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## ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Thiruvalluvar University was held on June 27, 2024, on the university campus. A total number of 278 graduants recieved their degrees in person, including 205 research scholars who received their Ph.D. degrees, along with 39 undergraduate and 24 postgraduate students who received their degrees and rank certificates. Additionally, 52,252 students received their degrees in absentia. The Annual Report for the academic year 2023-2024 was presented by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. T. Arumugam. His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the University, Shri R. N. Ravi, presided over the ceremony and conferred the degrees. The Chief Guest, Dr. E. Ramadass, Director of the National Institute of Technology (NIOT), Chennai, addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of innovation and encouraging students to engage with advancements supported by the Government of India. The event was graced by members of the Syndicate, the Academic Council, the Registrar and Controller of Examinations of Thiruvalluvar University, making the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation a memorable and prestigious occasion.



## 78<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the campus of Thiruvalluvar University. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. T. Arumugam, unfurled the national flag and he commorated the occasion with an inspiring Speech. Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar Dr. R. Babu Janarthanam, Controller of Examinations; alongside Syndicate members, Deans, Directors, faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students, actively participated in this grand celebration. Special guests, Mr. K.R.K. Rajaraman S/o. Thiyagi Kalyanaraman and Mr. J. Rajendra Babu, S/o. Thiyagi Jayaraman shared thier patriotic fervor. As a symbol of purity, peace, and love, white doves were released by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, marking the significance of the event. Cultural programs were performed by university students, that added festive spirit of the day.



## PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day was observed on August 14, 2024, at Thiruvalluvar University to honor the victims and who endured hardships during the 1947 India-Pakistan partition. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. T. Arumugam, who delivered the presidential address. Special guest Mrs. V. Saroja Amma, W/o. Mr. Veeraiah a freedom fighter, shared her experiences from the struggle against British rule, inspired the audience with her remarkable speech. Prof. Sivaraji from the Department of Tamil of Islamiah College highlighted the historical significance of Vellore in the freedom struggle in his Chief Guest address. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Arumugam and Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, released a video documentary on the Partition Horrors, and a poster exhibition illustrating the impact of Partition was inaugurated in the presence of invitees, students, staff, and public.







### 133<sup>rd</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR

Thiruvalluvar University celebrated the 133<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in its premises on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The function began with paying flower tribute to the portrait of Dr. Ambedkar as a sign of gratitude to fondly remember his monumental contributions to social justice and equality. Our Hon'ble ViceChancellor Prof. T. Arumugam delivered the presidential address, our esteemed Registrar Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, in his felicitation, highlighted the ongoing relevance of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar's works in contemporary India and inspired the attendees to carry forward his legacy in both academic and social spheres. Dr. K. Ravichandran, Campus Director, welcomed the gathering and set the tone for an insightful and reflective event. In addition, he talked about Ambedkar's pioneering efforts for eradication caste of based discrimination and how Ambedkar revolutionized the castiest Indian society. Prof. Dr. C. Dhandapani, Dean-CDC offered felicitation as how Dr. Ambedhkar was instrumental in shaping our Modern India.



Members syndicate, staff members and students fondly poured their felicitation on this occasion. The chief guest Prof. Dr. A Karunandhan, former Member Syndicate of our University, led a session titled "The Relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in Today's India" He emphasized the importance of Ambedkar's call for education and empowerment as essential tools for marginalized communities to assert their rights among Teaching, Non-Teaching staffs, and Students of Thiruvalluvar University who actively participated and remembered Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and his tireless contribution to eradicate Caste in Indian Society. He also urged the audience to reflect on Ambedkar's contribution towards architechture the Indian constitution, which remains vital framework for promoting democracy and protecting individual rights. Dr. R. Babujanarthanam, COE proposed vote of thanks.

### ANNUAL WORLD RANKINGS BY STANFORD UNIVERSITY

On September 17, 2024, Stanford University released its annual rankings of the world's top 2% most-cited scientists. Based on citation impact across 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields, the list identified the most influential researchers globally with data sourced from the Scopus database.

Among the 2,23,252 scientists ranked in the top 2% worldwide, India is represented by 5,352 scientists, an increase from 4,635 in 2023.

Notably, three esteemed faculty members from our university—Dr. J. Madhavan, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Syed Ali, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics; and Dr. Rajasekar, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology were listed among this elite group. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T. Arumugam, along with the Registrar, Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, extended heartfelt congratulations to the professors on this remarkable achievement.



### MASS ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM & ANTI-DRUG ABUSE PLEDGE

On August 12, 2024, the NSS Units of Thiruvalluvar University organized a mass Anti-Drug Awareness Program and Anti-Drug Abuse Pledge, aiming for a "Drug-Free Tamil Nadu." The event was inaugurated by Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar of Thiruvalluvar University, who led the pledge, followed by a mass rally comprising 750 participants, including faculty, non-teaching staff, and students.

