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## Focus on school students

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### A novel initiative by CommunityRadio Station of NIT-T

The Community Radio Station of National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi (NIT-T) has started reaching out to school students, reflecting a tweak in strategy for making its presence felt more effectively.

Hitherto, the programmes were of a general nature encompassing talks by experts and matters of general interest. Since last month, the concentration has been on school students. Programmes on debate and guidance talk by teachers are given a thrust, B. Venkataramani, convenor of the Committee for NIT-T Community Radio 90.8, said.

Under the overall supervision of Prof. Venkataramani and three other faculties coordinating the tasks of broadcast, programme and editing, a group of students have been instrumental in operating the community radio station that covers a radial distance of 15 km. The compering is entirely done by students.

The team is able to broadcast programs for eight hours a day: from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 5 to 9.00 p.m. Talks by renowned personalities visiting the NIT-T are broadcast along with the usual programmes such as devotional song, Indraya Kural, Voice of a common man, Dhinam oru Thagaval, Vannoli Payanangal (travelogue), tech talk, and Nerkanal (interview).

Since the objective is to reach out to the community around, the programmes are basically in Tamil. Only a few programmes are broadcast in English, he said.

A beginning has been made and the idea is to make the programmes valuable enough to ensure they are listened by students right during school hours. A provision is there for making the broadcast programmes for school students interactive, he said.

A programme titled 'school talent' serves as a platform for individual schools to present programmes.

The alumni members across the globe are able to listen to the programmes through the Internet radio, radio.nitt.edu.

The possibility for roping in distinguished alumni members for delivering valuable talks is being explored. There was still a long way to go to make the community radio popular, he said.

# Accreditation mandatory for technical courses, feels MHRD

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CHANCES are high the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) could make it mandatory for technical institutes to apply for course accreditation at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. A final decision is pending with the MHRD, said chairman of the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), Surendra Prasad.

He was speaking on the sidelines of a three-day national

workshop on 'Technical Education in National Context: Challenges and Strategies' inaugurated at National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) on Thursday. As accreditation has been voluntary, willing institutions can apply to receive a grading point in the curriculum. This is basically done at the institution level and rarely at courses which it is offering. The key features for an institute to apply are to have good infrastructure, research guides and students and

the number of research-based courses.

The NBA chairman said serious discussions are going on and the ministry has not finalised a decision. Giving his personal opinion, Prasad said the ministry should not approve the idea of making accreditation mandatory when only a well-developed institute can establish itself. Prasad added representations have been submitted to the MHRD.

For the three-day programme

at NIT-T, representatives of 15 NITs across the country would take part and discuss strategic plans which NITs could implement over the next decade. NIT-T Director Mini Shaji Thomas in her inaugural address mentioned strategic plans formed would be implemented autonomously by the institutes.

She discussed the recent paradigm shift in technical education all across the country where government funding is gradually shrinking. Thomas said a faculty

exchange programme with a foreign university was yet to be established and had to be done at earliest.

The inaugural programme on Thursday also included former Vice-Chancellor of National University of Education Planning and Administration Janthyala B C Tiak and other stakeholders who would give lectures on inclusive technical education and entrepreneurship development. Sponsored by Technical Education Quality Improvement.

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## தொழில் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களுக்கு தரநிர்ணய அங்கீகாரத்தை கட்டாயமாக்க பரிசீலனை

திருச்சி ஆக். 5: தொழில் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களுக்கு தரநிர்ணய அங்கீகாரத்தை கட்டாயமாக்க மத்திய அரசு பரிசீலித்து வருகிறது என்று தேசிய தொழில் ஆணையத்தின் தலைவர் சந்திர பிரசாத்.

திருச்சி தேசிய தொழில் கல்வி ஆயத்தகம் (என்.ஐ.டி.) தொழில் கல்வி கல்வியில் உள்ள சவால்களும், புத்திகளும் எனும் தலைவர் தேசியக் கருத்தரங்க விழா முடிவில் தொடங்கி வைத்து அவர் மேலும் தெரிவித்தார்.

இன்றைய குழுவில் மாணவர்களுக்கு ஆரம்பிக்கும் கடின கல்வி வழங்கப்பட வேண்டும். இன்றைய போட்டி நிறைந்த குழுவில் பொறியாளர்கள், பிரச்சனைகளை தெளிவாகப் புரிந்து கொண்டு சமுதாயத்துக்கு பயன்படும் பணிகளில் ஈடுபட வேண்டும் என்றார்.

