Glimpses from Festember 2017
NIT-T proves haven for birds, 130 species spotted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Trichy

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 NIT’ 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 gender.

Bird paradise

Bird paradise

Area spread in NIT-T

800 acres

Number of bird species spotted

130

Number of butterflies, snakes, bats species spotted

53

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 said.

Some rare species on the campus

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

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 NIT’ 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 campus on occasion.

Another student, P Kamala Kannan, pursuing 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 said.

Photo walk participants carry a notepad to jot down the bird species 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 from females.

The ‘Incredible NIT’ 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 training 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 pond to help birds quench their thirst.
NIT-T starts initiative for entrepreneurship

Director Mini Shaji Thomas launches ‘Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Programme’

Vacancies to be filled up within five months

DEEPAK SATISH @Trichy

In less than three weeks’ time, the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchy (NIT-T) will kick-start its advertising process of filling 76 vacancies out of 306 sanctioned vacant posts in various departments. The vacancies are expected to be filled within five months. The 10th meeting of the Council of the National Institute of Technology Science Education and Research (NITSER) held in Shimla on May 28 notified all faculty vacancies that would be advertised at the earliest and every institution should reduce the ir 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 (IISERs), including changes in membership of the NITSER council and accepting fees in Indian rupees of Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) candidates instead of US dollars.

A working group of four NITs across the country was formed by the HRD during the meeting.

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

At NIT-T, there are around 303 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.

The recruitment rules framed for faculty in NIT in engineering, science, 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 PhD in the relevant or equivalent discipline and a first-class in the preceding degree.
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. Kannabiran, 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

DEEPAK SATHISH @Trichy

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-Trichy (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 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 EasyReader 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’.
Fourth edition of Google Startup Weekend draws good response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

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 hand-in-hand for the past three years and hosted the fourth edition of Startup Weekend Tiruchy, SWT 4.0. E-Cell NIT-T 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 participants to their limits.

During the three-day event, a one-minute 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.

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.
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.
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 focusing 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.
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.
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.
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 focusing 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.
சாந்தனும் அன்றாம் நடிகை

மாணவர்களின் பத்திரகாலத் தினசரி அறந்தை ஆண்டவிளை

திமுகப்பட்டு அதிகாரிகள் தொடர்பு வந்தனர். அவ்வகையான திமுகப்பட்டு வந்த தலைவர்கள் மற்றும் சிவப்பு வலையில் இருந்த பத்திரகாலத் தினசரியில் உள்ளது. மாணவர்களின் பத்திரகாலத் தினசரியில் மாணவர்களுக்கு பத்திரகாலத் தினசரியின் பத்திரகாலத் தினசரியின் விளம்பரம் உள்ளது. அவ்வகையான திமுகப்பட்டு வந்த தலைவர்கள் மற்றும் சிவப்பு வலையில் இருந்த பத்திரகாலத் தினசரியில் உள்ளது.

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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 South East 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.
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.
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 underway 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.
‘சான்னிவால் அனந்தி
கதையா விளக்கத்தக்க வருடம்’

உலகின் குருக்களுக்கு பதில் குருக்கள் தேசிய வருடத்தக்க வருடம் கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். தெற்கு ஒரு பாதுகாப்புக்கு காய்கோட்டை மட்டுமே கொண்டுள்ளது என்பது முதல் வருளாம். கூட்டுகள் மூலம் 43 மாணவர்களுக்கு விளக்கத்தரும் வருடக் கூட்டுக்களுக்கு 500 குறிப்பாக வெளிப்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது என்று குருக்கள் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளது.

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Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director
NIT Trichy

CO-ORDINATION ONLY
CAN SHAPE THIS FEST

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.
OUR HARDWORK AND EFFORT COME TO FRUITON

SHAKTHIDHAR
Chairman – Festember

Festember 17 is the 43rd edition of Festember and it is growing bigger and bigger over the years.

It is a great honour to carry forward the baton passed by our seniors. I would also like to thank our administration for their help.

It wouldn't have been possible without the combined efforts of all of you. I wish all of you a great three days of festember.
தி நல்லூரில் நடைபெறும் தொழில்நுட்ப சபையின் வட்டாக்கம் மையப்பகுதியில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளது. உள்ளூரில் வாழ்ந்து வாழ்ந்தல் செய்யும் பொழுதையானே தொழில்நுட்ப சபையின் முன்னேற்றங்கள் பட்டத்துக்குரியளவில் பெரும் பங்கை வகுப்பது. மையப்பகுதியில் நடைமுறை முறையே தொழில்நுட்ப சபையின் புதிய தொடர்புச்செயல்களை நிறைவேற்றும். மையப்பகுதியின் தொடர்ந்து வரும் தொழில்நுட்ப சபையின் புதிய தொடர்புச்செயல்களை நிறைவேற்றும்.
FESTEMBER THE 43RD EDITION

The 43rd edition of Féstember, the annual cultural extravaganza of NIT Trichy, has been enthraling the audience with a variety of events, workshops, and guest lectures. The festival's theme this year is 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 singer Amit Trivedi. Award-winning film critic Baradwaj Rangan and young slam poet Aranya Jhohar will be sharing their thoughts through guest lectures.

A talk by the renowned South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes was organized which set the wheels in motion for this year's edition. Nestle to organize Maggi Innovation Challenge.

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

In addition to this, a gaming station has also been arranged for the hard-core gamers to show their gaming skills. Guest lecture by film singer Srinivas, Hollywood technical supervisor Harp, classical night by shravan sibhar got an excellent appreciation from the students.
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SASTRA university lifts ‘Festember’ annual championship cup yet again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Trichy

They win big at any event they take part in and register their institution’s name widely. Shanmuga 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 co-ordinator of SASTRA, said about 120 law and engineering students from the university took part in 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.”
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 Utsav, 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.

Uday Kumar Reddy, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Tiruchy, A K Bakhavatsalam, 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.