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### Glimpses from Festember 2017







#### BIRD WATCHING

## NIT-T proves haven for birds, 130 species spotted

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paradise

Area spread in NIT-T

Number of bird species spotted

Number of butterflies, snakes. bats species

THE green canopy spread over 800 acres of National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) has become a paradise for rare birds and butterflies. Students have recorded about 130 bird

species on the campus, which has led to the creation of an 'Incredible NITT' club for organising bird and nature walks on a regular basis.

With migratory and native birds commonly seen on campus, students in the institution are now purchasing high-end cameras to capture images of these birds. Now, club members are at ease in naming rare birds and their

The club now has a closed Facebook group with over 3,000 members, including students of NIT-T, club members and pass-outs. Mande Amol, Ph.D. student in the Department of Energy and Environment (DEE), started the Facebook group in January 2014 to bring all interested students under a single umbrella. "This has led the beginning of the club, as students from various disciplines unleash their photography skills," he



Birds and bugs spotted in NIT-T | express

Amol now owns a DSLR but had minimal knowledge of photography. He now clicks photos like an expert, thanks to the 'incredible NITT' club for giving him a place to showcase his new skill. He said rare birds like the Chestnut-winged Cuckoo, Indian blue robin and Indian Pitta can be seen on notepad to jot down the bird species



#### Some rare species on the campus

- Common Hawk-Cuckoo
- Greater Painted-Snipe (female)
- Green Bee-Eater
- Common Kestrel
- Oriental Honey-buzzard

campus on occasion.

Another student, P Kamala Kannan, pursuing a B.Tech, has been a photography enthusiast since his school days. Little did he know that he would be taking pictures of rare birds on the NIT-T campus. "I have spotted about 83 bird species until now during bird walks and other days," Kannan

Photo walk participants carry a

they encounter. Kannan said it is easy to identify a bird from its striking features, including the tail and feathers. which are brightly coloured. He said male birds are found to be more colourful, making them easy to identify

The 'Incredible NITT' club does not stop at naming birds. Participants have also taken note of snakes, lizards, butterflies and bats. The team would next conduct a bird walk in October, as the induction programme has just started.

Speaking to Express, A K Bakthavatsalam, professor and head of

and placement, said students were very enthusiastic during bird walks. He added the Facebook group will post pictures of species with the ID name and date when the picture was clicked.

"This is not only to create awareness on birds amongst those in the institution, but images would also be uploaded on eBird.org (a database that holds information about various birds)," he said. Rain and excess water are allowed to fall in an artificial bund to help birds quench their thirst.



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### NIT-T starts initiative for entrepreneurship

Director Mini Shaji Thomas launches 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Programme'



A view of the administrative building of National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

THE Director of the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T), Mini Shaji Thomas, has highlighted the need to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the context of India's growing economy. She was was speaking at the launch of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (IEDP) at the institution on Wednesday. Thomas added there was a need to create an entrepreneurial mindset among graduates for which parents need to encourage their wards.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation (CEDI) is a 'Section 8' company promoted by NIT-T in association with Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII), Chennai, to take up developmental activities at member colleges under IEDP. The workshop on Wednesday was attended by top management representatives from about 20 colleges across Tiruchy district and neighbouring areas. The incubation centre would provide the training programme for faculty and students of different institutions and colleges.

The main aim of the programme is to create an entrepreneurship ecosystem in the district from the 2017-18 academic year. A hub institution would take up follow-up activities in member colleges registered with IEDE The hub would execute programmes like top management orientation workshops, E&I cell development training, design



Participating colleges shall have access to the programme conducted in NIT-T over the next five years with CEDI creating a meaningful impact on the legal ecosystem

G Kannabiran, Director, CEDI

thinking workshops and business modelling and business plan preparation workshops.

G Kannabiran, professor of management and CEDI director said within five years, CEDI would have created a meaningful impact on the local ecosystem. "Participating colleges shall have access to the programme conducted in NIT-T," Kannabiran said. Interested engineering or technology, arts or science and polytechnics may register with NIT-T for IEDP on or before September 30.

R Shiva Kumar, deputy director, EDI, said the year-long activities cover faculty and students of participating colleges. Some activities, including faculty development programmes, would be organised on the NIT-T campus, he added. The programme will be coordinated by Kannabiran and R Murugesan, associate professor of humanities and social sci-

## Vacancies to be filled up within five months

Number of

faculty

present in

NIT-T

216

Number of

temporary

faculty

members in

NIT-T -

Around

DEEPAK SATHISH @ Tiruchy

IN less than three weeks' time, the National Institute of Tech-

nology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) will kick-start its advertising process of filling 76 vacancies out of 393 sanctioned vacant posts in various departments. The vacancies are expected to be filled within five months. The 10th meet ing of the Council of the National Institute of Technology Science Education and Research (NITSER) held in Shimla on May 26 notified all faculty vacancies be advertised at the earliest and eve ry institution should reduce their vacancies by half before the next council meeting.

The NITSER meeting was chaired by
Prakash Javadekar,
Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD), at the
Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) in
Shimla.

The meeting was attended by 44 resource persons from various institutions, including directors, members of boards of governors and chairpersons.

A thorough discussion was initiated on issues related to Institutes of Science Education and Research (IIS-ERs), including changes in membership of the NITSER council and accepting fees in Indian rupees from Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) candidates instead of US

Vacancy dollars.

A working group of four NITs from across Total sanctioned vacancies in during the meeting.

When reading out the status of NIT in the National Institutional Ranking Framing Framework (NIRF) 2017, the council appreciated NITs in Tiruchy and Rourkela, IIEST and Surathkal for ranking in the top 25 in the country.

At NIT-T, there are around 393 sanctioned vacancies of which 216 have been filled by permanent faculty and 110 posts by temporary faculty members. The remaining 176 vacancies in the institute will be filled in a period of four to five months.

Number of vacancies ing, sciences, humanities and architecture advertised advertised The vacancies ing, sciences, humanities and architecture are based on qualifications, requirements, and cumulative essential credit points.

It is noted in the document all new entrants should have a Ph.D in the relevant or equivalent discipline and a first class in the preced-

ing degrees.

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### TAMIL NADU NIT-T reaches out to colleges to promote entrepreneurship

The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation (CEDI), National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi, has tied up with Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII), Chennai, for creating eco-system for entrepreneurship in Tiruchi district.

