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The Editor,

Sir.

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

Agricultural Technology awareness cycle rally by NSS Volunteers

Seventy five National Service Scheme volunteers from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore participated in Agricultural Technology awareness cycle rally on 1st November 2014 as part of initiative by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

The rally was flagged off by Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture) and Dr. S. Mohan, Dean (SPGS). Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Programme Coordinator and NSS Programme Officers Dr. R. Pavendan, Dr. M.R. Latha and Dr. G. Guru made arrangements and participated in the programme. The rally was about 16 km from TNAU and reached Thennamanallur via Bommanampalayam, Oonapalayam, Deenampalayam, T hondamuthur, Puthur villages They were received by the Panchayat President, Thiru. Thennai Shiva.

In a formal meeting Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Programme Coordinator briefed on the importance of rally. Thiru Thennai Shiva, Panchayat President expressed his gratitude to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for organizing an awareness cycle rally on agricultural technologies. He emphasized that organic farming is gaining momentum in the village and asked for organizing programmes related to organic farming and assured their assistance in organization of future programmes. He also joined with the volunteers in their rally through the streets in Thennamanallur.

Students carried placards indicating the importance of Agricultural technologies like use of vermicompost, Biofertilizers, green manures, reduction in use of chemical inputs, use of machinery to combat with labour shortage, conserve water, growing healthy crops like millets, vegetables and fruits, use of biocontrol agents, Integrated farming system, Mushroom production as allied activity, ODL degree and certificate programmes, Journal Uzhavarin Valarum Velanmai etc., Dr. R. Pavendan, NSS Programme Officer proposed formal vote of thanks.