A month after bagging ‘Green Award’ for environmental initiatives on its premises, the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchi (NIT-T) has rolled out an ‘Own your plant scheme’ for the new batch of students.

Under the green campus scheme, the institution, which has a sprawling campus of 800 acres, will provide each fresher with 10 saplings. The students have to plant the saplings distributed by the Estate Maintenance department at assigned locations and nurture them during their four-year stay in the campus.

In June, NIT-T was honoured with Green Award 2017 by the State.

Addressing the freshers on Monday, Ms. Thomas exhorted them to enrol in any of the various clubs in the campus such as technical clubs including Delta, Spider, and Robotics and arts clubs like thespians, dance troupe and toastmasters.

The NIT-T Director advocated a right balance of academics and co-curricular activities.
NIT 55th batch of undergraduate students

Chennai Aug 01 The fresher orientation program organized by the Dean (Student welfare) Dr Samson Mathew was inaugurated at NITT Tiruchirappalli on 30th July 2018 in the convention hall of the Institute. In her address to the freshers and their parents, the director Prof Mini Shaji Thomas briefed about the laurels the Institute has obtained recently such as the best NIT in the country by NIRF, the best innovation club of the country by the President of India and the green award by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. While advising the parents, Prof Mini asked them to let their children fly on their own and at the same time keep an eye on their progress. To the students, the director asked them to make the best use of time and not to be at ease after two years of very rigorous preparative for JEE.

Further, she said that the freshers should join the various vibrant clubs that are active on the campus. She said that there are technical clubs such as Delta, Spider, Robotics and arts clubs such as the thespians, dance troupe and the toastmasters.

She also cautioned the students to balance their time between academics and co-curricular activities and at the end of the day the Academics become important for earning the degree.

The Director also inaugurated an “own your plant scheme” for the freshers. She instructed each fresher to plant 10 sampling to be given by the Estate Maintenance Department. She also advised them to nurture it for the next four years of their stay and have the satisfaction of contributing to Green Campus. Speaking on the sidelines Dr S Moorthi, the convenor of the Programme quipped that “This orientation program is spread over for two weeks until 12th August 2018 which includes: Motivational Lectures, Yoga, Bridge courses, field trip, fire and safety practices, sports and games etc. Cultural programs are also arranged to entertain the students.

Walkthon, a treasure hunt like activity is also planned to enable the students to familiarize with the different places inside the 800-acre.
JUST NOT ENOUGH

More centres needed to take care of destitutes, mentally-challenged

With only one rehab centre, large number of mentally-challenged people roam the streets

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BUS shelters, entrances of temples, and other public places in the city are a haven for the destitute and mentally-challenged persons.

With the city having just one rehabilitation centre for the mentally-challenged, many more are left helpless and are not able to find a place to stay.

Easy identification of the mentally-challenged people in the city indicates the rise in numbers.

With Tiruchy being a tourist spot, many are found in the city. According to sources, mentally-challenged people from various cities come to Tiruchy in trains that their families are not aware.

Once reaching the city, they are literally seen suffering without any food and accommodation. A data from the District Differently Abled Welfare Office notified that about eight mentally-ill people have been rescued in Tiruchy between April 2017 to March 2018.

Only a fraction of the total number of destitutes are being attended to by the officials. There are two rehabilitation centres for mentally-challenged people; Tiruchirappalli Multipurpose Social Service Society and Intact Special School, and one rehabilitation centre for mentally-challenged people named Arivalayam near Guindy. The city corporation maintains three night shelters for destitute people, with a capacity to accommodate around 250 people.

An official, who did not want to be named told Express, “Some of the mentally-challenged people landing in Tiruchy hail from Meghalaya, Sikkim, and Kashmir and northern states. As it is tough to understand their mother tongue, the students of the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy, when hosting awareness programmes in such centres, are roped in to know the whereabouts of mentally-challenged people.”

R Ravichandran, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer of Tiruchy said, he had appealed to the State Commissioner of Welfare of the Differently Abled, for additional rehabilitation centres to treat mentally-challenged people. “The three rehabilitation centres are run by NGOs that are funded by the state government. The rehabilitation centre for mentally-challenged people could accommodate only 50 people. So we have requested the commissioner seeking a new centre in Tiruchy,” he added.

Ravichandran said that identity cards have been given to 528 destitutes.

NIT-T students help clear language issue

According to District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, most of the mentally-challenged people landing in Tiruchy hail from Meghalaya, Sikkim, and Kashmir and northern states. Students of the NIT-T are roped in to know the identity and whereabouts of such people.
NIT-T globalises brand image building exercise

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Be a brand ambassador in specific domains: Director Mini Shaji Thomas

Carrying forward the brand image established nationally based on academic and research achievements to a global level, the National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi (NIT-T) has reached out to East Coast Alumni, USA.

At a meeting with 70 alumni members earlier this week, NIT-T Director Mini Shaji Thomas apprised them about attainment of top notch research university status and the progress made on infrastructure and environmental fronts. She exhorted every alumnus to be a brand ambassador in specific domains by assisting student recruitment and investing more time and efforts to take the institution’s brand to greater heights.

