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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:

TNAU Scientist bagged award for Excellence in Research Endeavours

Dr. Sara Parwin Banu Kamaludeen, Professor, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore worked and engaged in the remediation of co-contaminants (Antimicrobials, pharmaceuticals and metals) in sewage applied soils through plants and their rhizosphere microflora at the University of Adelaide, Australia and undertake the Post Doctoral Fellow between July – Dec., 2014.

She is the First recipient of Endeavour Australia India Education Council (AIEC) Research Fellowship to undertake research on “Plant uptake of pharmaceuticals (Benzodiazepines) and using biochar for alleviating soil microbial toxicity”. AIEC are a unique sub category of the Endeavour Research Fellowships, which aim to foster links that will support the bilateral relationship between Australia and India into the future.

She is the Winner of the “Endeavour fully focused photo competition” highlighting the research work on “Are the microbes happy to eat antibiotics in sewage contaminated soils”. The photo won a cash prize of 150 dollars and it was in the cover page of the Endeavour briefing back (2015). Also she was Chosen as Australia award ambassador (2015) by the Australian High Commission to promote the endeavour awards among the students and staff.

Commitment to excellence and shared interests in Australia and India has landed an environmentalist, an anthropologist, a practitioner-academic and a researcher the chance of a lifetime to advance their research interests.

Endeavour scholarship and fellowship recipients - Paul Keil, Sara Kamaludeen, Avani Yeola and Dr Christopher Vas (L to R) (Credit: ABC Licensed). Out of 476 young people from more than 50 countries have received Australia's prestigious Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships for 2014. 42 Indians have been granted the opportunity to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia as part of the scholarships and fellowships programme. The programme also provides an opportunity for Australians to pursue similar interests overseas. The announcement of the 2014 recipients was made in December 2013 by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Christopher Pyne MP.

The diversity of the recipients and their interest areas highlight the potential contribution that the scholarship recipients can make towards building a better understanding and encouraging cooperation between Australia and India.

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