In the wake of NIT-T's designation as a hub institution for the State Government's IEDP (Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Program), the CEDI, on Wednesday conducted a workshop for management representatives of 20 registered colleges.

Addressing the participants, NIT-T Director Mini Thomas highlighted the need for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship mindset among students in the context of the country's economic growth. Thrust on entrepreneurship has a bearing on the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) ranking, Prof. Mini said.

G. Kannaibiran, Professor, and Director - CEDI, called upon interested Engineering/Technology, Art/Science and polytechnic colleges to register for the IEDP before 30 September, to move up in the value chain from education and training to incubation, seed funding and mentoring.

The registrations could be made through email (cedi@nitt.edu) or over phone 0431-2504760 / 7200119064.

CEDI has been focussing on awareness creation, education training, ideation, incubation, seed funding, and mentoring activities, and has already incubated 10 companies in diverse areas, Prof. Kannabiran said

# TAMIL NADU Google programme takes off

Google start-up weekend got off to a start at the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchi on Friday.

Aimed at fostering entrepreneurship culture among college and university students, the event attracted about 120 participants from across the country.

Organised by the institute's Entrepreneurship Cell, with support from CEDI (Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation), the event spanning 54 hours would expose the participants to uncertain situations in entrepreneurship and prepare them mentally to administer a start-up company.

Each of the participants would experience the highs, lows, fun, and pressure that make up life at a startup.

Alongside, they would meet top-notch mentors, investors, co-founders, and sponsors who were ready to help them get started. The number of mentors was likely to increase and the event would culminate on Sunday with the evaluation of the business plans and announcement of winners.

According to the organisers, the e-Cell would be organising a series of more resourceful and innovative events to promote entrepreneurship in the campus during the course of the year.

## NIT-T students record lessons to help visually impaired learn

Pupils every Sunday will record information and provide it to the disabled

DEEPAK SATHISH @ Tiruchy

BEFORE it was a difficult task for V Meenachi to get her study material of competitive examination done, but it is now available with just a push of a button. Thanks to the students of National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) who visit the District Central Library in the city every Sunday, with a new set of recorded examination material in English in the form of audio books to ease the visually challenged people in the Braille section of the library

The students would also help the visually challenged people to fill in the online application forms for the Civil Service, Public Service Commission (PSC) and other competitive examinations. Apart from that, the students help the people with visual disabilities to get Unique Disability ID (UDID) card from the Central Government by applying online, which makes the person eligible to receive benefits from the Government departments.

With her electrifying speech and unceasing gesture, Meenachi said that she was supported by the set of NIT-T students every Sunday to perform her duties. "They help me to fill in the examination application forms and also helped me to apply for a Disability ID card on the website. I had also requested them to be my scribe for my examination, which is scheduled for November this year," she added. Currently, she is pursuing Ph.D. History and tentatively finishing her computer coaching task-by-task in Bharathidasan University (BDU) here.

Like Meenakshi, all the people visiting District Central Library is specialised on a certain field where they would pursue master degree or awaiting the examination days. A second-year student in the Production Department, P Sneha is one among the other students visiting the library. She said, "Our seniors had mooted this task of helping the visually challenged people in the li-



A NIT-T student reading out loud to record audio on a mobile device, in District Central Library in Tiruchy on Sunday | DEEPAK SATHISH

brary, and we are just leading their

Sneha explained that her team would take the examination materials from

#### **Head count**

Number of audio books produced by the NIT-T students-Over 300

Number of FlexTalk players received with the help from NIT-T students-120

Along with the NIT-T students. the District Central Library is visited also by the volunteers of Jega Jyothi Readers

Service for Visually Impaired to provide guidance for the visually challenged people in the differently-abled section in the library.

the library sections to convert it as audio files. That's not all, the team would obtain details from the visually challenged person to apply for UDID card for further benefits from the Government. Another student, Anmol Agarwal of Electrical department said that NIT-T had organised a five-day long programme on last December exclusively for the visually challenged people. "We also helped them to get Easy-Reader DAISY player, which can be availed free from the Central Government but needs a lot of information to be filled online," said Anmol.

Pupil-for-Pupil Committee (PPC) of Mechanical Department is one such social service clubs in NIT-T which works apart from the curriculum to reach out education material to the people who are in need of it. About 120 FlexTalk players for the visually challenged people. The institution also conducts 'Daan Utsav' an initiative for the joy of giving week on the first week of October, under the name of 'HumaNITTy'.



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# Fourth edition of Google Startup Weekend draws good response

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STUDENTS of National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) in their three-day Google Startup Weekend were part of a congregation of designers, coders with the sole purpose of starting up over the weekend.

Startup Weekend is an event which takes place every year, in over 150 countries. It is a platform where aspiring entrepreneurs with or without an idea come together to pitch, form a team, bond and work on a single idea for 54 hours. Startup Weekend at Tiruchy commenced its massive journey worldwide in 2007 and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. E-Cell NIT-T and CEDI-Sonata

Entrepreneurship Fund worked handin-hand for the past three years and hosted the fourth edition of Startup Weekend Tiruchy, SWT 4.0. E-Cell NITT is a student-run NGO, with ambitious and hardworking students who have come together with the common aim of promoting entrepreneurship at both at the campus and national levels. One of the most serious of the plethora of initiatives it undertakes is Startup Weekend, which bound to push par-

#### What is SWT 4.0

Participants are pushed to their limits and established startup experts come and sit with the young teams to support them in their venture. ticipants to their limits.

During the three-day event, a oneminute pitch was proposed and the best ones were shortlisted. This was followed by team formation where each individual can join with an idea he or she is interested in.

The new teams are given a splendid atmosphere to bond with teammates and to work round the clock. The second day saw the mentoring session, where established startup experts come and sit with the young teams to support them in their venture.

Each team came up with a minimum viable product which they pitched in front of a panel of investors, following which the prize distribution took place.



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#### The Times of India | 19.09.2017

# NIT-Trichy to restructure PG courses, introduce new ones

Trichy: The National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy is planning to restructure its postgraduate programmes and also offer one-year courses for working professionals to generate more revenue.

NIT-T director Mini Shaji Thomas said that the senate is reviewing the placements and other market forces."The mandate is now to have more programmes which bring in revenue. We may go for one-year courses for working professionals which could be located in metropolitan cities other than Trichy. This is part of our initiative to improve our internal revenue generation," she said. As it would take some time to introduce such courses, the director said that the institution is currently focussing on restructuring the existing PG programmes.

