



**National Institute of Technology (NIT) Trichy bags Green Award 2017
from the Tamil Nadu government**

National Institute of Technology, Trichy has bagged Green Award 2017 from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. Professor Mini Shaji Thomas, Director of National Institute of Technology, Trichy received the award from Chief Minister Edapaadi K. Palaniswami during a function at the Secretariat, Chennai. In this occasion, Prof. Mini Thomas congratulated each and every member of the NIT Tiruchirappalli family, including faculty, staff and students who worked hard to achieve this feat.

Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board vide a notification invited proposals from various universities in Tamilnadu for Green Award 2017. This award is conferred to institutions in Tamilnadu who excel in environmental protection and sustainable development. A team consisting of Dr. C. Natarajan, Dean, (Planning and Development), Dr. M. Umapathy, Dean (Research and Consultancy), Dr. M. Premalatha, Associate Professor, Department of Energy and Environment, Dr. S. T. Ramesh, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. G. Arthanareeswaran, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, and Er. R. Narayanan, Executive Engineer, Estate Maintenance under the mentorship and patronage of the Director was formed to prepare a detailed proposal. Based on scrutiny of questionnaires and after following a rigorous procedure, NIT Trichy was bestowed the award.

Since its inception, NIT Trichy has promoted sustainable developmental practices and has set itself a variety of goals to make the campus eco-friendly. NIT Trichy has developed new technologies and programmes that will result in environmental protection and better utilization of renewable energy. Some of the notable practices include collection and channelization of e-waste, Climate Change Conference and guest lectures, Plantation Drive, LEAP, a student club that disseminates urgent issues pertaining to the environment. As part of green initiative and energy conservation measure, battery operated vehicles are introduced in the campus. To its credit, NIT Trichy has evolved an environmental policy and has allotted sufficient budget for environmental protection and maintenance. NIT Trichy has also adopted five villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan scheme.



Photo Details: Left to Right-Dr.C Natarajan, Dean (Planning and Development), NIT, Trichy, Mr. G V Selvam, Vice President, VIT University, Prof. Mini Thomas, Director, NIT, Trichy, Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar, Registrar, Gandhigram Rural University, Dr.Girija Vaidyanathan, Chief Secretary, TN Govt, Hon'ble Chief Minister Edapaadi K. Palaniswami, Minister. Thiru Dindigul C. Sreenivasan. Forests, Minister. Thiru.K.C.Karuppannan. Environment and Pollution Control, Md.Nasimuddin, I.A.S Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Secretary to Government, Mr R K Upadhyay, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mr D. Sekar, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.



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