தொடர்ந்து அவர் செய்தியாளர்களுக்கும் கூறிய தகவல் அறிமுகம் கல்விக்கான தரநிர்ணயம் வழங்கப்பட வேண்டும் போல தொழில் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் கற்றுக்கொடுக்கும்

தேசிய தரநிர்ணய ஆணைய தலைவர் துகவல்



திருச்சி என்.ஐ.டி. வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற கருத்தரங்கில் பேசுகிறார் தேசிய தரநிர்ணய ஆணையத்தின் தலைவர் சந்திர பிரசாத்.

பாட்பிரிவுகளுக்கு (என்.ஐ.டி) தரநிர்ணயம் அங்கீகாரம் வழங்கப்படுகிறது. தற்போது தொழில் கல்வி நிறுவனங்கள் கட்டாயம் தரநிர்ணய அங்கீகாரம் பெற வேண்டும் என மத்திய அரசு விளையில் அறிவிப்பு வெளியிடும் எனத் தெரிவித்தார். இது தொடர்பாக அரசுக்கு ஆலோசனை வழங்கும்படி கேட்டார். இறுதி முடிவு எடுக்க வேண்டும் என்றார் சந்திர

பிரசாத். முன்னதாக, கருத்தரங்கிற்கு என்.ஐ.டி. இயக்குநர் மினி வராஜ் தலைமையில் தலைவர்கள், ஒரங்கி வண்டலாபர் கணேசன் கண்ணிராஜ் வரவேற்றார். தில்லி சமூக முயற்சிகள் குழுவின் பொருள் சேகரிப்பு குழு தலைவர் மீனாட்சி சந்திரன், நாட்டின் உள்ள 15 என்.ஐ.டி. க்களைச் சேர்ந்த பொருள் சேகரிப்பு, ஆரம்பிப்பாளர்கள் உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்று, தங்களது கட்டுரைகளை உயிர்ப்படுத்தினர்.

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## 'Centre for making accreditation mandatory for engineering courses'



SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

TIRUCHI, OCTOBER 06, 2017 00:00 IST  
UPDATED: OCTOBER 06, 2017 04:59 IST**Engineering colleges should aim for getting autonomous status: NBA Chairman**

The Centre is contemplating a plan to make accreditation mandatory for programmes offered by engineering colleges, said Surendra Prasad, Chairman, National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

Speaking to reporters here after inaugurating a three-day national workshop on "Technical Education in National Context: Challenges and Strategies" at National Institute of Technology, Mr. Prasad said that accreditation of engineering courses was still voluntary. However, the Centre has mooted an idea of making accreditation of engineering courses mandatory and discussions were on at different levels. The National Board of Accreditation, which was one of the signatories of Washington Accord, had aired its view to the Centre on the issue.

"I personally feel that mandatory proposal is not a good idea. If the colleges possess good infrastructure and faculty, they will automatically apply for accreditation as it will help them to get students for accredited courses," Mr. Prasad said. However, a decision on the matter rested with the Centre. Mr. Prasad, who was also Chairman of National Institute of Ranking Framework (NIRF), said engineering colleges should aim for getting autonomous status. If the majority of programmes were accredited, they could become eligible for autonomy, which would give the colleges freedom to frame curriculum as per the contemporary requirements. The engineering colleges and institutes that had tier-II accreditation of NBA for the courses would have global recognition as NBA was a dignitary to the Washington Accord, which was an international agreement between bodies responsible for accrediting engineering degree programmes.

To a question, Mr. Prasad said that colleges and institutes in South India had been doing well on getting tier-I accreditation. Colleges in Tamil Nadu had a longer history and they were facing a greater amount of survival challenges. Hence, they were keen on getting tier-I accreditation. NBA would conduct awareness programmes on the importance of NBA accreditation wherever necessary.

Earlier, speaking at the workshop, Mr. Prasad said higher learning institutions such as IITs and NITs should focus on framing professional curriculum that should be dynamic in content and delivery. Faculty members should be encouraged to engage the students in discussions, which will help them to understand their own interests better.

Jandhyala BG Tilak, former vice-chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, said that the higher learning institutes should focus on three E's of development goals - expansion, equity and excellence.

Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT-T, presided. G. Kannabiran, Principal Co-ordinator of the workshop and others spoke.

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## 'Time to take industry-academia collaboration to new high'

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### Align and gear up to the changing business and societal environment, says NLC official

Higher educational institutions should go beyond curriculum and take up result-oriented and time-bound research programmes. It is the right time to take the industry-academia collaboration to a new high, said V.Thangapandian, Director-Power, Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited.

Speaking at a workshop on 'Technical Education in National Context: Challenges and Strategies', at the National Institute of Technology recently, Mr.Thangapandian observed that developing efficient solar panels, indigenous materials to withstand high temperature, alternative to river sand, disposal of e-waste, smart grids and process automation were some of the areas that offered big scope for research. "We need to align and gear up to the changing business and societal environment," he said.

Focussing on power sector and the current trends in the industry, he said India was one of the very few growing economies. With a predicted annual growth rate of 7%, the country would require an installed power generation capacity of 680 GW by the end of 2032. The Paris Climate Accord had mandated India to enforce stringent environmental norms. Thermal plants commissioned after first January 2017 would have to adopt de-sulphurisation, de-Nitrification and clean coal technologies. They also would have to go in for higher sized ultra-supercritical and advanced ultra-supercritical units to achieve the station efficiency of 47-50%.

## NIT-Trichy begins recruitment drive to fill 177 posts

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TRICHY: As the recruitment drive for permanent teaching faculty begins at National Institutes of Technology (NITs) across the country after a gap of nine years, NIT Trichy is eyeing qualified candidates from abroad as well as elite institutions within the country.

Following approval of new recruitment rules by the NIT council in May this year, all the 31 institutes across the country have been on a faculty recruitment drive. NIT Trichy on Wednesday called for suitable candidates to fill the 177 posts that include assistant professors, associate professors and professors across 18 departments. However, sources clarified that this didn't mean there was a faculty shortage in the institute as there were

enough teachers hired on temporary basis.

NIT Trichy being among the top NITs, the recruitment drive will give an opportunity for many qualified candidates from here to return home as the recruitment is happening after almost a decade. "We are expecting candidates from outside India and also from IITs," said director of NIT Trichy Mini Shaji Thomas. "This is a great opportunity for qualified candidates who have been waiting for the past 8-9 years to come back to Trichy," she said.

While openings were only for Indian nationals, she said that it would be a good opportunity for many 'inspire faculty' members from Tamil Nadu working in other parts of the country as well. While there was no recruitment from 2008 for various reasons, the existing faculty didn't get promotions after 2012.

## Good response to faculty positions in NIT-Tiruchi

### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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### 800 registrations within a day of opening the portal for faculty appointments

There has been 800 registrations within a day of opening the portal for faculty appointments at the National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi.

"There were several calls from prospective candidates of Indian origin in other countries, besides applicants from across the country. The response is good and the appointment of 177 faculties to the positions of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor in the 18 departments will stand the Institute in good stead to strengthen its position in NIRF (National Institute Ranking Framework)," said NIT-T Director Mini Shaji Thomas.

The NIT-T is in the 11th position in NIRF this year. Research and consultancy output will witness a quantum rise when permanent faculties are in place. The existing faculty can also apply for promotion to higher positions in the open competition. There will be scope for bringing about improvements in every parameter to scale up the position in NIRF, Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas said. The Institute currently has 217 permanent faculties on rolls. The large-scale appointments are going to be made almost after a decade.

A number of faculty positions were filled during 2008. After that, the Institute has been managing the teacher-student ratio of 1:12 through appointment of temporary faculties.

The process of appointment will be spread out over the next five to six months. In all likelihood, permanent faculties will be posted to the vacant positions by the start of next academic year, she said.



# 680 GW by 2023, says NLC director

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WITH the predicted annual growth rate of seven percent, the country shall have to have an installed power generation capacity of 680 GW by the end of 15th five year plan (2032) and with a higher and an ambitious growth rate of eight to nine percent, said the Director of Power, Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) Ltd, V Thangapandian.

He was addressing the representatives of 15 National Institute of Technology (NITs) during a workshop on 'Technical Education in National Context: Challenges and Strategies' hosted by NIT-Tiruchy recently. Thangapandian assumed that 'Make in India' policy of the present government also stipulates a minimum of 50 percent indigenous content in procurement and services including energy sector and purchase preference up to 20 percent for domestic suppliers.