"We have a total of 25 postgraduate courses and we are now reviewing the placements and market forces so that we can start new courses and wind up those which are not doing well," she said. Commenting on the placement season which has just commenced at NIT-T, Shaji said that they are hoping for good placements this year. "Last year, 97% of undergraduate students and 87% postgraduate students got placed," she added.

The director said that faculty recruitment would happen soon as there has been no recruitment for quite some time at all NITs in the country. "Though faculty recruitment didn't happen for quite some years, there is no dearth of faculty members. We have 393 sanctioned posts and whenever there is a shortage we recruit temporary faculty members to fill the gap," she said.

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# Ideas rock Startup Weekend at NIT, 'Cocoon' the topper

Trichy: Ideas poured in from students of NIT Trichy at the Startup Weekend organised by the institute's E-Cell which ended on Sunday. They included 'Retila Technologies' aimed at solving communication problems with real time translation, 'Techie Helpline' looking to help budding companies find technical talent and 'Lifarm', an indoor farming solution based on hydroponics. E-Cell NIT-Trichy is a student-run non-profit organisation which organises the weekend as an annual affair as is done worldwide. Startup weekend is an occasion for aspiring entrepreneurs with or without an idea to come together to pitch, form a team, bond with them and work on a single idea for 54 hours. The winning team 'Cocoon' proposed an attachable shade device focussing on cyclists on the NITTrichy campus.

NIT Trichy director Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas graced the prize distribution function. While congratulating the winners, she requested the teams and individuals to carry forward the journey and set up businesses. She highlighted the advantages of venturing into entrepreneurship in present times when a very supportive ecosystem existed and start-ups had been given thrust by the Government of India.

Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation (CEDI) NIT Trichy, G Kannabiran who is mentoring the E-Cell activities with funding and organizational support, invited members of winning teams to apply for incubation and funding support from CEDI.

CEDI at present provides incubation space, seed fund up to Rs 25 lakhs and mentoring support. The winners and participants received valuable insights about incubation opportunities from the CEDI-Sonata Entrepreneurship Fund. The best ideas were shortlisted on day one based on their one-minute pitch. This was followed by team formation where each individual can join the idea he or she is interested in.

"This year, out of the 103 participants, 55 put forward their ideas resulting in formation of 12 teams," said event coordinator Anand Kantheti.

#### The Times of India | 19.09.2017

# Hollywood VFX man to be part of this year's Festember

Trichy: Popular Hollywood visual effects director Michael Karp will be part of 'Festember,' the annual cultural festival of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Trichy which begins from Thursday.

Karp is the man behind the awe-inspiring visual effects in some of the popular Hollywood movies including Titanic, X -Men Series and Terminator. He will be interacting with the students as part of the 43rd edition of Festember this year.

Making the announcement on Tuesday, director of NIT Trichy Mini Shaji Thomas said that Mumbai based poet and feminist Aranya Johar will also be part the four-day event, apart from many other celebrities from the music world.

Festember, which was started in a small way in 1975, is one of the largest campus cultural events in the country with over 17,000 participants from various colleges.

This year Festember has embraced the eastern culture with 'The Orient' as its theme and its mascot - Hanzo, the Ninja. The event which has The Times of India as its media partners will have music concert on all four nights with different themes for each night.

It will be a classical night on the inaugural day on September 21, where Shravan Sridhar, the famous violinist will perform. The following day will see the team of Redbull tour bus for an electric dance music night. DJ Shaan will perform for the Rock music night on the third day and it is Bollywood night on the final day where music composer Amit Trivedi will entertain the crowd.

The cultural event, from September 21-24, will have a total of 63 events in 13 clusters. Students and eminent jurists will take part in the panel to select the winner in each category.

Festember had hosted a sting of outreach events ahead of the cultural fest, significant among them being Rolling Reels Film Festival, with a record participation of over 150 films across the world from 12 countries.



Mini Shaji Thomas (centre), Director of NIT-T along with officials briefing about Festember-2017 at a press conference in Tiruchy on Tuesday (MK ASHOX KUMAR

# Amit Trivedi to be part of Festember fete

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BOLLYWOOD musician Amit Trivedi is to address the gathering and sing at National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy's (NIT-T) Festember, its annual cultural extravaganza, with over forty years of heritage. Around 15,000 students from different colleges in the country participating in the event would be get to listen to Amit Trivedi, who is said to be on his first visit to South India.

This year's programme begins on September 21 at the NIT premises. Over the years, the event has grown to become one of the largest cultural festivals in India. Thousands of college students from all over the country come down to the historic town of Tiruchy to take part in various competitions and to stand a chance to win the acclaimed 'Festember' trophy. The event is based on a theme every year and the campus will wear the look of the theme conveying the message to the audience.

Hanging lanterns, dragons, and items from countries like Japan and China have been displayed all around the NIT-T campus for the four-day-long programme with the theme 'Orient'. The theme celebrates the art, food, fashion and a lot more of the countries in East Asia and encourages people to enjoy best of these cultures.

During this Festember, the guest lecture will be by Michael Karp, VFX supervisor for Hollywood blockbusters like Harry Potter and X-Men series.



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### Come 'Festember'

#### NIT-T fest will showcase the Orient

Festember'17 — the 43rd edition of the annual cultural extravaganza of the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchi (NIT-T) — is all set for take off on September 21.

The theme — The Orient — will manifest in celebration of the art, food and fashion of East Asia, and encourage the audience to enjoy the best of these cultures. The spirit of the fest has been embodied in its mascot: Hanzo, the Ninja.

Footfall of students from across the country for participation in 63 events is expected to exceed last year's count of 15,000, according to NIT-T Director Mini Shaji Thomas.

#### **Guest lectures**

The highlight is the carpe diem series encompassing guest lectures by eminent personalities such as Michael Karp, VFX supervisor for several blockbuster films; playback singer Srinivas; popular slam poet Aranya Johar; and acclaimed film critic Baradwaj Rangan.

The lineup includes proshows — classical night by Shravan Sridhar from Non-Violinist Project on September 21, EDM Night on September 22 by DJ Shaan, Redbull Tour Bus/Rock Night on September 23, and Popular Night by Amit Trivedi and Troupe of Bollywood fame, Dr. Mini said.