The rally commenced from the university campus and proceeded to Serkkadu village, where NSS student volunteers displayed banners and placards with slogans against narcotic drugs. The Controller of Examinations, Syndicate members, Deans, Directors, and Academic Council members were present The program was organized by Dr. S. Vijayanand, NSS Programme Coordinator.







### THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENTS INNOVATIVE ONLINE DIGITAL VALUATION SYSTEM

The examination cell of Thiruvalluvar University has implemented an Innovative Online Digital Valuation System as digital reform.

Thiruvalluvar University, established in 2002 following its bifurcation from the University of Madras, has taken a significant leap towards modernizing its examination processes with the implementation of the Online Digital Valuation System (ODVS). This pioneering initiative, funded by the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII), marks a transformative step in the university's evaluation framework.

The university had followed a dummy numbering system for answer scripts from its inception till 2012, followed by the introduction of Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets in 2014. From 2019 to 2023, the institution installed separate software for in-house scanning of marks, continuously striving to enhance its examination procedures. The recent implementation of ODVS during the April-May 2023 examinations has set Thiruvalluvar University apart as the first state university in Tamil Nadu to adopt this innovative digital approach.

The primary objective of the Online Digital Valuation System is to eliminate traditional paper-based evaluations and fully digitize the assessment process. The successful implementation of ODVS enhances the efficiency and also aligns with the university's commitment to embrace advanced technology.

Key Advantages of the Online Digital Valuation System include:

**Immediate Access:** Answer scripts for revaluation are readily available in soft copy format.

**Streamlined Processes:** No additional scanning is required for photocopy requests, as scripts have already been digitized.

**Reduced Transit Times:** The need for physical migration of answer scripts to various valuation centers is significantly diminished.

**24/7 Valuation Capability:** Evaluators can assess answer scripts at any time, ensuring timely results.

**Robust Infrastructure:** The system supports maximum output while leveraging cutting-edge technology.

**Enhanced Result Accuracy:** ODVS ensures a foolproof declaration of results, promoting transparency and reliability.

With this landmark achievement, Thiruvalluvar University has positioned itself at the forefront of academic innovation, setting a benchmark for other state universities in Tamil Nadu to follow. The implementation of the Online Digital Valuation System underscores the university's commitment to attaining excellence in education and its readiness to adapt to the evolving technological landscape.

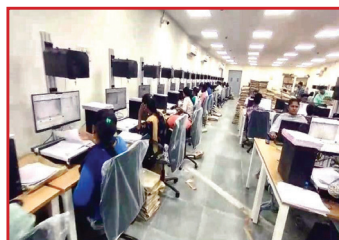
Inward Entry



Scanning of Answer Scripts



Quality Check



Scanned script to evaluators



### CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

On May 3, 2023, the NSS Unit II of Thiruvalluvar University, in collaboration with the School Education Department of the Tamil Nadu Government, conducted a career guidance program for the rural students from government high schools and higher secondary schools in the Vellore district. Dr. M. Kannadasan, the NSS Program Officer, served as the key resource person and provided valuable orientation to members of the Career Guidance Cell, including headmasters and career guidance coordinators.

NSS volunteers from Unit II participated actively in the orientation program held at the office of the District Planning Officer in Vellore. Following the orientation, volunteers were asked to choose to specific schools to engage the students who had completed their SSLC and HSC examinations and offer guidance to pursue higher education opportunities.



### VOTING AWARENESS PROGRAM- A SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

The NSS Unit III of Thiruvalluvar University conducted a voting awareness program on April 12, 2024, aimed at empowering students by emphasizing the significance of their voting rights. The motive of this initiative is to educate the youth about the power of their vote and its role in shaping the democratic process, encouraging participants to register and become actively engaged citizens.

The event was graced by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. Arumugam, NSS Coordinator Dr. K. Ravichandran, CDC Dean Dr. C. Dhandapani, and other teaching and non-teaching staff members, inspired a generation of responsible voters to make a difference in the society.





### DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

#### WEBINAR ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Department of Physics at Thiruvalluvar University organized an insightful online webinar on “போட்டி தேர்வுகளில் வெல்வது எப்படி?” (How to Succeed in Competitive Exams) on March 20, 2024, which highlighted the career opportunities in administrative services. The event took place in the Seminar Hall, Department of Tamil. The event aimed at encouraging students to explore careers in administrative services. Around 100 enthusiastic students participated in the event. This webinar was part of the university's ongoing efforts to guide students toward success in competitive exams and served as a platform to raise awareness about the importance of clearing such exams. It is hoped that the event will inspire more young individuals to choose careers in public administration and contribute to nation-building. The successful conduct of this event marked a significant step towards fostering academic and professional development among students at Thiruvalluvar University.

### DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

#### INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO RANITEC

The Department of Zoology organized an industrial visit for M.Sc (1st Year) Zoology students to Ranitec, a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) located in Walajapet. This initiative was aimed to provide practical knowledge and first-hand experience related to the treatment of effluents from tannery industries to the students.

During the visit, students observed the comprehensive methods employed at the CETP and also learnt the application of reverse osmosis, a crucial step in purifying water for potable use.

The visit proved to be a valuable educational experience, enhancing the students' understanding of sustainable practices in waste management system. The event was graced by the General Manager of Ranitec, who shared insights about the significance of effluent treatment in environmental conservation. The event was organized by Dr. K. Sivachandrabose, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology. Through the visit, the students gained the essential knowledge and skills relevant to their field of study.



### DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Department of Physical Education at Thiruvalluvar University took place on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024, at the University Auditorium. The meeting focused on discussing sports activities and plans for the academic year 2024-2025.

Presided over by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. Arumugam, the meeting included a Felicitation Address by Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, Dr. J. Madhavan and Dr. C. Sivakkolundu, both members of the Syndicate. Dr. M. Senthilkumar, Director of Physical Education (i/c), delivered the Welcome Address and briefed the agendas of the meeting.

More than 46 Directors and Directresses of Physical Education from affiliated colleges participated, and made the meeting a productive and collaborative event.





## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

## INAUGURATION OF TECH ASPIRE AND SPECIAL TALK ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the Department of Computer Science inaugurated its students association club, "Tech Aspire," at the university campus. The event featured with a special talk on "Blockchain Technology" by chief guest Mr. Vinoth Shanmugam, Senior Associate Consultant at Infosys Bangalore. He highlighted the significance of studying blockchain technology, emphasizing its potential for well-paid career opportunities and its transformative impact on industries.

Dr. M. Kavitha, Principal and Head (i/c) of the Department of Computer Science, welcomed the gathering. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T. Arumugam, presided over the event, signifying the importance of student-led initiatives. Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, the Registrar addressed the gathering and insisted on the need for students to engage in extracurricular activities alongside their academic pursuits to secure good placements in today's digital era. First-year Computer Science students, Ms. A. Savitha and Ms. Asha Priyna co-ordinated the program and proposed vote of thanks.



## ONE-DAY EVENT ON "EMERGING TECHNOLOGICAL IMPACTS ON SOCIETY AND MASS MEDIA"

The Department of Computer Science at Thiruvalluvar University hosted a one-day event on "Emerging Technological Impacts on Society and Mass Media" on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. Distinguished speakers, including Mrs. K. Bharathy, Inspector of Police from the Indian Cyber Crime Awareness and Prevention Centre (IUCAW), and Dr. J. Nancy Manoj, a Gender Specialist from the Department of Social Welfare were present.

Dr. M. Kavitha, Head in charge of the Department of Computer Science, welcomed the attendees, and the event was presided over by Prof. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar of Thiruvalluvar University.

Mrs. K. Bharathy delivered an insightful presentation on "Safety of Women on Social Media Platforms (Do's and Don'ts)," emphasizing the importance of gender equality and vigilance against cyber crimes. She urged students to use the internet cautiously and warned against anti-social behaviors that could jeopardize their integrity. Citing real-life examples of cyber scams, she cautioned the attendees to remain alert and protect themselves from potential threats.

Dr. J. Nancy Manoj addressed the audience on "Social Media and Youth Mental Health," focusing on the significance of gender equality and offering practical strategies to avoid cyber scams. She highlighted the unique risks that women face in virtual environments and introduced the "Kaaval Uthavi" app, which assists individuals, particularly women, in seeking police help during emergencies. Additionally, she shared emergency helpline numbers to help the students protect themselves from various online dangers.

The event saw participation from faculty members Cutting across departments and a large number of students. Ms. B. Sudha from the Department of Computer Science proposed her vote of thanks.



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

1. Thiruvalluvar University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Scopik Edutech Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, aimed at providing core skill training and development in future technologies. This collaboration is initiated towards the introduction of the Bachelor of Vocational (B. Voc.) program in Immersive Technology within the Department of Computer Science.



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2. On September 4, 2024, another significant MoU was signed between Thiruvalluvar University and Ingu's Knowledge Academy Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. This partnership will offer "NASSCOM ADOBE FREE TRAINING" exclusively to the alumni of the affiliated colleges who graduated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is designed to equip those students with essential skills to enhance their employability in the information technology sector.