She honoured Jayshree Seth, Corporate Scientist and Chief Science Advocate, 3M, USA (1989 Batch) with Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA). The alumni came up with measures to improve interaction across the world and made plans to visit the campus soon. They resolved to meet again after two months and create an Alumni Chapter for East Coast USA.
NIT-T alumni chapter for US East Coast in the works

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Trichy: NIT-T Trichy director Mini Shaji Thomas met the institute’s alumni at East coast, USA, recently as part of improving the institute’s presence on the global platform.

She reached out to the alumni holding distinguished positions overseas. She urged them to assist student recruitment and invest more time and effort to take the institution’s name to greater heights.

The idea of creating an alumni chapter for the East Coast USA took shape during an informal meeting the institute’s director had with the 70 odd alumni in the USA.

Speaking about various infrastructural advancements on the campus, she gave an overview of the milestones that NIT-T had achieved recently. With a strong emphasis on improving the visibility of NIT-T Trichy on the global platform, she urged them to be brand ambassadors in their domain.

Jayshree Seth, corporate scientist and chief science advocate, 3M, USA (1989 Batch) was conferred with the “Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA)” by the director.

Many recalled the fun they had at Festember—the annual cultural event and enthusiastically enquired about current happenings in the campus.

The alumni came up with ideas to improve alumni interaction across the world and made plans to visit the campus soon. The director was presented with a memento for her excellence in leadership.

The meeting was adjourned with cheers, and a promise to meet in another 2 months, with a resolve to formally create an alumni chapter for the East Coast USA.

The 54-year-old institution has been taking several steps to improve its public perception in recent times. Alumni interaction and honouring them has been one such initiative.

It is keen to bring together the old students, who have excelled in various fields after graduating.
NIT-T reaches out to alumni overseas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

NIT-T took a milestone step to further nurture alumni relations when the institute’s Director Mini Shaji Thomas met a group of yesteryear graduates in New York recently.

The meeting was organised by alumni - Rama Ramesh, Senior Client Partner at Cognizant, Mansoor Basha - CEO, Plumdrop, NYC, Gurpreet Singh, Director, Omega Inc. and Krishna Sai, RECAL President and turned out to be a huge success with over 70 alumni and guests in attendance.

Shaji Thomas gave an overview of the milestones that NIT-T has achieved in the recently past attaining the status of a top-notch research university. She spoke about the various infrastructure advancements in the campus, the construction of several new facilities and buildings apart from efforts taken to make the campus more greener.

With strong emphasis on improving the visibility of the institute on the global platform, she urged each of the alumni present there to be a brand ambassador in his/her domain by assisting student recruitment and investing more time and efforts to take the brand to greater heights.

Jayshee Seth, Corporate Scientist and Chief Science Advocate, 3M, USA was conferred with the “Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA)” by the NIT-T director. After the formal presentations, the alumni had a chance to get to know each other. There was excitement and nostalgia in the air as the college mates reminisced about their days at the institute.

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NIT-Trichy director Mini Shaji Thomas hoisted the national flag on the institute’s campus in Thuvakudi. NCC flight unit of NIT-T performed many activities including five flight formations such as lakshya and anchor and the cadets performing the 5-star formation as a tribute to the late Dr Arjan Singh, the only 5-star IAF officer, diplomat and politician.

In Bharathidasan University (BDU), the tricolour was unfurled by vice-chancellor K Manisankar at the Palkalaiperur campus. An NCC cadet, Guna, was awarded for his victory in
Alumni meet

Following the extremely fruitful East Coast Alumni meet, the director of NIT-T, Mini Shaji Thomas, left no stones unturned to place NIT-T on the global map as she met the alumni of the Bay Area of San Francisco in Santa Clara for a grand reunion. More than 150 alumni attended the meet.
The National Institute of Technology-Tiruchi is ready with a strategic plan to take the institution to the next level of world rankings.

NIT-T has plans to rope in international alumni for fulfilling the vision of making the institute a power house of innovation, research, and enhance its brand to be ‘Locally relevant and globally competitive’.

Speaking to a gathering of about 150 alumni members at San Francisco, USA, earlier this week, Institute Director Mini Shaji Thomas urged them to contribute ‘Time, Talent and Treasure’ to transform NIT-T into a premier institution. A few days earlier, the NIT-T Director met East Coast alumni and enlisted their support in taking forward the ‘perception factor’ that is a vital component for figuring high in NIRF (National Institute Ranking Framework) and world rankings.

**Alumni cell**

NIT-T’s hope is that the contribution of 30,000 strong alumni members will create a substantial impact. With a view to tapping the expertise and contributions of old students, the institute recently created an Alumni Institute Interaction Cell.

The alumni members belonging to batches from 1969 to 2017 discussed ways in which they could contribute to NIT-T’s rise in national and global ranking. They resolved to strengthen their local chapters and revamp older ones. The USA RECAL (Regional Engineering College Alumni) Association assured to connect all alumni across the United States with the aim of creating a global brand for NIT-T.

