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The Editor.

Sir,

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

## Learning rescue operations is essential for life saving during disaster

Fifty National Service Scheme volunteers from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore belonging to final year B.Tech (Agricultural Information Technology) and B.Tech (Bioinformatics) participated in International Disaster Risk Reduction day rally and demonstration of Disaster rescue operations organised by District administration, Fire and Rescue services and Police Department on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

The rally was flagged on by Mrs. Archana Patnaik, District Collector and held from Collector Office to V.O.C Park. Students took pledge on reduction of earth quake, forest fire and fire accidents at home and villages and also to conserve water and plant trees.

A programme on rescue operations during disaster was organised by Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Personnel, district Administration and Police department at Mani Higher Secondary school, Avinashi Road, Coimbatore Mr. C. Paul Princely Rajkumar, Deputy Collector welcomed the gathering and Mr. S.R. Chandran, Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue services Divisional Officer, Coimbatore, participated in the programme. Mr. N. Kumaresan, officer TNFRS gave the importance of knowing rescue methods to avoid fatal accidents and also detailed description of each technique of rescue operation. There was demonstration of transport of casualty like pick up back, Two, three, four hand seat, fore and after method, Fireman lift, Victim lift using belt, fire extinguishing using carbon dioxide, Sodium bicarbonate, Water and Foam. The student volunteers also performed the rescue operation like fire in huts and cracker manufacturing place.

Mr. R. Santhosh Solomon and Miss. Vaishnavi Sekar, student volunteers gave feedback about the programme. Dr. M.R. Latha, NSS Programme Officer proposed formal vote of thanks. On behalf of TNAU, arrangements for the programme were made by the NSS programme Coordinator, Dr. K. Kumutha and NSS Programme Officer Dr. M.R. Latha.