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THE VITAA TEXAS CHAPTER DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR HELD ON APRIL 20, 2018

# Knowledge-based discoveries will lead to country's development, says Tanzanian High Commissioner

Knowledge-based discoveries and inventions will lead to the development of the countries, according to His Excellency Mr. Baraka Haran Luvanda, High Commissioner of Tanzania in India.

Inaugurating the 16th International Conference on Science, Engineering and Technology (ICSET) organised at the Vellore Institute of Technology here on Monday, 2nd April, Mr. Baraka Haran Luvanda, said that ICSET provides an opportunity for the creation of research knowledge and is also a barometer of the growth of research knowledge in various domains. The recent scientific and technological developments such as Internet and mobile applications have helped overcome the confusion and fear in the minds of the people by paving the way for the development of knowledge and skills. The High Commissioner said that Internet and ATM services in banks have facilitated quick financial transactions without the need for customers waiting in queues in banks for withdrawing or depositing money, or transferring money to others. The High Commissioner said that the growth of renewable energy resources such as solar energy and wind energy has contributed not only to clean technologies but also to the reduction in government expenditure. Mr. Baraka Haran Luvanda, congratulated VIT on its achievements in the area of research publications by students and faculty, and the excellent research infrastructure which facilitated this. Earlier, the High Commissioner released the conference CD. Prof. O.P. Makinde, Senior Professor, Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa also lauded VIT for imparting quality technical education and facilitating research.



H.E Mr Baraka Haran Luvanda, High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania, Tanzania High Commission, New Delhi, inaugurating the 16th international Conference on Science, Engineering and Technology (ICSET).

Mr. G.V. Selvam, Vice-President of VIT who presided over the function said that while Internet and mobile phones have facilitated the quick exchange of knowledge and information, it is necessary for people to be wary of the dangers lurking in the misuse of these gadgets. A total of 710 professors, researchers and students from 300 universities and colleges participated in the two-day conference.





# Proud VITian

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## A prized possession, for posterity too

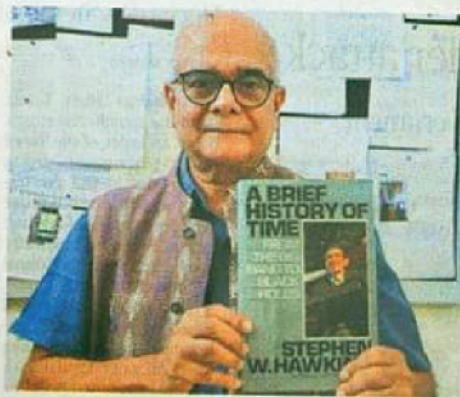
Prof. Satyajit Ghosh recalls his experience with Stephen Hawking when he was a student at Cambridge

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**Treasure to keep:** Satyajit Ghosh, senior professor at the School of Mechanical Engineering, VIT, with his copy of *A Brief History of Time*. \*C. VENKATACHALAPATHY

as it marked the release of Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*. For Prof. Ghosh, it was even more memorable as he got his copy of the book "endorsed" by the author himself. "I bought a copy of the book, and went to see him in the Common Room of DAMTP. I was lucky enough to get mine endorsed by him. He asked me, 'are you happy Sat?' Sat is how people called me there. I have always kept

the book among my most treasured keepsakes," he said.

He is hoping to seek the advice of the Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Puducherry to preserve it for posterity. "I will bequeath it to one of my most deserving students of VIT. It will be in my will," added Mr. Ghosh, who is also a visiting researcher at the School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds, UK.

Taking a trip down memory lane, he recalled his first encounter with Professor Hawking in the DAMTP Common Room in the ground floor within a week of joining the department. "It was a very inspiring moment. Most of us in DAMTP got to hear his popular lectures on cosmology during open days. He addressed a full hall and had the patience to take questions and answer them fully," he said.