The four days of festivities are a culmination of a number of outreach activities over the last few months. They include the first-of-its-kind indoor football tournament in Tiki Taka, Chennai; Rolling Reels Film Festival at NIT-T that saw record participation of over 150 films from nearly 12 countries; and GigaHertz, the premiere rock band competition held in Chennai and Bangalore to encourage rock music and invite participants to Festember on a national scale.

Also, the corporate social responsibility outreaches reflected in events such as Channeled Clarity for Charity at SBOA School in Chennai this year, in association with CRY on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day; Pages, a book collection drive conducted in Gnaneshwara Primary School in Trichy; and Vatsalya, an event for the elderly also conducted in old age homes of Trichy, she said.

Festember' 17 presents 12 workshops focussing on areas such as singular arts and skills like one-stroke art, juggling, hypnotism, and on Eastern warfare such as Nunchako and Aikido.

For the first time, Festember has joined hands with Maggi, one of the pioneer products of Nestle, to organize 'Maggi Innovation Challenge'.

Participants will have to demonstrate their prowess in cooking skills to bag exciting prizes.

A gaming station has also been arranged for hard-core gamers to show their skills.

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என்ஐடியில் பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா

# மாணவர்களின் எதிர்கால வாழ்க்கைக்கு பாடமாக அமையும்

திருவெறும்பூர்,செப்.22:திரு வெறும்பூர் அருகே உள்ள என்றடியில் பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா மாணவர்களின் கலா சாரம் மற்றும் எதிர்கால வாழ்க்கைக்கு பாடமாக அமையுமென இந்தியன் ஏர்லைன்ஸ் இணை இயக் குநர்ஜோசப்தெரிவித்தார்.

திருவெறும்பூர் அருகே உள்ள என்ஐடியில் இந் தண்டு பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா நேற்று) துவங்கியது. வரு கிற 24ம் தேதி வரை விழா நடைபெறுகிறது. கல்லூரி இயக்குனர் மினிஷாஜிதா மஸ் தலைமை வகித்தார். மாணவர் நலச்சங்க தலை வர்வெங்கடசாமிரெட்டி, என்றடி ஊழியர்கள் ஆலோசகர் அருள்மொழி செல்வன் அகியோர் முன் னிலை வகித்தனர்.

இந்தியன் ஏர்லைன்ஸ் இணை இயக்குநர் ஜோசப், பெஸ்டம்பர் விழாவை துவக்கி வைத்து பேசியதா வது: அறிவியல் மற்றும் கலாசாரம்,தத்துவம் அதிய வற்றை உள்ளடக்கிய கலா சாரப் போட்டிகள் இந்த பெஸ்டம்பர் விழாவில் நடைபெறுகிறது.பெஸ்டம்

இந்தியன் ஏர்லைன்ஸ் அதிகாரி பேச்சு

திருச்சி என்ஐடியில் நேற்று பெஸ்டம்பர் விழாவினை இந்தியன் ஏர்லைன்ஸ் இணை இயக்குநர் ஜோசப் குத் துவிளக்கேற்றி தொடங்கி வைக்கிறார். அருகில் கல்லூரி இயக்குநர் மினிஷாஜிதாமஸ்.

பர் விழா என்பது செப்டம் பர்விழாகிடையாது.நம்மு டையமுந்தையகாலத்தில் நடந்த சிறந்த நிகழ்வுகளை நினைவு கூறுவதாகும். மேலும்மாணவர்கள்விழா நடத்தும் போது நேரத்தை சரியான முறையில் கடை பிடிக்க வேண்டும். இந்த கலாசார விழாவானது **மாணவர்களின் எதிர்கால** 

வாழக்கைக்கு ஒரு பாட மாக அமையும் என்றார். நான்கு நாட்கள் நடைபெ றும் விழாவில் 100க்கும் மேற்பட்ட கல்லூரிசேர்ந்த மாணவ, மாணவிகள் கலந்து கொண்டு தங்களது திறமைகளை வெளிப்படுத் துகின்றனர்.

மாணவர் சங்கத்தை சேர்ந்தவிஜய்வரவேற்றார்.

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AMS Joseph, Wing Commander, IAF, speaking after inaugurating Festember at NIT-T on Thursday | EXPRESS

# Festember off to grand start

Cultural festival of NIT-T attracts 1,500 participants from across the country

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THE 43rd edition of Festember. 'a fest to remember,' the cultural fest of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Tiruchy, began in a grand manner on Thursday, with the theme 'Orient', this time. The four-day annual cultural fest of NIT is on till to September 24 and 1500 participants from across the country have come down to experience the flavours of the East and SouthEast Asian countries, with all events and ambiance centered on the theme - Orient.

Inaugurating the event, chief guest AMS Joseph, Wing Commander, Indian Air Force said, "Cultural events develop the overall personality of students. Organisational and management skills can be learned through such events". "Events like Festember is a platform for students to be motivated and to work in a team. Let everyone enjoy planning and participating in the festival", he added.

Festember, the annual cultural extravaganza of NIT-T with over forty years of heritage, has grown to become one of the largest festivals of India over the years. Thousands of college students from all over the country come to Tiruchy to take part in the various competitions and to stand a chance to win the acclaimed Festember trophy.

This year, Hanzo, the Ninja is the mascot, who personifies and symbolises the very spirit of Festember. On the first day evening, Shravan Sridhar, a non-violinist project and his troupe engrossed the audience with their soulful performance. The events for the upcoming days are planned and guests from various fields are brought in to enlighten and enrich the audience.

Unleashing the cultural fest on day 2, a choreo night has been planned and DJ Shaan, a well known artist is to lead the programme. Bollywood singer Amit Trivedi and his troupe will perform on the last day of Festember, on September 24.



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#### Gala Festember kicks off at NIT-T

Trichy: Festember, the annual cultural festival of the National Institute of Technology, Trichy, kicked-off to a start with classical music performance by acclaimed musician Shravan Sridhar from Chennai on Thursday. The festival began with a motivational talk by IAF wing commander A M S Joseph who also declared the four-day-long festival open.

This is the 43rd edition of Festember with the participation of celebrities and people from the creative field across the globe.

Inspiring the students during his inaugural address, Joseph credited the students for their extraordinary team effort for conducting the event in such a grand manner. He said, "Initially I wrongly took Festember to be a festival that takes place in the month of September. But then I realised that it is a festival to be remembered."

