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19th ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY

The 19th Annual Convocation of Thiruvalluvar University was held on Sunday, 13th Oct, 2024, at the university campus. A total of 155 students received their degrees in person, including 86 PhD research scholars, 36 undergraduate students, and 33 postgraduate students. A total of 28,262 students were awarded degrees in absentia.

The Annual Report for the academic year 2023-2024 was presented by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. T. Arumugam. The Chancellor, His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri R. N. Ravi, presided over the event and conferred the degrees. Honourable Higher Education Minister, Dr. Govi Chezhian, also graced the event. The Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Tusar Kanti Behra, Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru, delivered the Convocation Address. The event was attended by various dignitaries including, Syndicate and Academic Council members, the Registrar, and the Controller of Examinations. Following the ceremony, the Governor and the Higher Education Minister visited the university's Online Digital Valuation System.



DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

RESEARCH FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Department of Chemistry organized a one-day Research Facility Training Program on 20th Dec, 2024, aimed at providing undergraduate and postgraduate students from the chemistry departments of affiliated colleges of Thiruvalluvar University with valuable exposure to advanced research equipment. The event aimed to enhance the students' understanding of sophisticated research tools and methodologies in the field of chemistry.

The program was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Prof. T. Arumugam, who delivered the inaugural address. In his speech, Prof. Arumugam emphasized the significance of scientific inventions and their crucial role in the modern global platform. He encouraged the students to contribute to scientific advancements and take pride in making valuable contributions to the country's growth. Dr. K. Dinakaran, Prof. & Head, Department of Chemistry, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the importance of such training programs in fostering the next generation of scientists. The vote of thanks was extended by Dr. J. Madhavan, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, expressing gratitude to all the speakers and participants.

The valedictory session was addressed by Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, who congratulated the students on their participation and encouraged them to pursue research in their academic careers. Dr. K. Srinivasan and Dr. D. Thirumalai, Associate Professors of the Department of Chemistry delivered the welcome address and vote of thanks during the event. The program was attended by 130 students, all of whom benefited from the insights shared and the hands-on experience provided through the training. This initiative served as a stepping stone in preparing students for the future of research and innovation in the field of chemistry.



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

STEM CELL WORKSHOP

On 4th Oct, 2024, Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR) in Bagayam, Vellore hosted a highly engaging workshop designed to introduce students to the fascinating world of stem cell research and the wide-ranging career opportunities within the biotechnology field. The event brought together experts to share knowledge and hands-on experience in key areas of stem cell biology, microscopy techniques, and career development.

The workshop kicked off with an insightful introduction by Dr. Gurbind, who explained the basics of stem cells, types, and their crucial applications in regenerative medicine, tissue engineering, and disease treatment. The participants were introduced to cutting-edge research in stem cell therapies and advancements in the field. Following this, Dr. Sandhya conducted an exciting session on microscopy, providing a live demonstration of fluorescence microscopy, allowing students to gain hands-on experience in imaging cells.

The workshop also featured several career-oriented sessions. Mr. Joshua shared his experiences as a research scholar and offered advice on entrance exams and preparation strategies. Mr. Praveen gave valuable insights into working in the biotechnology industry, while Ms. Ayesha discussed the benefits of undertaking short-term projects outside of college. The final session, led by Dr. Mohan, Dr. Saravana, and Dr. Thiyagarajan, explored various career opportunities within biotechnology and provided guidance in using research for, development, and industry. This workshop not only expanded participants' understanding of stem cells and biotechnology but also inspired them to explore diverse career paths in the field, with practical advice and encouragement to set clear professional goals.



DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

கருத்தரங்கம்
தமிழ்த்துறையில் “நீர் மேலாண்மையும் காடு போற்றலும்”

வேலூர் மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் “நீர் மேலாண்மையும் காடு போற்றலும்” என்னும் பொருண்மையிலான கருத்தரங்கம் 23rd Sep, 2024 திங்கட்கிழமை அன்று இணையவழியில் நடைபெற்றது. இக்கருத்தரங்கில் 32 கட்டுரைகளை இருபதுக்கும் மேற்பட்ட கல்லூரி, பல்கலைக்கழகங்களிலிருந்து ஆய்வாளர்களும், பேராசிரியர்களும் வழங்கினர். நீர் மேலாண்மை மற்றும் வனப்பாதுகாப்பு குறித்து விழிப்புணர்வு ஏற்படுத்தும் விதமாய் இக்கருத்தரங்கம் செவ்வனே நடைபெற்றது. திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் ப. பாமா அவர்கள் விழாவிற் குத் தலைமையுரை வழங்கினார். பேராசிரியர் முனைவர். ம. செந்தில் குமார் அவர்களும் இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் நா. சிவகுரு அவர்களும் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கி சிறப்பித்தனர். விழாவினையும் கருத்தரங்கத்தினையும் ஒருங்கிணைத்து உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் க. சிங்காரவேலு அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். தமிழ்த்துறை கௌரவ விரிவுரையாளர் முனைவர் க. ரவிச்சந்திரன் அவர்கள் முறையான நன்றியுரை வழங்கி நிகழ்வினை முடித்துவைத்தார். முதுகலை மாணவர்கள் நிகழ்ச்சியைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினர்.



அகத்தியர் திருநாள் விழா
கருத்தரங்கம் மற்றும் சித்த மருத்துவ முகாம்

வேலூர் மாவட்டம் திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் அகத்தியர் திருநாளை முன்னிட்டு 19.12.2024 வியாழக்கிழமை அன்று ஒருநாள் கருத்தரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது.

இந்நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் ப. பாமா அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை ஆற்றினார். தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் க. சிங்காரவேலு அவர்கள் நோக்கவுரை ஆற்றினார். திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தேர்வு கட்டுப்பாட்டு அலுவலர் முனைவர் ரா. பாபுஜெனார்த்தனம் அவர்களும் தமிழ்த்துறை பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் ம. செந்தில் குமார் அவர்களும் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினர். விழாவின் தலைமையை ஏற்றுத் திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழக மாண்புமையுரை துணைவேந்தர் முனைவர் த. ஆறுமுகம் அவர்கள் தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார்.

தம் உரையில் தமிழ்ச்சுவடிகளின் வழி தமிழ் மருத்தவத்தைத் தமிழ் ஆய்வாளர்கள் பிறகு ஆய்வாளர்களுடன் இணைந்து துறையிடை ஆய்வுகள் மேற்கொண்டு வெளிக்கொணர வேண்டும் என அறிவுறுத்தினார். பழனி அருள்மிகு தண்டாயுதபாணி சுவாமி திருக்கோயில் சித்த மருத்துவ அலுவலர், மருத்துவர் க. முத்துராமலிங்கம் அவர்கள் “அகத்தியர் வளர்த்த அறிவியல் தமிழ்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். தமிழ்த்துறை இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் நா. சிவகுரு அவர்கள் முறையான நன்றியுரையை வழங்கி காலை நிகழ்வினை நிறைவு செய்தார்.

இந்நிகழ்வினைத் தொடர்ந்து மதியம் சித்த மருத்துவ முகாமை திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் முனைவர் ஜெ. செந்தில் வேல்முருகன் அவர்கள் தலைமையேற்றுத் தொடங்கிவைத்தார். முகாமில் பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்கள், பேராசிரியர்கள், அலுவலகப் பணியாளர்கள் பிற கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் எனப் பலர் கலந்துகொண்டு மருத்துவ ஆலோசனைகள் பெற்று பயனுற்றனர்.



IQAC WORKSHOP

**QUALITY ENHANCEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION:
IMPACT OF NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION
COUNCIL AND NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING
FRAMEWORK PROCESS 2024-25**

The Centre for Accreditation and IQAC organized a one-day workshop on Quality Enhancement in Higher Education: Impact of NAAC and NIRF Processes 2024-25 on 16th Dec, 2024 at Thiruvalluvar University. The workshop aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the quality assurance processes in higher education, particularly the accreditation processes of NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) and NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework). The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. T. Arumugam, who delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the importance of quality enhancement in higher education and the role of accreditation processes in shaping academic excellence. Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, felicitated the gathering, highlighting the importance of continuous efforts towards improving the quality of education at the university.