Focusing on electrically-operated vehicles, he highlighted that it is already making headway in the West. India also has started moving towards electrically-operated vehicles. "In India also gradually electric vehicles will replace the present petrol, diesel and gas vehicles within the next ten years," he added. The NLC Director said the thermal plants being commissioned after January

2017 have to adopt de-sulphurization, de-nitrification, and clean coal technologies and have to go in for higher sized ultra-supercritical and advanced ultra supercritical units to achieve station efficiency.

Speaking about renewable energy, Thangapandian said, "There has been a continuous drop in the tariff of renewable energy and the recent bids have pushed the solar and wind tariffs southwards." With the stringent environmental norms and the



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V Thangapandian, Director, NLC

continuous drop in renewables and the thrust being given by the Centre resulted in the increase in the share of renewable energy source (RES) to the level of around 18 per cent in the energy mix in the current year.

Responding to his proposal on cross-collaboration, Director of NIT-Tiruchy Mini Shaji Thomas, proposed that a cross-departmental faculty team will be spearheading the collaboration with large organizations such as NLC India in the near future.



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## DaanUtsav aptly termed HumaNITTy

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Students of National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi (NITT) aptly termed DaanUtsav, the joy of giving week they celebrated earlier this month, HumaNITTy.

The philanthropic contributions of students, staff and alumni of NITT for the celebration for the sixth year in row were the basis of as many of 23 outreach events resulting in benefits for rural schools, old age homes and special schools.

For the students, HumaNITTy also means coming together of all the social clubs in the institution, bound by the lofty thought that the act of giving is an education in itself.

The HumaNITTy Week celebrated from October 2 to 8 was preceded by an awareness creation through a rather novel approach. The students performed flash mob dance at FSM malls, LA cinemas and Tiruchi Railway Junction in the preceding weeks.

An interesting event: Sandwich Seva was also conducted at the Junction wherein students laboured to make sandwiches to feed the poor and needy in and around the junction.

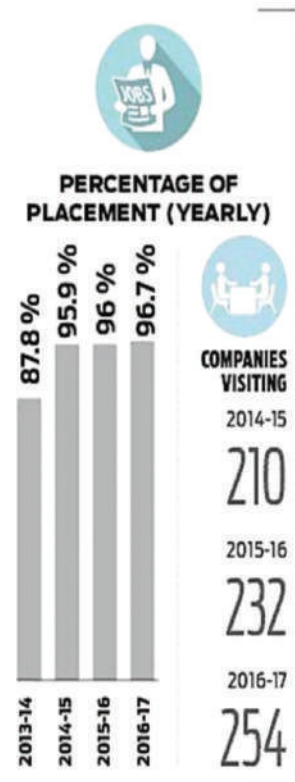
The student groups spread out to augment collections in libraries in neighbouring village schools and night study centres at Ayyampatti and Keelambil, providing borewells and pumps to the government school at Keelambil, gifting books and steel almirahs for the Government High School at Achampatti, and providing fans and tube lights for classrooms in Thuvakudy Higher Secondary School, strengthening lab apparatus at Mukkulathor Higher Secondary School, and supplying sports equipment at Killukottai Govt Higher Secondary School.

The valedictory session was marked by distribution of prizes to the student teams and the unsung heroes of the society for their outstanding services to the community by Collector K. Rajamani, and the Chairman of CII Tiruchi and General Manager, BHEL, P. Raguraman.

NITT Director Mini Shaji Thomas presided over the function.

# NIT-T goes in for core placements, records highest recruitment rate

Receives National Award for Excellence in Employability from FICCI in year 2016



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BECAUSE of the large number of departments for undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) courses which make it difficult with placements, National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) has chosen to focus more on core placements in the past years. The training and placement data from the institution showed about 250 companies visited for recruitment in the 2016-17 academic year, the highest in the country.

When it comes to academics and placements, NIT-T does not cease to amaze with the maximum percentage of students being selected in the interviews. With around 30 departments at the UG and PG levels, placement drives would be conducted throughout the year with different batches.

It is to be noted that the institute received the prestigious National Award for Excellence in Employability at the Federation of Indian

Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)- 12th Higher Education Summit held in New Delhi in November 2016.