Joseph who is also the joint director, publicity cell of the Indian Air force, wished students good luck for the festival which is one of the largest student run event in South India.

An interactive session with students regarding the Indian Air Force is scheduled during the festival to create awareness on the armed forces.

The theme for this edition is 'The Orient', an experience to taste the flavours of east and south-east Asian countries, with the events and ambience centred on the theme. Hanzo, the ninja is the mascot, who personifies and symbolises the spirit of Festember.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with Shakthidhar, chairman of Festember-2017, delivering the welcome address highlighting the new initiatives and efforts of the Festember team. Mini Shaji Thomas, director of NIT-Trichy, was also present at the inaugural function.

Faculty advisor of Festember, Karvembu, introduced the AMS Joseph, wing commander of IAF, who motivated the crowd with his inspiring words. Mani Prakash, overall coordinator, delivering the vote of thanks.

Shravan Sridhar, acclaimed for his non-violinist project and his troupe, showcased a soulful musical performance after the inaugural function.

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### Festember, the 3-day cultural fest, kicks off

At National Institute of Technology

Festember, the much awaited annual cultural festival of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchi, got under way here on Thursday.

The theme for this edition of the student-run festival is 'The Orient', giving participants a chance to experience flavours of the East and South-East Asian countries. All events would revolve around this theme.

Wing Commander AMS Joseph of the Indian Air Force inaugurated the festival in the presence of Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchi. Musician Shravan Sridhar presented a soulful musical performance.

A slew of cultural events have been lined up during the three-day extravaganza.





# 'தொழில்நுட்ப வளர்ச்சி மக்களை மகிழ்விக்க வேண்டும்'



ஹாலிவுட் திரைப்பட தொழில்நுட்ப மேற்பார்வையாளர் மைக்கேல் கார்ப் பேசினார்.

口付有條項 全的图 மாணவர்கள் படிப்பில் மட் நிகழ்ச்சியில் டுமே சிறத்து வினங்குவார்கள் முழுவநிலிருந்தும் 500 கல்லூரி என்பது தவறான கணிப்பு என் பது அவர்கள் நடத்திய பெஸ் கொண்டு அசத்தினர் என்றால் மாண்வர்களுக்கான தல்கும் பாட்டிக்கும் உள்ள அன்பை பார்க்கும் போது உறுடுயாடுறது. இந்தியா முழுவதும் உள்ள இன்றுடன் நிறைவுறும் இந்த என கடுமையாக உழைத்தனர். உள்ள நட்பை மாணவர்கள் தங்களின் இற ஆண்டு பெஸ்டம்பர் நிகழ்ச்சி இதற்காக அவர்கள் பல நாட்கள் பிரண்ட்ஷிப் நிரைப்படங்கள் மையை வெளிப்படுத்த பெஸ் மில் பல்வேறு புதுமைகளை தங்கள் துருக்கத்தை இயாகம் கதையம்சத்துடன் டம்பரை ஒரு மேடையாக காண முடித்தது. பெஸ்டம்பர் செய்தனர் என்றால் அது மிகை தொழில்நுட்பத்தை பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்டுறார்கள். விழாவை

களை சேர்த்த கமார் 15 ஆயிரம் இனர்களை அழைத்து வருதல், அடையாளத்தை வெளிப்படுத்து மாணவ, மாணவிகள் கலத்து போட்டியில் கலத்து கொள்ளும் இறது. சிறு குழந்தைகளுக்கும்

வெற்றிகரமாக வில்லை.

இந்த ஆண்டு நடத்த 43வது நிறைவுசெய்ய என்றுடி மாண வேண்டும். பெஸ்டம்பர் வர்கள் தேனியை போல கறுக இந்தியா நுப்புடன் செயல்பட்டனர்.

செப். 21ம் தேதி தொடங்கி ளுக்கான போக்குவரத்து வசதி பூனை, நாய்க்கு இடையில்

ஹாரிபாட்டர், ஹங்கர்கேம்ஸ் உள்ளிட்ட ஆங்கில இரைப்படங் களுக்கு தொழில்நுட்ப மேற்பார் வையாளராக பணியாற்றிய மைக் கார்ப் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார். என்றடி இயக்குனர் மினி ஷாஜி தாமஸ் தலைமையில் மைக்கேல் கார்ப் பேசுகையில், சினிமா துறையில் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள தொழில்றுட்ப வளர்ச்சிவின் தோக்கம் மக்களை மகிழ்விப்பதாக இருக்க வேள் டும். அனைத்து துறை தொழில் நுட்ப வளர்ச்சியும் மனித என் ணங்களுடன் இணைந்து இருக்க

டைட்டாளிக் படத்தில் கப் பல் மூழ்குவது போன்ற காட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகள் அமைப்பு, விருந் கள் தொழில்நுட்ப வளர்ச்சியின் இடம், உணவு, மற்றும் இவர்க வெளிப்படுத்தும் இராண்ட்மா, டுத்தியது என்றார்.



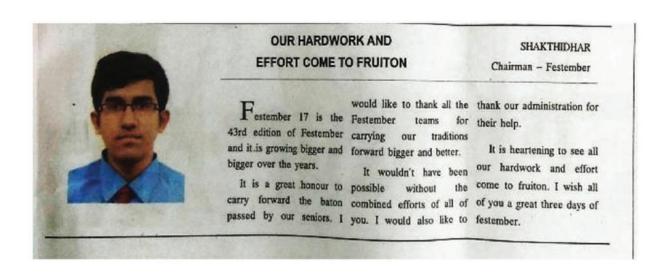
Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director
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Proudly by Director

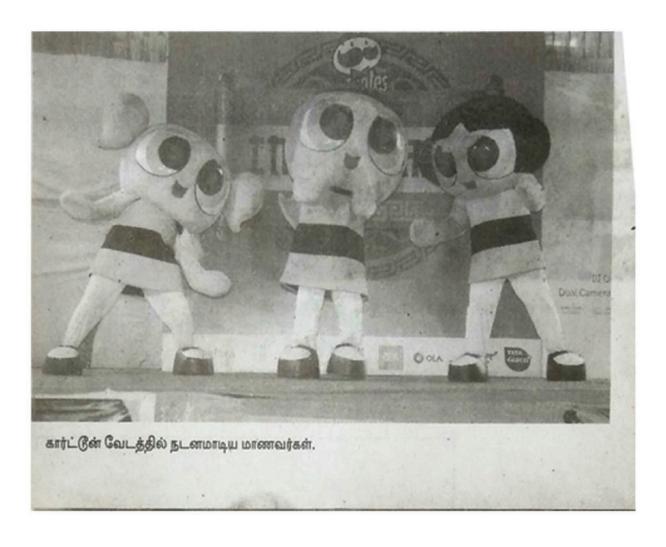
A Small group of individuals joined hands together in 1976 to organize an event that would resonate the name of the college. Today after 42 years, the seed that they had planted has grown into a huge tree named Festember.