The workshop featured a distinguished panel of keynote speakers. Prof. G. Yoganandan, Director of IQAC at Periyar University, discussed the pivotal role of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in enhancing the overall quality of academic institutions. Dr. M. Pachamuthu, Deputy Director of IQAC at Periyar University, provided valuable insights into the preparation protocols necessary for obtaining NAAC accreditation. Dr. P. Maadeswaran, Member of IQAC at Periyar University, highlighted the intricacies involved in preparing universities for the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) ranking, emphasizing its significance as a crucial benchmark for national academic recognition.

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. M. Chitra, Director of the Centre for Accreditation and IQAC, who emphasized the importance of such workshops in promoting a culture of quality within higher education institutions. Dr. J. Madhavan, Deputy Director of the Centre for Accreditation and IQAC, introduced the keynote speakers, setting the stage for the discussions. The session concluded with a Vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Yuvarajan, Deputy Director of the Centre for Accreditation and IQAC, expressing gratitude to all the speakers and attendees for their valuable presence and contributions. The workshop was attended by faculty members from all university departments, who gained valuable insights into the accreditation processes and their impact on institutional development.



YOUTH AWAKENING DAY

The Youth Awakening Day program organized by the Department of Biotechnology was inaugurated on 15th Oct. 2024 by Prof. T. Arumugam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, at the Auditorium on the university campus. The event brought together students, faculty, and distinguished guests to celebrate the legacy of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and inspire the next generation of leaders and researchers. The Presidential Address by Prof. Dr. T. Arumugam included a tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Kalam, focusing on his contributions to missile development and India's strength in higher education. He encouraged students to combine practical knowledge with academic studies, drawing inspiration from Dr. Kalam's life.

In his welcome address, Dr. A. Rajasekar, Associate Professor and Head underscored the significance of Youth Awakening Day and its role in motivating young students towards academic and scientific excellence. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Dr. Mahaboobkhan Rasool, Director of Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy (SpoRIC) at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), emphasized the importance of collaboration between academia and industry. He highlighted how such forums promote knowledge sharing and contribute to societal development, quoting the visionary Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Dr. R. Babujanarthanam, Controller of Examinations, addressed the gathering and who spoke about Dr. Kalam's vision, Dr. P. Vinayagamoorthy, member syndicate who highlighted the importance of infrastructure and resources for entrepreneurial development. A special segment included a video clip celebrating the achievements of Dr. A.P.J. Kalam, followed by a speech from a first-year Master's student of Biotechnology. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M.C. Harish, Assistant Professor. The program was attended by 250 students and 20 faculty members.



**YOUTH RED CROSS
BLOOD DONATION CAMP**

திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழக யூத் ரெட் கிராஸ் மற்றும் கிறித்துவ மருத்துவக் கல்லூரி மருத்துவமனை இணைந்து 5th, Nov, 2024 அன்று இரத்ததான முகாமினை நடத்தியது.

இந்த இரத்ததான முகாமினைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் முனைவர் த. ஆறுமுகம் தலைமை ஏற்றுத் தொடங்கி வைத்தார். இந்த ரத்ததான முகாமிற்குப் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் முனைவர் ஜெ.செந்தில் வேல்முருகன் அவர்கள் முன்னிலை வகித்தார். இரத்ததான முகாமில் பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்கள் 75க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர். இம் முகாமில் 30 யூனிட் ரத்தம் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இந்த ரத்ததான முகாமில் பல்கலைக்கழக வளாக அலுவலர் முனைவர் ரவிச்சந்திரன், பேராசிரியர்கள் ஆர்.சாமிதுரை, தனசேகரன், கலை முருகன், ஹரிஷ், விஜயராகவன், விஜய் ஆனந்த், ஆட்சி மன்றக்குழு உறுப்பினர் பேராசிரியர் ஜெ. மாதவன், சிவக்கொழுந்து மற்றும் பிற துறை பேராசிரியர்களும், பிற அலுவலர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புச் செய்தனர்.