B.Tech and M.Tech students attract the most recruiters. A K Bakthavatsalam, professor and head of training and placement, said, "Our prime focus is mainly on core placements. You would not get big numbers comparing ITs in core placements, where you rarely get even two-digit figures for core recruitments."

The highest domestic Cost-To-Company (CTC) is around Rs 28 lakh per annum and the average is Rs.7.8 lakh (data until June 2017). When asked why there are no overseas offers, Bakthavatsalam explained

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K Bakthavatsalam, professor

that recruiters from abroad, particularly the US, were less in number due to visa uncertainties. "We get a few offers from the Middle East, Mauritius and Singapore," he said. The remaining 20 to 25 per cent of undergraduates opt for higher studies.

Some major companies visiting the campus include Amazon, Oracle, Siemens, Morgan Stanley, Dell, Deloitte, HCL, Infosys, HP, Reliance, IBM, Wipro, Ford, NVIDIA and MediaTek. The professor said among all the 250 companies which took part in the placement drive, Amazon has the highest number of recruitments. Around 1,200 students appeared for placements. Though placements happen throughout the year, the NIT-T management is expecting the CTC range for next year to be even higher.

He said a rigorous preparation process is conducted prior to campus interviews, where students go through various tests under the Campus Placement Committee (CPC) series.



# Science expo at NIT-T brings the best out of students

R. VALAYAPATHY | DC  
TIRUCHY, OCT. 29

The state-level finals of the 'Veetuku Oru Vingnaani', the annual science exhibition-cum-competition conducted by a Tamil television news channel in association with 'Pragyan', the annual techno-managerial festival of the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T), to encourage scientific innovations among youth, concluded here on Saturday.

Students from various schools displayed and explained their innovative ideas with ardent enthusiasm and expertise. The first position in the junior category was awarded for the innovation, 'Movable Platform Bridge' a creation of students of National Model MHSS, Coimbatore.

The second prize was awarded for 'Hydrogen Generator (RO Water)', by students of Mahatma MHSS, Sivagangai. The third position was awarded for the work on 'Electricity Generation from Volcano' by students



Dr. Sudhakar, group director at ISRO, Mahendragiri, in the presence of director of NIT-T Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, and others, presents the prize to the winners. —DC

of Morning Star MSS, Thanjavur.

The first position in the senior category was awarded for the innovation, 'Agricultural Robot' by students of Sankara Vidyalaya, Pammal, Kanchipuram district, while the project, 'Aviation' by students of Vijayantha Model HSS, Chennai and 'Multi-purpose Robot' by students of St. Mary's MHSS finished second and third respectively.

Dr Sudhakar, Group Director at ISRO, Mahendragiri gave away the prizes to the winners. Among others, Dr Mini Shaji Thomas, director NIT-T and Shyam Kumar, CEO of the Tamil TV channel spoke on the occasion. Earlier, Dr Natarajan, dean of Planning & Development. NIT-T welcomed the gathering while Nithil Harris, chairperson of 'Pragyan' proposed a warm vote of thanks.

## NITT pursuing KV project

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
TIRUCHI**

National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi (NITT) is pursuing its earlier plan for starting a Kendriya Vidyalaya purportedly for attracting and retaining quality faculty.

The NITT is now into the process of appointing 177 new faculties to the positions of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor.

With an existing faculty strength of 217, the NITT will

be able to conform to the 1:12 faculty-student ratio after the new round of appointments.

Appointment of permanent faculty was conducted last during 2008.

The institute was conscious about the importance that prospective candidates will accord for quality school education of their wards, NITT Director Mini Shaji Thomas said.

During 2013, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was inclined to permit NITT to

start a school in its campus under project mode.

The institute readied a full-fledged building on the campus facing Tiruchi-Thanjavur National Highway with the expectation that the KV would be sanctioned from the subsequent academic year.

However, the institute did not pursue the project further apprehending financial stress on account of having to meet the recurring and non-recurring expenditure out of its own budget.

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## Visually impaired students can now tap into 'talking books'



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### District Central Library gets the 'daisy' software

Visually impaired students gained insights into accessing learning material from bookshare website using 'daisy' software at the District Central Library on Sunday.

