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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:

TNAU observes World Environment Day

World Environment Day was observed in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) on June 5, 2015. The theme of this day is seven billion dreams – one planet – consume with care.

Department of Environmental Sciences, Directorate of Natural Resource Management and National Service Scheme of TNAU jointly organized Mass Cleaning Campaign along 1 km. distance in the Maruthamalai Road.

Dr. V.P. Duraisami, Special Officer, Directorate of Natural Resource Management, TNAU presided over the programme. He said that clean environment is the prerequisite for healthy nation. The United Nations environment programme emphasizes on sustaining environmental health for promoting evergreen agricultural revolution. Soil, water, air and other natural resources base should be conserved if we are to protect agriculture in the long run.

Dr. S Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture), TNAU, Coimbatore inaugurated the clean campaign in which 200 NSS volunteers participated. He made an alarming note quoting UN report that if natural resources are used at the rate in which they are used at present, the resources from three planets will be needed to sustain life on earth in another 20 years. Similarly water resources are shrinking and also their quality is deteriorating. With 17.6% of world population in India, there is only 4.6% of world water resources which may pose a threat in future. He called upon the young minds to ponder over the facts and save the environment, since the future of India is in the hands of youth. In another 10 years, food

grain production has to be increased to 450 million metric tonnes which is possible only with sustained natural resource base.

Dr. N. Raghupathi, Director, Students Welfare, TNAU, Dr. P. Subramanian, Professor & Head, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, TNAU, Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Programme Coordinator, TNAU, Staff members and research fellows from the Dept. of Environmental Sciences, NSS Programme Officers and Sanitary Officer, TNAU participated.

The programme aroused the curiosity of the public who appreciated the young volunteers involved in making the environment clean.

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