மேலும் கிறித்துவ மருத்துவக் கல்லூரி மருத்துவமனையில் இருந்து மருத்துவக் குழு, திரு. அருள் பாக்யராஜ் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் முகாமில் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இந்நிகழ்வினைப் பல்கலைக்கழக யூத் ரெட் கிராஸ் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் நா. சிவசுரு ஒருங்கிணைத்தார்.



**NSS YOUTH RED CROSS
DRUG FREE AWARENESS RALLY**

வேலூர் மாவட்டம் சேர்க்காட்டில் அமைந்துள்ள திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் 9th Nov, 2024 போதை ஒழிப்பு விழிப்புணர்வுக்காக பேரணி நடத்தப்பட்டது. இப்பேரணியைத் திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழக நாட்டு நலப்பணித் திட்டம் மற்றும் திருவள்ளூர் பல்கலைக்கழக யூத் ரெட் கிராஸ் இணைந்து நடத்தியது.

பேரணியைப் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் முனைவர் ஜெ.செந்தில் வேல்முருகன் உறுதிமொழி எடுத்துத் தொடங்கி வைத்தார். இதில் பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்கள் திரளாகப் பங்கு எடுத்து போதை ஒழிப்பு உறுதிமொழி எடுத்தனர்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பேராசிரியர்கள் ம.செந்தில்குமார், கலைமுருகன், மற்றும் அலுவலர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர். இதில் மாணவர்கள் போதை ஒழிப்பு வாசகத்தை உச்சரித்துக் கொண்டு பேரணி மேற்கொண்டனர்.

இந்நிகழ்விற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை நாட்டு நலப்பணித் திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு.விஜய் ஆனந்த் மற்றும் யூத் ரெட்கிராஸ் அமைப்பின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு. நா.சிவசுரு மற்றும் நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட அலுவலர்கள் திரு கண்ணதாசன், திரு.தனசேகரன், முனைவர் தமிழினி ஆகியோர் முன்னின்று செய்தனர்.



NSS MEGA CAMPUS CLEANING MELA

On 8th October 2024, the National Service Scheme (NSS) of Thiruvalluvar University organized a Mega Campus Cleaning Mela aimed at promoting cleanliness and environmental consciousness across the university campus. The event was initiated by the NSS Coordinator, Dr. S. Vijayanand, and guided by NSS Programme Officers Dr. M. Kannadhasan and Dr. S. Dhanasekaran.

With great energy and teamwork the volunteers collected plastic waste and tea cups, woods and dry leaves in the university and hostel premises. Divided into groups, some volunteers focused on gathering waste and ensuring the area was free of litter, while others worked on clearing grass, sorting garbage, and properly disposing of the collected items. The volunteers worked diligently, making sure no wrappers or trash were left behind, leaving the campus and hostel areas spotless.

This inspiring and motivating initiative by the NSS volunteers not only contributed to a cleaner environment but also strengthened the sense of responsibility among the participants. The event was a significant step in fostering a culture of cleanliness and environmental awareness within the university community.



SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN 2024

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit II of Thiruvalluvar University organized the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign, a cleanliness initiative on 23rd Oct. 2024 at the Katpadi railway station.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. J. Senthil VelMurugan, the Registrar of Thiruvalluvar University, with Dr. S. Vijayanand, the NSS Coordinator, presiding over the ceremony. The program was coordinated by NSS Programme Officers Dr. M. Kannadasan and Dr. S. Dhanasekaran. Professors, students, and more than a hundred NSS volunteers participated in the cleanliness drive, which focused on cleaning the Katpadi Railway Station and the Government Higher Secondary School campus in Serkkadu.

The volunteers worked together to remove waste, clean public spaces, and contribute to a cleaner, more hygienic environment for the local community.

The event concluded at the Government Higher Secondary School, Serkkadu, where participants gathered to wrap up the campaign. Special thanks were given to NSS staff member Mr. Sathish, who made the necessary arrangements for the successful execution of the camp.

