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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:

### **Melia Park Established in Agri Varsity**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Department of Farm Management and National Service Scheme jointly established Melia Park with 760 tree saplings popularly known as Malivembu in Tamil planted by NSS volunteers on Apr. 27, 2015.

Each volunteers is vested with responsibility of maintaining 2 trees. Government and youth affairs ministry plans to organize “Own your tree” programme. The programme is initiated in the Agri varsity.

The programme was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Ramasamy who also planted the first seedling and he appreciated the efforts taken for mass tree planting and reiterated the importance of trees in environmental protection and for getting pure air and rain. Melia is used in biodiesel preparation. It also possesses medicinal properties and leaf decoction is given for dengue patients. Clean campus, green campus programme is in vogue in TNAU.

As a part of programme, planting of trees, flowers, vegetables and fruit crops are planned in hostel premises and available space in campus. The trees will be maintained by first and second year NSS volunteers. Since the name labels have been kept for each tree, student volunteers are happy and own the tree. It has also been decided to give grades to the volunteers based on their performance in tree maintenance.

Dr. C. Jayanthi, Director Crop Management, Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture), Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Professor and Head, Department of Farm Management, Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Programme Coordinator, Farm Managers, NSS programme officers, staff members, research scholars, farm workers and 350 NSS volunteers participated the programme.

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