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VIT Receives Green Award from Tamil Nadu Government

Chief Minister Mr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami hands over Green Award to VIT Vice President Mr. G.V.Selvam

Chennai, June



Mr. G.V.Selvam, Vice President, VIT receiving the award from Mr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu.

In recognition of its immense contribution towards increasing green cover of Vellore and efforts to protect and rejuvenate Palar River and also to conserve natural resources in Vellore district, India's Premier Private Educational Institution – Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has been given the Green Award for the year 2017 on 4th June by the Tamil Nadu Government.

Chief Minister Mr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami handed over the prestigious award to Mr. G. V. Selvam, Vice President of the VIT, at the Secretariat in Chennai.

The coveted award is given each year to District Collectors, Industrial Units and Educational Institutions by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The award is a recognition of the efforts to conserve and protect nature and natural resources, promote and create the concept of environment protection and also to acknowledge efforts taken to reduce pollution.

GREEN AWARD

VIT has been acknowledged as the best educational institution for protecting the environment. It is to be noted that VIT has planted several thousand saplings year after year not just in Vellore town, but also in different places in the rest of the district to reduce the impact of the heat wave. The institution has a Nature Club under the Green Vellore Project and has distributed several thousand saplings to students as part of its efforts to imbibe the spirit of environment protection from a very young age.

The Green Vellore project, launched in 2008 aims at increasing green cover, water body restoration, and creation of traffic Islands and park in and around Vellore city. Further, VIT also launched the Palar River Clean Up Project and has reaped rich dividends from all quarters.

Two Day National Convention of Electrochemists

Founder Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan releases special souvenir on the occasion

Vellore, June



A two-day National Convention on Electrochemists 2018 held at Vellore Institute of Technology on 7th June 2018 (Thursday).

Founder and Chancellor of VIT, Dr. G. Viswanathan, inaugurated the two-day conference and also released a special souvenir on the occasion. Professor P. Manishankar, Vice Chancellor of Bharathidasan University received the first copy.

The two-day conference was organised by the Society for Advancement of Electrochemical Science and Technology (CECRI), Centre for Electro Chemical Research Institute (CSIR) and VIT. The National Level Convention of Electrochemists was organised at VIT for the 20th year.

Premier educational institutions and research establishments like Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Sciences, frontline researchers and experts in the area of Electrochemical science, academicians, young research scholars and representatives from companies involved with the chemical industry are among the over 300 people who took part in the national conference.

In his address, the guest of honour, Dr. Manishankar said the Electrochemical science today was cutting science and technology and was instrumental in clean and green technology in the contemporary situations. It had several opportunities in the areas of research and its subsequent applications. He said that Electrochemical Science provided alternatives to those areas of the industry that witnessed severe air pollution and resultant effluents as a consequence of their activities.

In his presidential address, Dr. Vijaymohan K. Pillai, Director, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Electrochemical Research Institute, said that CSIR-CECRI had tied with VIT for several projects. He observed that there were several advancements in the past few years in the area of Electrochemical research. He also said that there were other developments in the area of Neuroscience and Electrochemical research had contributed significantly to this development. Electrochemical research also played an important role in the production of high quality aluminium required in the manufacture of aircraft and in the manufacture of solar cells and green fuel cells.



In his inaugural address, Dr. G. Viswanathan said that for India to become a developed nation in the world, education, science and technological advancements were most important. He said that among those who ought to be pursuing higher education, only 25 per cent had access to higher education. The remaining 75 per cent were deprived of quality higher education and measures had to be taken so that they too receive higher education. For this to happen, educational assistance had to be provided to these youth.

Dr. Viswanathan said that in the United States and Europe, the private sector as well as the government, sanctioned a vast amount of money and resources for the growth of the educational sector. Stating that this had to take place in India too, Dr. Viswanathan said that only 4 per cent of India's total revenue was being spent on education and only 1 per cent on research.

Further, while 13 lakh young women and men applied for studying medicine, only 60,000 seats were available for the youth to pursue medicine every year. At the same time, there were 15 lakh seats available every year in engineering education. Hence, it was very important for the government to increase the number of medical seats. The Medical Council of India should change its stance that increasing the number of medical seats would result in a dip in the quality of medical education provided, Dr. Viswanathan stressed.

