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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:

### **The World Water Day 2019 at TNAU**

The World Water Day 2019 was celebrated at Water Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 22.03.2019. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. N.Kumar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University presides the function.

The welcome address and the importance of World Water Day was addressed by Dr.S.Panneerselvam, Director(WTC). The Felicitation address was delivered by Dr. J.S. Kennedy, Dean (SPGS). In the function, Dr. S. Narayanan, Area Manager, Jain Irrigation Systems, Mr. M. Parthasarathy, President Water Users Association, Govindapuram and Dr.Megh R Goyal University of Puerto Rio, USA were guests of honour.

The Vice Chancellor Dr.N.Kumar in his presidential address indicated the measures to conserve water and its judicious use. During the World Water day celebration the following books and phamlets were released.

1. A book entitled“Crop and Water Profile of Villupuram district
2. Publication on Prof. R.K.Sivanappan Endowment lecture 2019 entitled “Potential & Prospects of irrigation” - ( Surface, Subsurface, Micro & Ultra Irrigation)
3. Technology on alternative wetting and drying irrigation in rice(both Tamil & English)
4. Launching of Mobile App on Geo tagging

5. Drip Fertigation
6. Water quality & Management
7. Methods of Soil and water sample collection
8. Fluoride condemnation and mitigation strategies.

In view of World Water Day, Elocution, Essay competitions for the students was conducted and prizes were distributed during the occasion. The delivery of Dr.R.K.Sivanappan Endowment Lecture on “Potential & Prospects of Irrigation”(Surface, Subsurface, Micro & Ultra Irrigation) was carried out by Dr. Megh R Goyal, retired professor in Agriculture and Biological Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, USA. Dr. B.J. Pandian, Professor (Agronomy) thanked the gathering.

To commemorate the International Forest Day and World Water Day, a massive tree planting was carried out on 22.03.2019 at FC&RI, Mettupalayam and maintained by students. Two hundred silver oak trees were planted with drip irrigation system and the UG students planted and study the growth and disseminate the International Forest Day and World Water Day significants to the future generation.

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