Fifteen students were trained on downloading talking books' using PlusTalk players by G. Kumaresan, South India Coordinator of Book Share website. The purpose of the joint initiative of the District Central Library and Rotary Club of Tiruchi Elite was to enable the visually impaired students to choose the learning material and get prepared for competitive examinations.

Seven among them were given PlusTalk players worth Rs. 15,000 funded by National Institute for the Visually Handicapped. V. Kovindasamy, president of Readers' Circle, presided and president of Rotary Club of Tiruchi Elite Ramesh Babu also addressed the participants.

Volunteers of National Institute of Technology and service-minded people have so far uploaded 2,000 books in electronic format in the computer systems of the District Central Library for the benefit of students preparing for competitive exams, District Library Officer A. P. Sivakumar said.

Training for the visually impaired students is yet another addition in the activities benefiting student community at the District Central Library. Besides conducting training programme in chess, drawing, spoken English, yoga and story telling, the District Central Library has also been equipping candidates for TNPSC, and other competitive exams through a tie-up with Tiruchi-based Viswa IAS Academy.



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## NIT-T to apply for 'Institute of Eminence' status

### Eligibility criteria for getting the IoE tag

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THE National Institute of Technology - Tiruchy (NIT-T) is now planning to apply for 'Institute for Eminence' (IoE) tag by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), so as to evolve into an institution of world class standard.

The team, which was formed for National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) in the institute, will present their ideas for taking it further. The UGC has come up with guidelines for declaration of Government Educational Institutions as 'Institute of

Eminence' in order to help empower the higher educational institutions to become world-class teaching and research institutions. This was announced by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during his budget speech, in 2016. The Minister said that an enabling regulatory architecture will be provided to ten public and private institutions respectively to emerge as world-class teaching and research institutions

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One of the major eligibility criteria as per the guidelines was that the institutions should be one among the top five hundred, based on the internationally recognised ranking framework, such as the world renowned magazine Times Higher Education World University Rankings or Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) or Shanghai's Jiao Tong University (SJTU).

NIT-T has secured 228 th rank in the overall category under QS

University Ranking - Asia 2018, that was released on October 17, 2017. About 600 universities from 17 countries participated in the QS ranking.

Speaking at the sidelines of an 'Entrepreneurship Development Programme' in the campus, on Monday, Director of NIT-T, Mini Shaji Thomas said, "We are not in the lead to apply for a world ranking, so this time we got a mail from QS Asia ranking team that they are inducting new universities into the ranking and we applied." The ranking was based on academic and industry perceptions.



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## Training planned for 25 beneficiaries under NEEDS

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Twenty five prospective first-generation entrepreneurs chosen from all over Tamil Nadu for financial support under the State Government's New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) will be undergoing a month-long preparatory training at the National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi (NITT).

The 25 youths, including six women, with a minimum of degree qualification are looking forward to taking a plunge into entrepreneurship in desk top printing, power laundry, ready-made garment production, manufacture of fly ash bricks, ice cream manufacture, operating cab service, and making arecanut plates after the orientation to be carried out by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation (CEDI) at the NITT. The youths have already been assured of terms loans from nationalised banks and Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) with capital subsidy at 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 25 lakh and soft loans with 3% interest subvention.

The relevance of knowledge generated in higher educational institutions is in its conversion into enterprises, M. M. M. Najib, Vice-Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, said, addressing the inaugural session on Monday.

Presiding over, NITT Director Mini Shaji Thomas exuded hope that the technological infrastructure available in the institute will be gainful for the prospective entrepreneurs, and sought their interaction with the students towards inculcating the culture of entrepreneurship in the campus.

Manikandan, Deputy Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Government of Tamil Nadu, said the EDII had trained and assisted 2,300 prospective entrepreneurs to start enterprises over the last five years.

G. Kannabiran, Professor and Program Coordinator, said the program would also include a week-long hands-on exposure in enterprises in the district.

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## NIT-Trichy aims for spot among top univs in Asia

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## Professor honoured

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S. Raghavan, Professor, Electronics and Communications Engineering, National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi, was honoured with 'Distinguished Professor Award' for 2017 at the first International Conference on Data, Engineering and Applications 2017 organised by Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal and Sagar Institute of Research and Technology, recently. Sunil Kumar, V-C, Bhopal State Technical University and Padmashri Sankar K. Pal, former Director of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, presented the award.

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