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The Editor,

Sir,

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

Honourary Colonel Title conferred to Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) bestowed an honourary Colonel to Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore in recognition of her support and dedication to NCC at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, and its Constituent and Affiliated Colleges.

Commodore Atul Kumar Rastogi, the Deputy Director General of NCC Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman, conferred the title in an official Pipping Ceremony held at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 27.06.2024.

Commodore Atul Kumar Rastogi emphasised in his chief guest speech that two things mould a person's life: the books they read and the people they meet. Quoting the extractions from the book *The Road Less Travelled*, that life is difficult, but we should be trained to manage it. He advised the students to follow ABCD principles, viz., Awareness, Balance, Courage, and Discipline. Thinking in the right way to choose the right path is the key to success, he added.

In the acceptance speech, Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, said that she feels proud of this honour. She assured to extend her support to build a disciplined future through NCC.

Col. BVS Shiva Rao, Group Commander, Kovai Group and Col. J.M. Joshi, Commanding Officer, 5 TN (Girls) BN NCC felicitated the function.

Dr. R. Tamizh Vendan, Registrar, TNAU, Coimbatore welcomed the gathering, and Dr. N. Maragatham, Dean, Centre for Students Welfare proposed the voted of thanks.

Major. Dr. S. Manonmani, and Dr. Santhosh Patil, NCC officers of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore made the arrangements. The function was organised by the Centre for Students Welfare, TNAU, Coimbatore.

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