The event was graced by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. Arumugam, Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan, Registrar, Dr. K. Ravichandran, Dean, and Dr. J. Madhavan, Member Syndicate, He marks the university's commitment towards fostering the professional skills and opportunities for the students.





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### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME - INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Thiruvalluvar University organized a celebration for International Yoga Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. The event was coordinated by Dr. A. Rupa, NSS Programme Officer from Government Arts College, Serkkadu. Dr. M. Kannadhasan, NSS Programme Officer at Thiruvalluvar University, delivered the welcome address, followed by a presidential address by our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. Arumugam. He emphasized the significance of yoga in daily life and the importance of integrating yoga education into modern living.

Prof. Dr. C. Dhandapani, Dean of the CDC, and Prof. Dr. K. Ravichandran, NSS Programme Coordinator, also addressed the audience. A special presentation on "Yoga and Women Empowerment" was given by Dr. V. Saravanan, Assistant Professor and Yoga Trainer at VIT University. He elaborated on various types of Pranayama, including Bhramari and Bhastrika, highlighting their benefits and unique healing effects for women. Dr. S. Vijayanand, NSS Programme Officer of Thiruvalluvar University, concluded the event with a vote of thanks. The celebration included an awareness demonstration on yoga and meditation engaging approximately 200 students who were motivated to incorporate yoga into their daily routines.



### HANDLOOM HANDS-ON TRAINING PROGRAMME

Handloom Hands-On Training Programme held at Thiruvalluvar University on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, organized by the NSS Unit II in collaboration with the Kanchipuram Weavers' Service Centre. The event took place at the university auditorium and aimed to honor the handloom-weaving community. While underscoring the vital role this sector phenomenally contributes to the socio-economic development of India.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. T. Arumugam, inaugurated the training programme, in the presence of the Registrar,

Dr. J. Senthil Velmurugan; the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. B. Kathiresan; and NSS program coordinator Dr. S. Vijayanand.

During the event, students learnt about the importance of preserving handloom sectors and expressed their commitment to empower handloom weavers and workers financially. The practical training was conducted by Mr. Sasikumar and Mr. Anish Maurya from the Kanchipuram Weavers' Service Centre, who provided hands-on training experience to the participants.

Over 100 students participated in the programme, which equipped them with essential skills to become artisans, entrepreneurs, and ambassadors of the craft. The initiative aims to contribute to the preservation and growth of India's handloom sector.

The programme was coordinated by NSS program officer Dr. M. Kannadhasan. He was marked as a significant step towards instilling pride in the rich craftsmanship of handloom weaving among the youth.



### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

#### LECTURE ON "LITERARY CRITICISM MADE EASY"

The Department of English, Thiruvalluvar University, hosted a series of insightful events on diverse topics of recent trends and techniques in English literature in 2023 and 2024 with an aim to foster academic skill and to develop critical thinking among students and Research Scholars.



Dr. S. Prabakar, Dean, Professor and Head, M.S University, Tirunelveli, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on "Literary Criticism Made Easy" to the students, researchers and staff members of the department on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023. He deliberated on varied theories of literary criticism and offered crystal clear explanations about the critical approaches followed in literature critical writings. He encouraged students and research scholars to view criticism as a tool for approaching texts rather than intimidating academic hurdle. Dr. K. Ravichandran, Head, welcomed the gathering and also introduced the speaker. The event ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. B. Kathiresan.





**TALK ON "ENGLISH LITERATURE :  
AN EXAMEN FROM PERIPHERAL TO CENTRAL"**

Dr. C. Govindaraj, Professor and Head, Dept. of English, Periyar University Centre for PG and Research Studies, Dharmapuri, delivered a scintillating talk on "English Literature: An Examen from Peripheral to Central" on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. He emphasized how literary studies make a move from peripheral or marginalized narratives to central, mainstream discourse. He highlighted the importance of examining literature from diverse perspectives by encouraging students and research scholars to explore voices that have been historically overlooked. By and large, he urged the students to broaden their critical spectrum of knowledge through voracious reading of books. Dr. K. Ravichandran, Head, welcomed the gathering and also introduced the speaker. Dr. B. Kathiresan, proposed the vote of thanks.



**LECTURE IN "THE PROSPECTS OF LITERATURE STUDIES  
AND ITS EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS"**

Dr. M. Thenmozhi, Asst. Professor (Sr.), School of Social Sciences and Languages, VIT University, delivered a laconic lecture on "The Prospects of Literature Studies and its Employability Skills" on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the department of English. She focused on how to hone up students and scholars' creativity, communication skills, and adaptability in the ever-evolving academic and professional landscapes which are highly valued in various fields. And also Dr. Thenmozhi encouraged students and Research Scholars to sharpen their analytical abilities through an interactive session and she pinpointed the importance of staying updated with current knowledge to excel in both academic and career endeavors.