This initiative was a part of the ongoing efforts to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness within the university and the surrounding community. The participation of students and faculty members in such campaigns helps foster a sense of civic responsibility and a commitment to keeping public spaces clean.



**HIGHER EDUCATION TOURISM
FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS
AT THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

On 25th Oct. 2024, Thiruvalluvar University organized a Higher Education Tour aimed at providing government school students with insights into higher education and scientific research opportunities. The tour was designed to help to plan their academic future, choose the right courses, and explore potential career paths after completing school. A total of 80 school boys and girls from the districts of Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet, and Tirupattur participated, along with 10 school teachers. The students were given the opportunity to explore the university's research laboratories, computer center, and library. They visited the computer rooms in the library, learned about various university departments, and discovered how they could steer their education and engage in research studies. The students had the chance to interact with faculty members, raise queries, and clarify their doubts, concerning scientific research.

The event was graced by Dr. Prof. T. Arumugam, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, who highlighted the significance of higher education and research. The tour was organized under the guidance of Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, with logistical support provided by Dr. M.C. Harish, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, and A. Kannan, Assistant Librarian. Professors from various other departments also participated, offering valuable insights into the courses offered by the university and the job opportunities associated with them. This educational initiative aimed to inspire and guide the students, equipping them with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their higher education and future careers.



CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAM- "Secure Our World"

On 28th Oct. 2024, Thiruvalluvar University organized a Cyber Security awareness programme with the theme "Secure Our World". This initiative aimed to raise awareness among students about the growing importance of cybersecurity in today's digital age. The program was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. T. Arumugam, Vice Chancellor of Thiruvalluvar University, who also delivered the presidential address. The inaugural address was given by Mr. R. Vijayan, Senior Consultant at SkillDa, who shared valuable insights into the challenges and solutions in the field of cybersecurity. The event was organized and coordinated by Prof. G. Yoganandham, Director, Center

for Knowledge, and Dr. M. Syed Ali, Placement Coordinator of Thiruvalluvar University. Over 300 students from various departments, including Tamil, English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Commerce, attended the program. This awareness initiative aimed to equip students with essential knowledge on protecting themselves and their digital information, ensuring a safer online experience for all.



INTER-DIVISION KABADDI TOURNAMENT

On 28th Oct, 2024, Thiruvalluvar University hosted the Inter-Division Kabaddi (Men & Women) Tournament at its campus in Serkkadu, Vellore. The event was graced by Prof. T. Arumugam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, and Dr. M. Senthil, Director of Physical Education of Thiruvalluvar University. The tournament featured competitive kabaddi matches between different divisions of the university, with both men's and women's teams showcasing their athletic skills and teamwork. The event aimed to promote sportsmanship, physical fitness, and team spirit among students, contributing to the university's commitment to fostering a vibrant sports culture. The participation of the university's leadership highlighted the importance of sports in the overall development of students. The tournament was an exciting and engaging experience for all participants and spectators alike.



SOUTH-WEST ZONE INTER-UNIVERSITY WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25

Thiruvalluvar University achieved remarkable success at the South-West Zone, Inter-University Weightlifting Championship 2024-25, held at Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. Competing among 120 universities, our university players won six individual medals and secured the Runner-Up position overall in the men's category. The medalists from Thiruvalluvar University includes, Mr. Dhanushkumar – Gold (61kg category), Mr. Lokeshwaran – Gold (73kg category), Mr. P. Balaji – Silver (55kg category), Mr. J. Dheershan – Silver (96kg category), Mr. K. Sanjaikannan – Bronze (55kg category), Mr. A. Manobala – Bronze (73kg category).

Additionally, Mr. Dhanushkumar received the Best Lifter Award in the 61kg category after lifting a total of 115kg in Snatch and 141kg in Clean & Jerk, with an overall total of 256kg. All ten students have been selected for the All-India Championship, representing Thiruvalluvar University.