### 'He loved basmati rice'

In fact, Professor Hawking's nurse once told him that he loved the Indian 'basmati' rice. "She asked me what was the best way to cook basmati rice. I suggested that it should be soaked in water for at least half an hour before it is cooked," Professor Ghosh remarked.

Over the years, as he has been introducing students of Mechanical Engineering at VIT to applications of environmental fluid mechanics, heat and mass transfer in the built environment, he owes a huge part of his teaching qualities to stalwarts like Professor Hawking and Professor Lord Julian Hunt, who

arranged for his postdoctoral fellowship at DAMTP.

"The first thing that comes to my mind is the graciousness of the English professors and Professors Hawking and Hunt were so full of it. They were very generous with their time and kindness. I learned to be kind and gracious from my Cambridge experience and I try to do that here in VIT. I am very happy to try out new methods in the teaching-learning processes because of the foresightedness of chancellor G. Viswarathan, who initiated the concept of project-based learning," he said.

Recalling an interaction between Professor Hawking and his friend Arijit Banerjee, who was studying Law Tripos course at the University of Cambridge and is now a judge at the Calcutta High Court, he said, "When Banerjee addressed him as sir, he said, 'Do not call me Sir, call me Stephen, as I am not knighted.' He will be missed, and the physics community is still trying to come to terms with the loss of a brilliant mind," the 61-year-old professor added.

*Prof. Satyajit Ghosh, Senior Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, VIT, sharing his experiences about Stephen Hawking, when the former was a student at Cambridge.*

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# Delhi Boy Tops VITEEE for Admission to B.Tech Courses

Kalash Gupta, a student of Delhi has secured the first rank in the VIT Engineering Entrance Examination (VITEEE)-2018 which was held from April 4th to 16th in 124 selected cities across India, as well as in Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat and Qatar. The entrance exam was held for admission to the various B.Tech programmes offered by VIT at its Vellore, Chennai, Bhopal & Amaravati(AP).

## VITEEE RESULTS - 2018



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The results were released on Friday, 27th April, at VIT. A record of 2, 12,000 candidates had registered for the VITEEE-2018. The other rank holders among the top 10 are as follows : 2nd rank: Sarikonda Ananda Ramarao, Telangana state, 3rd rank: Anirudh Panigrahi, Odhisha state, 4th rank: Sai Anirudh M, Karnataka state, 5th rank :Shubham Kar, Jharkhand state, 6th rank : Shubham Agarwal, West Bengal state, 7th rank : Pranav Goyal, VITEEE. Chandigarh state, 8th rank : Sanchit Agrawal, Delhi state, 9th rank : S Vishal, Tamil Nadu state and 10th rank : Anmol Gupta, Uttar Pradesh.



# VIT Centre for Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning (VAIAL)

The VIT Centre for Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning (VAIAL) conducted a one-day training program on 'Organic Vegetable garden production' for women in and around Vellore on 3rd April.

The program covered the basic characteristics of soil, plants used as vegetables, cultivation methods, do's and don'ts in setting up terrace garden, ways to manage pests and diseases. The participants were exposed to the preparation of garden manure from waste materials during field visit.



## VIT-Virtusa Center of Excellence on Java and Data Science was inaugurated in VIT

VIT-Virtusa Center of Excellence on Java and Data Science was Inaugurated in VIT on 05 April 2018, by Dr Murali Padmanabhan, Senior Vice President, Global Head, L & D and India Head - Talent Management, Virtusa, in the presence of Mr G V Selvam, Vice President, VIT.

The partnership with Virtusa will provide a venue for training the younger generation to face the world of tomorrow. It will spark collaborative research and provide a platform for the students to exhibit their creative skills with the acquired and applied knowledge.