Among others present in the function included Padma Shri recipient and Scientist T. V. Ramakrishnan. Professor N. Kalaiselvi welcomed the gathering assembled at Ambedkar Auditorium. Professor S. Sampath, Conference Convenor, outlined the objectives of the Conference. Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Dr. S. Narayanan and Dr. R. Vijayaraghavan- Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean of Science respectively were also present.

Counselling for M.Tech Programs Begin at VIT

Vellore, June



Mr Sankar Viswanathan, Vice-President, Chennai Campus handing over the admission letter to Mr Karthik Shinde from Karnataka, who scored 2nd Rank in VITMEE.

Counselling for admissions into around 23 M.Tech programmes at Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Chennai and VIT-Bhopal was held on 19th June 2018 in the order of the rank secured in VITMEE (VIT Masters Entrance Exam). A new program CSE (with Specialisation in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics) has been introduced for the first time in VIT Bhopal.

Mr Sankar Viswanathan, Vice-President, Chennai Campus inaugurated the Counselling session and handed over the admission letter to Mr Karthik Shinde and Ms. Sahana Shinde, who scored 2nd and 3rd Rank respectively in VITMEE, in the presence of Dr S Narayanan, Pro- Vice-Chancellor, VIT, Dr G Kalaichelvan, Director, PG Admissions. Mr Karthik opted for M.Tech Manufacturing Engineering in VIT Vellore campus and Ms. Sahana U opted for VLSI design in VIT Vellore campus.

More than 5500 students applied for the course and 2833 students were found eligible for the same who attended the counselling sessions both at Vellore and Chennai on 19th and 20th June 2018.

VIT won Gold Medal in the World Invention Innovation Contest in Korea

Korea, June



VIT won Gold Medal in the World Invention Innovation Contest in Korea



Invention titled "AUTOMATED GRADING OF OIL PALM FRUITS USING SOFT COMPUTING" from VIT won Gold Medal in the World Invention Innovation Contest (WiC 2018), organized by Korea Invention News in association with IFIA.

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International Yoga Day Celebrated at VIT

Vellore Superintendent of Police Pagalavan inaugurates event

Vellore, June



International Yoga Day Celebrated at VIT

A Yoga camp began at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) on 21st June Thursday. Mr. Pagalavan, Superintendent of Police, Vellore District, inaugurated the camp. The camp was held as part of the International Yoga Day celebrations being held all across India and also the world.

Mr. Pagalavan also briefed participants on the importance of Yoga. He said that regular practice of Yogasanas would result in multiple benefits both for the body and the mind.

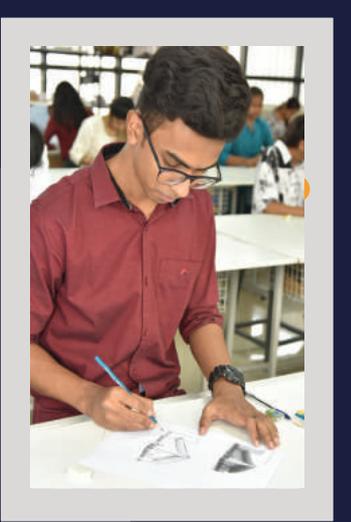
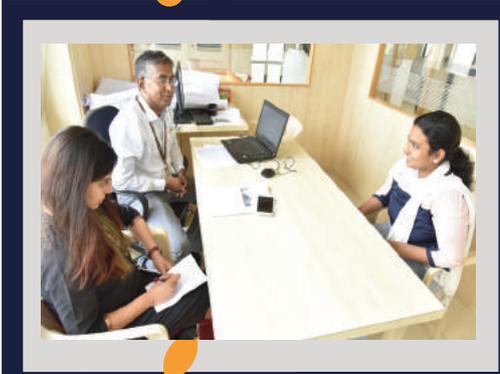
Mr. G.V.Selvam, Vice President, VIT, took part in the camp. Among others present in the camp were Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. S.Narayanan and other faculty members. More than 200 students from the Thiru Muruga Kripananda Vaariyar Higher Secondary School for Boys and Girls in Kangeyanallur also attended the camp.