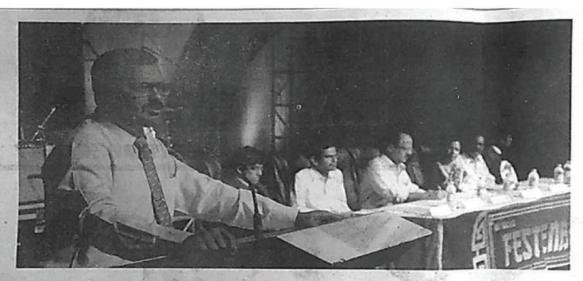
This is one of the fests in India that has grown at an exponentially faster rate over the years. It gives me immense pleasure to say that I am the director of an institution where the students know their duties and responsibilities quite well.

I must also mention about the faculty advisors and the administration who had also extended their hand to the students in difficult situations. Their co-ordination is one of the main reasons for the fest to shape into what it is today.

The students have worked really hard to make this fest into a memorable and a successful one. They have always pushed their limits in making this fest a much better one compared to the previous years.







திருச்சி என்னுடி இயக்குனர் மினி ஷாஜி தாமஸ் தலைமையில் இத்திய விமானப் படை அதிகாரி ஜோசப் பெஸ்டம்பர் 2017 விழாவை தொடங்கி வைத்து பேசுகையில், 1975ம் ஆண்டு முதல் நடக்கும் பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா மாணவர்களின் எதிர்கால செயல்பாடுகளுக்கு அடித்தளம் அமைக்கும் சக்தி வாய்த்தது. வாழ்தர்ள் முழுவதும் நினைவு கொள்ளும் வகையில் நடத்தப்படும் பெஸ்டம்பர் விழாவில் சிறப்பு சொற்போழிவு. கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகள் உட்பட பல திகழ்ச்சிகள் நடக்கிறது. பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா மாணவர்களிடம் தலைமை பண்பு, செயலாக்கம், ஒற்றுமை, குறிப்பிட்ட நேத்தில் பணிகளை முடிப்பது ஆகிய பண்புகளை வளர்க்கும் தன்மை வாய்த்தது என்றார், நிகழ்ச்சியில் டின் ரெட்டி, ஆலோசகர் கார்வேம்பு உட்பட பலர் கலத்து கொண்டனர்.

- ஜிகா ஹெர்ட்ஸ் எனும் இசை நிகழ்ச்சியின் முதல் சுற்றுக்கள் பெங்களூரு, சென்னை ஆகிய இடங்களில் நடந்தது. இதில் தேர்வாகி இறுதி சுற்றுக்கு வந்த இசை குழுக்கள் தங்கள் திற மையை வெளிப்படுத்தினர்.
- கிச்சன் கார்னர்: தென்னிந்திய, வட இந்திய உணவுகள், அரேபி யன் வகை உணவு, பாஸ்ட் புட், ஐஸ்கிரீம், ஜூஸ், ஹாட் மில்க் சாக்லேட், மசாலா டீ, பிரட், கேக், பல்வேறு நான் வெஜ் உண வுகள் சுடச்சுட வழங்கப்பட்டது. பெஸ்டம்பர் விழாவில் கலந்து கொண்டவர்களில் கிச்சன் கார் னர் பக்கம் வராதவர்களை விரல் விட்டு எண்ணி விடலாம். உண்ட மயக்கம் இர மாணவ, மாணவிகள் உண்ட உணவ செரிப்பதற்கு நடனம் 24.14 மகிழ்ந்தனர். இரவு நேரங்களில் பல்வேறு கலர் விளக்குகள் அதற்கு மேலும் மெருகூட்டியது.
- கோல்டன் ஜூப்ளி அரங்கத்தில் இரவு வேளைகளில் நடந்த இசை மற்றும் நடன நிகழ்ச்சியில் அதிக அளவில் பார்வையாளர் கள் கூடினர். இசையின் சப்தத் தால் பலரின் காது செவிடாகும் நிலைமை இருந்தாலும் மாண வர்களின் ஆட்டம் பாட்டத்திற்கு குறைவில்லாமல் இருந்தது.
- ரெட்புல் டூர் பஸ் இசை நிகழ்ச்சி இரவில் நடந்தாலும் கூட்டத் திற்கு குறைவில்லாமல் இருந் தது.
- கோமள வினாயகத்தின் ஹிப் னாட்டிஸம் செய்வது எப்படி எனும் நிகழ்ச்சி பார்வையாளர்க ளிடம் வியப்பை ஏற்படுத்தியது என்றால் அது மிகையில்லை. வினாடி வினா நிகழ்ச்சி, அமிர்த வர்ஷினியின் கர்நாடக இசை ஆகிய நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் மாணவர்க ளிடம் பெரும் வரவேற்பை பெற்றது.



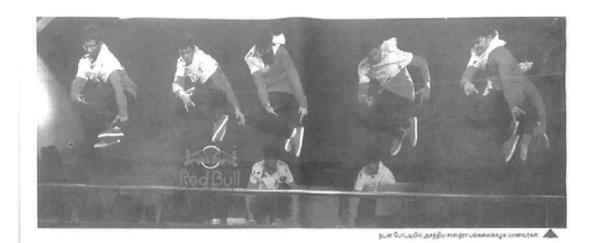
பேட்டர் உடை போட்டியில் பல்வேறு வேடங்களில் உலர வந்த மாணவர்கள்.



