school campus by evening on 29-05-2015. Various activities carried out in NSS camp including new technology demonstrations, cleaning the village, people awareness and rallies were elaborated as a report by NSS program officer Dr. M. R. Latha Assistant Professor, Dept. of Soil Science, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

In the special address Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean Agriculture, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University encouraged every NSS volunteer in nut shell that the original destination of every Agri student is to satisfy the basic and essential needs of citizens particularly farming community. He gave an alarming fact that 13 crore Indians go to bed as hungry. He said that the volunteers who would be future administrators, scientist and Agricultural officers should work for satisfying the

needs of those people and contribute to the betterment of villages, state and nation as a whole. The basic and essential needs of adopted villagers has to be met in core with high degree of development.

Dr. Mohan, Dean SPGS, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University gave a special address, in which he appreciated the NSS volunteers who made a 7 days special camp in remote village. He ended with a caption that “Sky is the destiny if you work with destination”.

Dr.C. R. Ananda Kumar, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University gave the presidential address in which he appreciated the full fledged service of NSS volunteers and made a genuine request to continue the holy work. The valedictory function was finally winded up with national anthem.

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