Directors of Physical Education Department at VIT, Dr. Thyaga Chandan and Deputy Directors of Physical Education Dr. Mangaiyarkarasi made a demonstration about the various Yogasanas to the gathering.

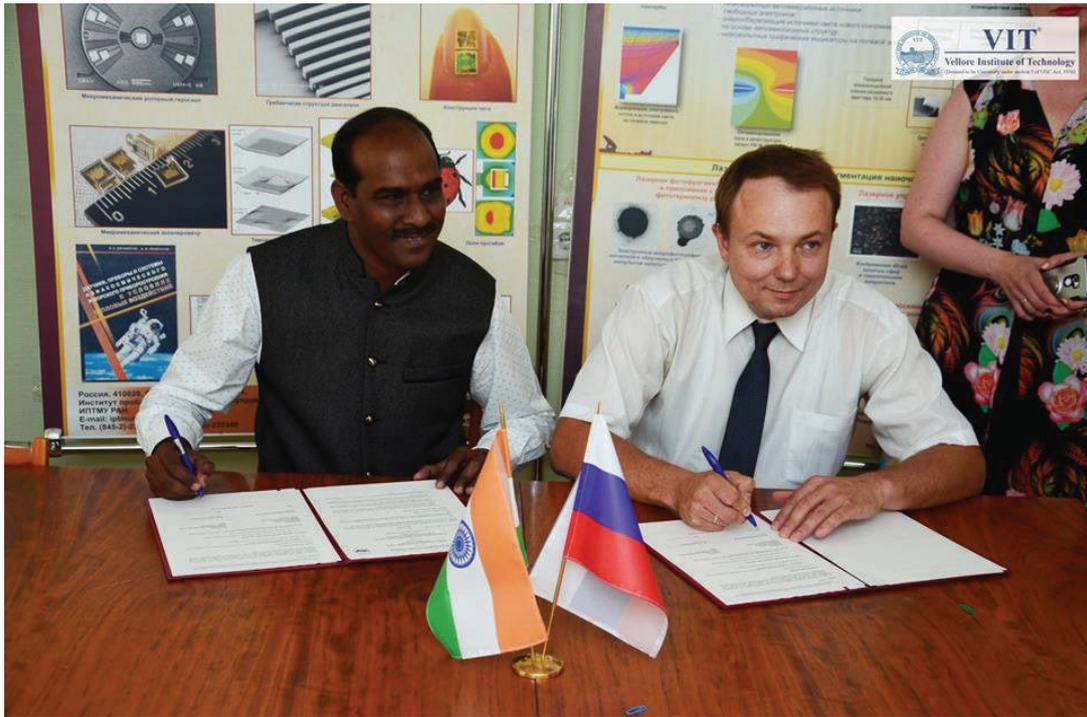


V-SPARC Counselling

Vellore, June



Russian MoU



Russian MoU 1

Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Management (CDMM), VIT Vellore signed an MoU with Institute of Precision Mechanics and Control (IPMC) of Russian Academy of Sciences, an academic institution and a body incorporated in Saratov, Russia on June 21, 2018 (Thursday).

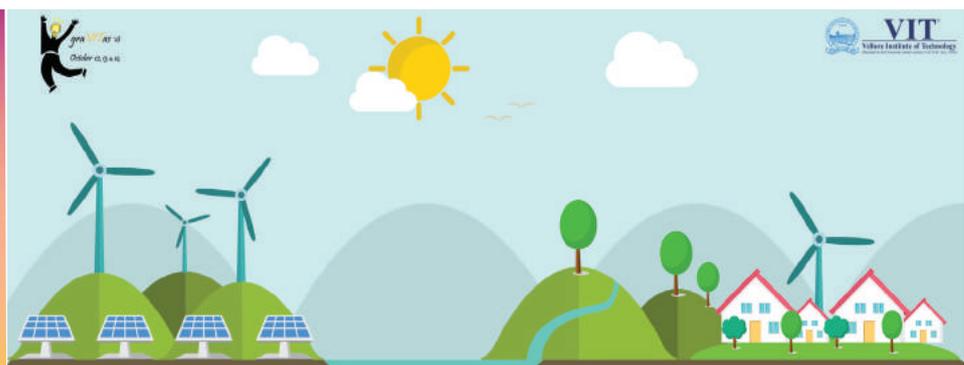
Russian MoU 2

Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Management (CDMM), Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore signed an MoU with Saratov Scientific Center (SSC) of Russian Academy of Sciences, a regional association of Saratov scientific organizations and a body incorporated in Russia.