# VITAA Chapters



THE VITAA TEXAS CHAPTER DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR  
HELD ON APRIL 20, 2018



THE VITAA CALIFORNIA CHAPTER LUNCH GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR  
HELD ON APRIL 21, 2018



THE VITAA CHICAGO CHAPTER DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR  
HELD ON APRIL 25, 2018



THE VITAA NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK CHAPTER DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR  
HELD ON APRIL 26, 2018



# VITAA Chapters



THE VITAA MINNESOTA CHAPTER INAUGURATION DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR HELD ON APRIL 24, 2018



THE VITAA ARIZONA CHAPTER INAUGURATION DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR HELD ON APRIL 23, 2018



THE VITAA LOS ANGELES CHAPTER INAUGURATION LUNCH GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR HELD ON APRIL 22, 2018



THE VITAA ATLANTA CHAPTER DINNER GATHERING WITH OUR HON'BLE CHANCELLOR, HELD ON APRIL 19, 2018





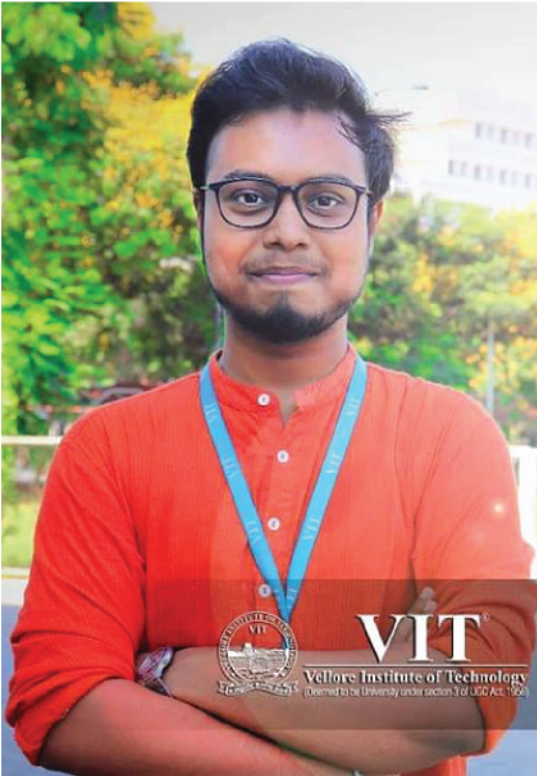
## Photography club Exhibition

Photography is the art, application and practice of creating durable images by recording light or other electromagnetic radiation, either electronically by means of an image sensor, or chemically by means of a light-sensitive material such as photographic film. It is employed in many fields of science, manufacturing (e.g., photolithography), and business, as well as its more direct uses for art, film and video production, recreational purposes, hobby, and mass communication. One evening, Amazing music, 25 odd photographers, and some brilliant exhibits!

The Photography Club's annual photo exhibition held on 4th April brought together an impressive crowd that had an eye for art. It was a fulfilling evening where our photographers showcased their awesome work.



# Humans of VIT



"Right from door to door publicity, selling events during graVITas & Riviera to running around the campus to get the permissions, I bet all the students who are associated with any Club/Chapter have experienced the same," says Mr Debopam Dey, final year student, VIT.

While talking about the Clubs/Chapters activities he said, "People ask, how Clubs/Chapters help in developing your career, but they often forget it's not about all the above-mentioned things, it's about developing a convincing personality so that you can pursue your goal. And this helps you in the long run in achieving your dreams, when you leave your comfort zone and step into the corporate world."

He further spoke about the networking, "Networking takes you places! Recently, roboVITics got a funding of 40,000 GBP and was accredited by the Digital India Campaign for promoting Robotics and Automation, and yet again, networking played huge roles in both the endeavours."

"VITAA is one such example of a strong network which will help and support you at every step of the way. Be it any organization, company or country, you will always find VITians excelling there who are willing to help! This is what sets VITians apart from any other group of alumni," says Mr. Debopam Dey about the Alumni network in VIT.

Lastly, he thanked the management, the faculty and each and every staff of VIT for providing him with endless opportunities.

"Believe in yourself, join any club/chapter which cultivates your passion, make mistakes and learn from them and most importantly, pursue your dreams and start networking. And if you need any help, don't hesitate to approach your seniors," adds Mr. Debopam Dey.

# VIT in NEWS





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