The athletes were warmly congratulated by Prof. T. Arumugam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, and Dr. M. Senthil, Director of Physical Education of Thiruvalluvar University for their outstanding achievements. Special thanks were extended to the Team Manager, Dr. V. Raja (Physical Director at Abdul Hackeem College, Melvisharam) and Coach Mr. N. Jamaludeen (Abdul Hackeem College, Melvisharam) for their guidance and support. This victory highlights the talent and hard work of our athletes and reinforces Thiruvalluvar University's strong presence in university-level sports. Congratulations to the entire team for their excellent performance!



21ST INTER-DIVISION ATHLETIC MEET SELECTION TRIALS

Thiruvalluvar University conducted the 21st Inter-Division Athletic Meet selection trials for the year 2024-2025 at the SDAT Stadium, Thiruvannamalai, from 30th Nov. to 1st Dec. 2024 and 7 to 8th Dec. 2024. The selection trials were held in the presence of Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, and Dr. M. Senthil Director of Physical Education of Thiruvalluvar University.

The event aimed to identify and select the best athletes from various divisions of Thiruvalluvar University to represent the university in the upcoming inter-university athletic competitions. The trials witnessed active participation from talented athletes, showcasing their skills and competing for a place in the university's athletics team for the new academic year. The selection process was overseen by the university's physical education department to ensure fair and transparent evaluations.



CENTRE FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MoU BETWEEN SNHRC & TVU TO LAUNCH Ph.D. PROGRAMS

Sri Narayani Hospital & Research Institute (SNHRC), Vellore, and Thiruvalluvar University (TVU), Vellore, have formalized a collaboration through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer Ph.D. programs in Microbiology, Bio-Medical Sciences, Molecular Biology, and Biotechnology. This agreement was signed by Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, TVU and Prof. Balaji, Director, SNHRC, in the presence of Prof. T. Arumugam, Vice Chancellor, TVU at the TVU campus.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Prof. Vijay Raghavan, Dean, TVU, Babu Janarthanam, Controller of Examinations, TVU, Dr. J. Madhavan, Director, Planning & Development, TVU and SNHRC staff members, Dr. Ramprasada Srinivasan, Senior Scientist, Dr. Magesh Babu, Head of Department, Dr. Prashanth, and Dr. Harikrishnan, Asst. Professors of Sri Sakthi Amma Institute of Biomedical Research (SSAIBR).

In his address, Prof. T. Arumugam, Vice Chancellor of TVU expressed his enthusiasm for the collaboration with SNHRC, highlighting the significance of the hospital's job-oriented programs, such as the Allied Health Sciences courses offered by the Narayani group of institutions. He emphasized that the new Ph.D. programs would equip students with advanced research training, marking a critical step in developing future

leaders in medical research. The discussions also touched on the possibility of establishing a new arts and science college in the near future.

Both the Vice Chancellor of TVU and the Director of SNHRC underscored the mutual benefits of this partnership, which will foster high-quality education, skill development, and enhanced job readiness for students. This collaboration aims to strengthen the higher education ecosystem in Vellore district by establishing new centers of excellence. Dr. Balaji, Director of SNHRC, warmly welcomed the partnership, noting its potential to make a positive impact on vocational education. He reaffirmed the commitment of both institutions to shaping the future of higher education and research in the region.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON FOP AND OTHER DISEASES

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit II of Thiruvalluvar University organized an insightful Awareness Programme on Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) and other emerging diseases on 26th Sep. 2024. Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar inaugurated and addressed the event on challenges posed by the pandemic and highlighted the increasing prevalence of lesser-known diseases in today's world.

The Chief Guest, Dr. A. Selvakumar, a renowned Psychologist, delivered an informative session on FOP, a rare genetic disorder, and other health conditions affecting individuals in the age group of 7 to 52. He provided valuable medical advice and shared preventive measures to help the audience better understand the risks associated with these diseases. The event aimed to educate students, faculty, and the wider community about the dangers of FOP and other health conditions, while encouraging healthier lifestyle choices. Dr. S. Vijayanand, NSS Coordinator delivered the felicitation address, reinforcing the importance of such awareness initiatives. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. Kannadhasan, NSS Programme Officer, who also delivered the vote of thanks at the event.