VIT- CSRD & RS conducted Entrepreneur Training Program - NEEDS EDI

Vellore, June

The CSRD & RS, VIT and Entrepreneurship Development Institute, (EDI) Chennai, will be jointly conducting an Entrepreneurial Development Training programme called NEEDS in VIT, Vellore from 25th June to 13th July.



The tenth edition of 'graVITas', to be held during 12-14 October 2018 will provide opportunities, greater insights to ignite and innovate the young minds to demonstrate their technical skills. The theme of graVITas 2018 is "Technologies for Non-Technologists" which intends to offer solutions to the challenges that our nation has been confronting with, using emerging technologies for Farming - Energy and Environment-Water conservation (FEW) challenges.

VIT receives green award

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vellore

VIT has been acknowledged as the best education institution for efforts to protect the environment. The green award for 2017 was handed over by Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami at a function at the secretariat in Chennai on Monday. It was received by VIT vice-president G V Selvam.

The coveted award is given each year to Collectors, industrial units and educational institutions by the State government. The award is in recognition of efforts to conserve and protect nature and resources, promote and create the concept of environment protection and also to acknowledge efforts taken to reduce pollution.

A release from VIT said that the university has planted several thousand saplings year after year not just in the town, but also in different places in the district. The institution has a VRE Club under the Green Vellore Project and has distributed several thousand saplings to students as part of efforts to imbibe the spirit of environ-



VIT vice-president G V Selvam (right) receiving the green award from Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami in Chennai on Monday | EXPRESS

ment protection.

The Green Vellore Project, launched in 2008 aims at increasing the green cover, water body restoration, and creation of traffic islands and parks in and around the Fort City. Further, VIT also launched the Palar River Clean Up

Project which has received a good response. In recognition of its immense contribution towards increasing the green cover, efforts to protect and rejuvenate Palar river also to conserve natural resources, the Green Award for 2017 has been given, the release concluded.



TNIE edex 40 UNDER 40

IT Minister KT Rama Rao and novelist Ashwin Sanghi along with start-up award winners at the 'TNIE edex 40 Under 40: South India's most vibrant young entrepreneurs' event held in Hyderabad on Saturday | R SATISH BABU

TS IS A STATE OF START-UPS: KTR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hydrabad

WHAT happens when a room full of start-ups meets a minister who loves talking about start-ups, technology that drive industries and calls his state a 'start-up state' having a government which thinks like a start-up? You get The New Indian Express' edex 40 Under 40 Start-up Awards, which had Minister K T Rama Rao in full swing.

Questions of all sorts - inquisitive, critical, probing and even downright quirky were thrown at IT, Industries, Municipal and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao who conducted a townhall at the centrepiece of the entrepreneurship summit, for which the minister was chief guest. When a young entrepreneur from Hyderabad, whose start-up has developed an air conditioned

Pink book will be a comprehensive list of manufacturers working in various industrial sectors, which can be referred to by any company looking to collaborate in the state

KT Rama Rao, IT Minister

Positivity is another quality for anyone who wants to make it big in life. Planning and persistence are something that will keep one going in the long run

Ashwin Sanghi, Novelist

helter asked the minister as to what kind of support the government plans to provide entrepreneurs looking to move out of incubators and scale up. Rao was quick in answering as he spell out a new programme called 'Pink book', a 'yellow pages for start-ups'.

A woman entrepreneur from

Vasanthapuram present in the audience, who did not pose a question heaped praises on the Telangana government for making the city safe for women even at night, especially travelling through Hyderabad Metro Rail. Rao thanked her and announced that metro rail from LB Nagar will be inaugurated next month.