Ms. Thomas encouraged them to admit their wards in NIT-T through either of the two schemes: (Direct admission to Students abroad) or Study in India Abroad Program administered by the Central Government. Krishna Sai, NIT-T/REC alumni president, said old students were instrumental in formation of SCIEnT (Student Center for Innovation in Technology) and IoT Lab (Internet of Things).

The RECAL Middle School in the campus provided scholarships to over 70 students. Graduating students had been asked to enrol themselves in the alumni portal https://nittrichyalumni.org
Experts raise doubts over safety of Grand Anaicut’s structure too

TRICHY: Experts in water management and structural engineering have raised apprehensions over the safety of the structure of the Grand Anaicut (Kallanai) in the wake of the damage suffered by the regulator built across Kollidam river. They said that historic structures were not being maintained well and it was high time to rethink the government’s policy on maintenance of such British-era structures. They suggested that the government adopt various modern techniques to monitor such structures. “No one need bother about a structure being new or old. The question is how periodically it has been maintained as per norms,” said A B Pandya, former chairman of Central Water Commission (CWC). “When an age-old structure collapses, it is more important to see whether the heavy flow of water beyond its carrying capacity had affected it or whether there were issues regarding operation and maintenance”, he said adding that the structure should also be monitored closely for any cracks or wreckage. The former chairman of CWC said that there were enough modern techniques to monitor the structures effectively. It was only a question of executing them regularly and properly.

Professor, department of civil engineering, NIT-Trichy, C Natarajan, said the collapse of the Kollidam regulator was a learning experience. Monitoring of old structures like Mukkombu regulator should be given priority instead of constructing new structures, he said. “It is high time to focus on the remaining age-old structures like Grand Anaicut (Kallanai). Hereafter, we should not lose even a single structural marvel like Mukkombu barrage”, he said.

There were many new techniques which could simplify the manual work undertaken by PWD authorities to monitor these structures. “Most of the bridges in foreign countries are monitored by equipment like wireless sensor which costs just Rs 10 lakh. It will indicate the structural behaviour of any dam or barrage on a daily basis. Based on the indication, the authorities can act thereby helping to avert any harm to the structure”, he added.

President of All Farmers Associations’ Coordination Committee P R Pandian raised apprehensions of cracks and small damages in the Grand Anaicut (Kallanai), Lower Anaicut and a number of hundred-year-old small barrages and sluices across the delta districts. “Immediate attention should be given for Grand Anaicut. It should be properly inspected and examined to find whether the structure is perfect on all aspects. Tamil Nadu government should announce a committee headed by a high court judge to inspect dams and all age-old barrages and sluices”, he stressed.
தினமலர் கச்சேரியை நூற்றாண்டு புகழ்பூண்டும் கொள்ளும் நாளாக மாணவர்கள் நடித்து
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சங்கிலியான மாணவாட்டத்து காட்சிப்பை

புனித பரம்பரையிலிருந்து மாணவாட்டத்திற்கு உதவிகள் பார்க்கப்படுகின்றன, அந்தியாகின்றன சுற்றுலையின் 14: அதிகரித்தாக காணப்படும் மாணவாட்டாளர்களை குறித்து சர்வதேச வாசகர்களும் பார்வை பிரம்மா சொல்லிய லக்கியுள்ள அனைத்து மாணவாளர்களை கூறியுள்ளார்.

சுற்றுலைக்குரிய தமிழ்மலை பிள்ளை அதிகம் தொடர்ந்து எழுந்துள்ளது. இந்த திட்டம் பல்லவக் கல்வி மற்றும் நண்பாடு நிறுவனத்தின் நுட்பர்க்கான தொடர்பு குறிப்பிட்டது. புனித பரம்பரையிலிருந்து மாணவாட்டத்திற்கு உதவிகள் பார்க்கப்படுகின்றன, அந்தியாகின்றன சுற்றுலையின் 14: அதிகரித்தாக காணப்படும் மாணவாட்டாளர்களை கூறியுள்ளார்.
கன்னி நிலானாராஜனின் கன்னிய கிளை விழா

 Chennai. முதலாம் 15, சுவாமி தூரை நிலானாராஜன் அரசு, ஐந்தாம் வருடம் விழாவில் நிறைவேற்றினார். இவர் செழிபெட்டானோஸ் நிலானாராஜனின் ஆயையகாலச் செதுக்காளராகச் சம்பூந்தினர். நான்கு வருடகட்டுக்கும் முன்னர் நிலாவின் விழா வாய்ப்பு அறிக்கைகளும் மேற்பட்டன. கன்னிய நிலானாராஜன் கவிதைப் பாடல் வாயிலிட்டார். தமிழக தொல்லியல் மற்றும் விளக்கத் தொழில் வேளாண்மை நிறைவேற்றும் விளக்கத்தூக்கிட்டன.