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# தமிழ் பண்பாட்டுடன் இரண்டறக் கலந்து இன்று மறந்து போய்விட்ட பல்வேறு கூத்துக்களில் மாணவர்கள் ஆர்வத்துடன் கலந்து கொண்டனர். குறிப்பாக கோவை அமிர்தா பொறியியல் கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்ட கூத்தாம்பள நிகழ்ச்சியில் பிரசவம் என்பது பெண்களுக்கு மறு பிறப்பு என்பதையும், தமிழர்களின்பண்டையவிளையாட்டானஜல்லிக்கட்டு, கபடி உள்ளிட்டவிளையாட்டுகளை

செய்து காட்டி பார்வையாளர்களின் அப்லாஸ்களை அள்ளி சென்றனர்.

### **FESTEMBER THE 43RD EDITION**

The 43rd edition of Festember, the annual cultural extravaganza of NIT Trichy, has been enthralling the audience with a variety of events. workshops, and guest lectures. The festivals theme this the Orient, and its Mascot Hanzo the Ninja is well represented throughout the campus.

Among the attractions this year is a

live concert by Bollywood composer and Participants will have to show their singer Amit Trivedi. Award winning film critic Baradwaj Tangan and young slam poet Aranya Johar will be sharing thier thoughts through guest lectures.

A talk by the renowned South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes was organized which set the wheels in motion for this years edition. Nestle to organizé Maggi Innovation Challenge,

prowess in cooking skills to bag exciting

In addition to this a gaming station has also been arranged for the hardcore gamers to show their gaming skills. Guest lecture by film singer srinivas, Hollywood technical supervisor Harp, classical night by shravan sidhar got an excellent appreciation from the students.

கோரியோ நைட் நடன போட்டியில் ஜப்பான் நாட்டு நடனமாடிய மாணவர்கள்.









### பணத்துக்காக பாடினால் பாடலில் உயிர்ப்பு இருக்காது

சொல்கிறார் பாடகர் சீனிவாஸ்

இளம் வயதில் இசையின் மீது மிகுந்த ஆர்வம் கொண்டு இருந்தேன். எனது பெற்றோர் விருப்பத்தின் காரணமாக பொறியி யல் துறையில் பட்டம் பெற்றேன். இசையின் மீது இருந்த காதலால் பெரிய நிறுவனத்தின் பணியில் இருந்து விலகினேன்.

கிஷோர்குமார், ஆர்டி பர்மன் ஆகியோரின் இசையின் மீது அதிக ஆர்வம் கொண்டிருந்தேன். பல்வேறு போராட்டங்களுக்கு இடையில் சினிமா படங்களில் பாட வாய்ப்பு கிடைத்தது. எம்எஸ்வி, இளையராஜா, ஏஆர் ரகுமான் ஆகியோருடன் இணைந்து பணி யாந்நியதை என் வாழ்வில் மறக்க முடியாது. தொடக்கத்தில் நான் பாடும் அனைத்து பாடல்களும் சூப்பர் ஹிட் ஆகும் என்கிற எண் ணத்தில் இருந்தேன்.

காலப்போக்கில் இந்த எண்ணம் மாறி விட்டது. படையப்பா படத்தில் மின்சார பூவே என்கிற பாடலை எனது விருப்பத்திற்கு ஏற்ப பாட இசை அமைப்பாளர் வாய்ப்பு தந்ததால் அந்த பாடல் சிறப்பாக அமைந்தது. பணம், விருதுக்காக பாடினால் பாடலில் உயிர்ப்பு தன்மை இருக்காது.

தாஜ்மகால் எனும் படத்தில் சொட்ட சொட்ட நனையுது தாஜ்மகால் எனும் பாடலை நடு இரவில் பாட தொடங்கி காலை 6 மணிக்கு பாடி முடித்தேன். இளம் தலை முறையினர் மற்றவர்களின் ஆலோசனைகளை கேட்காதீர்கள். நீங்கள் எடுக்கும் முடிவின் படி உங்கள் வாழ்க்கையை அமைத்துக் தொள்ளுங்கள். ராக் பாடல்களை கேட்டு உங்கள் காதுகளை செவிடாக்கி கொள்ளாதீர்கள். எதிர்கால வாழ்வில் சிறந்த இலக்கை கொண்டு கடினமாக உழைத்து உங்கள் வாழ்க்கையை சிறப்பாக அமைத்துக் கொள்ளுங்கள் என்றார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் என்ஐடி இயக்குனர் மினி சாஜி தாமஸ் உட்பட பலர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். நிகழ்ச்சியில் படையப்பா, தாஜ்மகால், அலைபாயுதே மற்றும் இந்தி பட பாடல்களை பாடி ரசிகர்களை சீனிவாஸ் உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார். இன்று பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா நிறைவு பெறுகிறது.

#### மிதுள்ராஜ் சாஸ்த்ரா பல்கலைக்கழகம் தஞ்சாவூர்

என்னடி சார்பில்
நடக்கும் பெஸ்டம்பர்
விழாவில் பல்வேறு
நிகழ்ச்சிகள் மாணவர்
களை ஈர்க்கும் வகையில்
உள்ளது. மாணவர்களின்
நிறமைகளை வெளிப்ப
டுத்தும் வகையில்
நடனம், வினாடி வினா,
பாட்டு என பல்வேறு
நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் சாஸ்த்ரா
பல்கலை. கழகம் சார்
பில் கலந்து கொள்கி
நோம்.

அடுத்த ஆண்டு நடக்கவுள்ள நீட் தேர் வுக்கு தமிழக அரசு இப்போதே முயற்சி



மேற்கொள்ள வேண் டும். சினிமா நடிகர் கள் ஆட்சிக்கு வருவதில் தவ நில்லை. யார் வந்தா ஆம் ஊழவற்ற ஆட்சியை தர வேண் டும்.

#### லட்சுமிநாராபணன் கோவை பிஎஸ்ஜி கல்லூரி

பெஸ்டம்பர் விழா வில் கலந்து கொள்வதில் மகிழ்ச்சியும், பெருமை யும் கொள்கிறேன். றாக் பாடல், ஆங்கில நடனம் மற்றும் வில்லுப்பாட்டு. கூத்தாம்பலம் ஆகிய மாறுபட்ட நிகழ்ச்சிகள் மாணவர்களிடம் பெரும் வரவேற்பை பெற்றுள் ளது. இந்திய அளவில் பெரும் வரவேற்பை பெற்றுள்ள பெஸ்டம்பர் நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்து கொள்ளும் மாணவர்களி டம் புதிய நட்பை ஏற்படுத்திக் கொள்வது மகிழ்ச்சி அளிக்கிறது. <u>கட் தேர்வில் மத்திய</u>. மாநில அரசுகள் மேற் கொண்ட செயல்பாடுக ளின் காரணமாக மாணவி அனிதா இறப்பதற்கு



காரணமாக அமைந்து விட்டது. நீட் தேர்வை வர வேற்கும் அதே நேரத்தில் தமிழக அரசு அதற்கான முதற்கட்ட வேலை களை தொடங்க மாணவர்களை அதற்கு தயார்படுத்த வேண்டும்.