TNIE Editor GS Visu felicitated KTR on the occasion. Delivering the keynote was novelist Ashwin Sanghi. Ashwin delivered a humorous, anecdotal address on 13 Steps to Bloody Good Luck. But before he started off

with how he started writing the stories. "My wife said that manuscript 'The first cut of The Foolish Line' was an excellent cure for insomnia," he said to a lot of sniggers and laughter.

"She suggested that I pour out what I have in my head in the form of a story. So I sat down and wrote all my theories, except this time I did it as a story" he said. "So what were those lessons? One of them included patience where he mentioned that "everyone is lucky but to get that bloody good luck, one needs to wait for the right time. According to Sanghi, planning and persistence are something that will keep one going in the long run.

The event was sponsored by MIEL, Telangana Tourism, ICFRI Group and supported by T-Hub, Prayana, Startup Bytes and Notion Press.

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National electrochemists' convention ends at VIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vellore

THE National Convention of Electrochemists 2018, organised by the Society for Advancement of Electrochemical Science and Technology, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) and the CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), at VIT concluded on Friday.

Institutions like Indian Institute of Technology and Indian Institute of Science, and experts in the field of electrochemical science participated in the two-day conference.

Dr. Manisankar, Vice-Chancellor of Biharachidanan University, said that electrochemical science had provided alternatives to those areas of the industry that witnessed severe air pollution as a consequence of their activities.

Dr. Vijaymohan K.Pillai, Director of CSIR-CECRI, said that several advancements in electrochemical research had led to developments in neuroscience and production of high quality aluminium for manufacturing aircrafts, solar cells and green fuel cells.

G. Viswanathan, Chancellor of VIT lamented that only 4 per cent of India's total revenue was being spent on education and only 1 per cent on research. Only 25 per cent of those who ought to be pursue higher education had access to it. Educational assistance must be provided by both the government and private sector, he added. On Thursday, Viswanathan, inaugurated the conference and released a special coin, which was received by Manisankar.

Poor students get help from education trust

DC CORRESPONDENT
 VELLORE, JUNE 17

1,284 students belonging to poor families received financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 80 lakh to help pursue higher education at Vellore on Saturday.

This is the second instalment of such assistance for this academic year from the Universal Higher Education Trust (UHET), founded by VIT Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan for helping underprivileged students in Vellore and Tiruvannamalai districts over the last six years.

Presiding over function held at the VIT campus, Dr. Viswanathan said the UHET has so far given assistance worth 55 crore to 4,158 young men and women. There were 700 districts in the country and voluntary agencies should come forward to help poor students access higher education, just like the UHET. Stressing on the importance of education for the overall development of the country, he said only 2.5 per cent of the eligible people in India had access to higher education, "while it is 60 per cent



Student receives assistance from state minister K.A. Sengottaiyan as VIT chancellor G. Viswanathan looks on. In countries like the USA', he said. Addressing the large audience after handing over the financial assistance to the students, Minister for School Education K. A. Sengottaiyan said Tamil Nadu had witnessed significant improvement in higher education with 47.7 per cent having access to higher education as against the national average of 27 per cent.

மாலை மலர் சென்னை 12-6-2018 ★★



எம்.டெக் கவுன்சிலிங்கை வேந்தர் விசுவநாதன் தொடங்கி வைத்த காட்சி. அருகில் துணைத் தலைவர் சங்கர் விசுவநாதன்.

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வேலூர், ஜூன்.12 - வி.ஐ.டி.யில் ஒருங்கிணைந்த 5 ஆண்டுகள் கொண்ட முதுகலை பொறியியல் பட்டப்படிப்பான எம்.டெக். சாப்டீவோர் படிப்பிற்கான சேர்க்கை ஆணையை வி.ஐ.டி.வேந்தர் விசுவநாதன் வழங்கி தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் வி.ஐ.டி. இயல்பு சேர்ந்த பூமி ரெட்டி, கல்யாண் ரெட்டி, என்ற மாணவருக்கு சேர்க்கை ஆணையை வி.ஐ.டி.வேந்தர் விசுவநாதன் வழங்கி தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

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