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The Editor,

Sir,

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

Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Pensioners' Association at TNAU

Retired staff members of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) have started an Association during the year 1990. To start with hardly a few members of about 20, to day the TNAU Pensioners' Association (TAUPA) has grown up with as large as 1400 members and sincerely catering the needs of all member pensioners of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University who are distributed throughout the Tamil Nadu including a few members residing outside the State. To broaden the service prongs of the Association to all members, four branches of this Association, one each in Madurai, Trichy, Thanjavur and Chennai are functioning. Association serves as a bridge between needy members as well as University. It also represents the grievances of members in connection with pensioner benefits to Government of Tamil Nadu through TNAU. Every year during Annual Day function members who completed 75 years of age are felicitated. Similarly on the occasion of National Pensioners' Day celebration to be held on 17th December of every year those members who have completed 85 years are be felicitated.

In the University campus, the TAUPA office is functioning in its own building which was constructed during the year 2011.

To promote the wellbeing of both the members of pensioners and family pensioners TAUPA is also arranging periodically welfare meetings on topic of health and old age related ailments for the members. The Association preparing a compendium of list of members with address, phone numbers and e mail ids and a souvenir to be released during the Silver Jubilee Celebration to be held on 9th and 10th May, 2015. The TAUPA brings out a monthly publication "**TAUPA News**" in Tamil for the benefit of members. It gives information on Government Orders, University communications related to Pensioners as well as articles for the well being of the aged persons.

TAUPA is going to celebrate its Silver Jubilee function on 9th and 10th May 2015 at Anna Auditorium, TNAU Campus, Coimbatore. All the founder members who have contributed to form and grow the Association will be felicitated during the function. A series of events like Release of Souvenir, Address book, "Patti Mandram", and Cultural Programmes are to be held on 9th May. The Annual General Body meeting will be held on 10th during the morning session which will be followed by a Special Lecture by Dr. S. Natarajan, Chief Cardiologist, GKNM Hospital on how to maintain healthy heart even at old age.

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