ஈஸ்வரி ஜிசிடி கல்லூரி கோவை

ஆண்டுதோறும் நடக்கும் என்ஐடியில் நடக்கும் பெஸ்டம் பர் நிகழ்ச்சி மாண வர்களின் திறமைகளை வெளிக்கொண்டு வரும் .மேடையாக அமைந்துள் ளது. மருத்துவக் கல்லூரி சேர்க்கைக்கு நீட் தேர்வை அறிமுகப்படுத் தியது சரியான முறை தான் என்றாலும். தமிழக அரசு அதற்கான எவ்வித முன்னேற்பாட்டையும் செய்யவில்லை. மாநில தேர்வில் படித்த மாண வர்கள் திடிரென்று சிபிஎஸ்இ பாடத்திட்டத் தில் தேர்வு எழுத வேண் டும் என்றதால் திணறி போய்விட்டனர்.

தமிழக அரசு இனி வரும் ஆண்டுகளில் நீட் தேர்வுக்கு மாணவர்களை தயார் செய்யும் வகைமில் பாடத்திட்டங்களை மாற்றி அமைக்க வேண் டும்.

#### அருண் ஜெஜெ காலேஜ் திருச்சி

பெஸ்டம்பர் விழர மாணவர்களின் திறமையை வெளிக்கொண்டு வருவதில் முதலிடத்தில் உள்ளது. ஆட்டம், பாட்டம் மற்றும் வினாடி–வினா நிகழ்ச்சிகள் மிகவும் சிறப்பாக இருந்தது. ஒவ்வொரு வருடமும் பெஸ்டம்பர்



அடைந்து வருகிறது.





#### ஆதித்யா கோவை பிஎஸ்ஜி கல்லூரி

முதல் முறையாக பெஸ்டம்பர் நிகழ்ச்சியை பார்க்க வந்துள்ளேன். நிகழ்ச்சிகள் அனைத்தும் சிறப்பாக இருந்தாலும் மாணவர்கள் தங்குவ தற்கு தரப்பட்ட இடத் தில் இன்னும் வசதிகள் அதிகப்படுத்த வேண் டும். தமிழகத்தில் நீட் தேர்வு அறிமுகப்படுத்து வதில் தவறில்லை. இந்தியா முழுவதும் பொதுவான நீட் தேர்வு கல்வியின் தகுதியை அதிகரிக்கும். ஆனால் செய்யாதது மாணவர் தமிழகத்தில் திடீரென்று நீட் தேர்வு அறிவித்தது பட்ட துரோகமாகும்.



தவறு. தமிழக அரசு எவ்வித முன்னேற்பாடும் களுக்கு இழைக்கப்



# SASTRA university lifts 'Festember' annual championship cup yet again

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THEY win big at any event they take part in and register their institution's name widely. Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) University of Thanjavur, has once again lifted the overall trophy for the 19th consecutive time in 21 years at 'Festember', an annual student-run cultural festival of National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T).

With over 40 years of heritage, Festember has grown to become one of the largest festivals of India. Each year, the cultural event brings a palette of exciting events, interesting workshops, impactful guest lectures and mind-blowing concerts. The 43rd edition of Festember was hosted from September 21 to 24 at NIT-T. As this year's event was based on 'Orient' theme, premises of the

institute became all things East Asian, celebrating art, food, fashion and entities of that region.

SASTRA University had the maximum score at this year's Festember. Over 35 prominent institutes like IITs and IIMs took part in the cultural event. Shreyas Krishna, the cultural coordinator of SASTRA, said about 120 law and engineering students from the university took part in



The team from SASTRA University of Thanjavur with the 'Festember' overall trophy | EXPRESS

different programmes at the event. When asked about how SASTRA retains its overall excellence in Festember for over a period of time, Krishna said participants from the university commenced their practice sessions much before the announcement of the event date, which has been ingrained for over a decade to excel in all cultural events.

SASTRA Univ won Ilayaraja Rolling Trophy, Dumb Charades, Rohchak Matrana, Potpourri and 'What's the good word?'.

Famous personalities, namely film critic Baradwaj Rangan, Femina Miss India Tamil Nadu 2017 Sherlin Seth, Indian film composer Amit Trivedi and Hollywood VFX Supervisor Michael Karp gave guest lectures at the four-day event. The final day concluded with a delightful performance by Amit Trivedi and troupe of Bollywood fame.



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# NIT-T students enjoy 'Joy of Giving'

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IT was indeed a joyous moment for the homeless near Tiruchy Railway Junction on Monday, as volunteers of the 'HumaNITTy' Club from National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) gave away vegetable bread sandwiches as part of Daan Utsay. the festival of the Joy of Giving Week.

Just before distributing the food, the students of NIT-T conducted a flash mob to gather the onlookers to influence on the joy of giving things to others. The month of October is celebration time - philanthropic celebration. As the utsav is being celebrated all over the country

This year is the 6th edition and the students have thought of a novel way of spreading the awareness on joy of giving by holding a flash mob dance at Trichy Railway Junction. For that, around 20 students shook their legs for multiple songs to gain attention from the passengers and the general public.

Anoop Jain, pursuing second year in M.Tech, said, "This is mainly to create an impact on the public on the joy of giving things to the people in need." After we are done with the flash mob, the vegetable sandwich laboured by the HumaNITTy club volunteers were distributed to the homeless people, he added, P

Uday Kumar Reddy, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Tiruchy, A K Bakthavatsalam, professor and head of Training and Placement, and R Gururaj, professor, and head of Humanities Department in NIT-T, were present on the occasion.

The flash mob was advanced for the celebration between October 2 and 8. The events include augmenting infrastructure and setting up libraries in village schools, touching over 300 inmates in 4 different old age homes, entertaining them and spending time with them. Another highlight is thanksgiving kits containing a pet bottle, towel, pen, notepad, soap, and chocolates to bus crews.



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