



# NITTTR CHENNAI NEWSLETTER

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## From the Director's Desk



### Greetings from National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai.

Welcome to another issue of the NITTTR Chennai Newsletter. As always, this issue presents a good perspective of activities undertaken by the Institute during the pandemic lockdown period.

The dedicated and passionate team of the Institute believes in value addition to its training and academic endeavors. This newsletter version focuses on activities such as renovation and refurbishing of our laboratories, accommodation facilities, and staff quarters that aim to provide a sustainable conducive teaching-learning environment.

Improving the technical teachers' self-efficacy to perform online training during lockdowns is the ultimate goal for all the sustained academic efforts of NITTTR Chennai faculty development programs.

I thank the stakeholders of the NITTTR system for their continued support and encouragement. Together we transform teacher education for a better future.

Best Wishes!

Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda

Director, NITTTR, Chennai

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## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

The 74th Independence Day was celebrated with pride and patriotism fervour by the Institute. Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director - NITTTR Chennai, hoisted the tricolor flag and paid tribute to the sacrifices of brave heroes in the fight for India's freedom. He extended his wishes to the members of the NITTTR Chennai, maintaining social distancing, owing to the coronavirus pandemic.

In his address to the gathering, the Director highlighted the country's stellar progress in the education sector and the importance of teacher education. He appreciated the collective efforts of the faculty and staff of the Institute to the adjustments made to facilitate online mode faculty training programs.



## **WATER HARVESTING PLANT**

The catchment of a water harvesting system was established in the NITTTR Chennai campus comprising drain pipes, filtration, and storage tanks for reuse and recharge. This cost-effective and eco-friendly way to conserve water was initiated by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The collected water reduces flooding and decreases soil erosion by decreasing the likelihood of runoffs during periods of heavy rainfall.



## RENOVATION OF INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE (IGH)

The up-gradation of the International Guest House at the NITTR Chennai resulted in a beautiful renovation yet economical interior design initiative. The objective of providing a comfortable stay to the international delegates was conducive to a happy learning climate. The refurbishments help the Institute to effectively use physical space and reduce energy consumption to the latest technical standards.



## HINDI PAKHWADA CELEBRATION



Observing the Hindi Pakhwada between 1st to 3rd September 2020, the Director NITTR Chennai, Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, lighted the auspicious lamp to commemorate the good spirits and positivity for the function. The adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of India was celebrated as Hindi Diwas. The day was a celebration of luminaries in the field of Hindi literature. To showcase the importance of the day and the language, Hindi Diwas is celebrated at the Institute.



## HINDI DIWAS COMPETITIONS

Various competitions of writing poems and essays were conducted as individuals and team events to mark the Hindi Diwas.



The faculty and staff of NITTTR Chennai were excited to participate and compete with their colleagues in honoring the Hindi language. Mr. Ramesh, NITTTR Chennai, was coordinating the Hindi Pakhwada events under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai.



‘Mr. Sentamizhselvan - Cameraman’



## SUPERANNUATION FUNCTION



The superannuation of Dr. S. Udaykumar, Smt. Padma, Smt. Naramma, and Mr. Narasimhan, was hosted by the Institute to show its appreciation to the retirees. The function started on the right foot with a tree-planting ceremony. The Director, NITTTR Chennai, Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, honored the three personnel with a citation certificate and mementos.



S. Udaykumar



Mrs. Padma



Ms. Naramma



Mr. Narasimhan



## COVID 19 TESTING INITIATIVES

The RT-PCR test is termed as a highly sensitive technique for the detection of Covid 19. As responsible citizens, the faculty, staff, and contract employees of the Institute attended the testing camp sponsored and conducted in collaboration with Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC).



The results were received to their mobile numbers. Giving importance to its societal goal to protect its personnel and environment from the pandemic, this Covid test camp helped the State administration to a greater extent in preventing the infection spread.



## CIVIL LAB RENOVATION



The testing equipment, following relevant Standards, are essential for components of the Civil Engineering curriculum. The Institute's Civil and Environmental Engineering offers complete laboratory installations for hands-on practice to the M.E. students. This lab is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities in physical testing.



## INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE CONSTRUCTION IN FULL SWING

Since the early 1980s, the Institute is offering international programs affiliated to the ITEC scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). By improving the hospitality and staying experience for the international delegates, our international training programs will receive more patronage from foreign embassies and delegates.



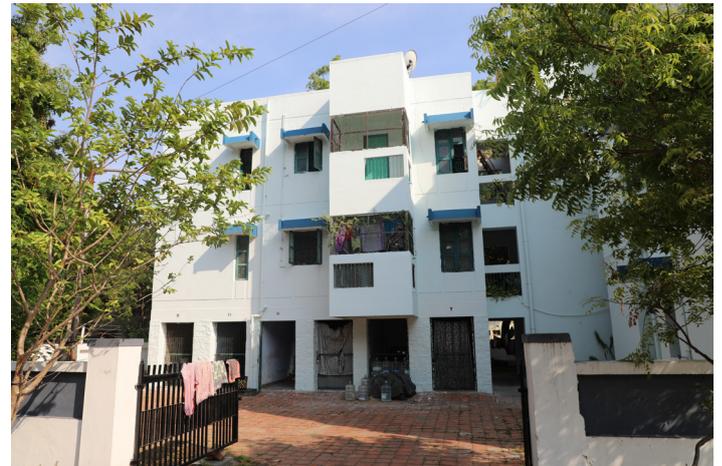
Considering the limited capacity of the incumbent guest house, the new international guest house was inaugurated in 2019. The recent unlock guidelines have helped the project to become more resilient from the Covid lull to a full swing construction zone. Periodic quality inspections are carried out by the Institute Officials. The construction works adhere to the Covid guidelines for social distancing and mask-wearing.



## STAFF QUARTERS RENOVATION



The process of improving the damaged and outdated structures at the NITTTR Staff Quarters started with a commitment and resolve of the Director, NITTTR Chennai, Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, to improve the living standards of the employees. His constant support made the renovation process effective and timely completion of construction projects a reality.



The renovations of the iconic overhead tank, building repairs, installation of new transformer with gate fencing, faculty quarters refurbishment, car shield installation, and the security sentinel room newly construction were carried out.



## COVID-19 PLEDGE

Taking note of the duties as responsible citizens of the country, the NITTTR Chennai organized a Pledge to ensure our commitment to safety norms and necessary precautions that are to be adhered to in the coming months to reduce the spread of Covid-19. The faculty and staff of the Institute joined in and made the pledge promising to abide by it.



## AYUDHA POOJA CELEBRATIONS

Ayudha Puja is a part of the Navratri festival, a Hindu festival that is traditionally celebrated in India. In simple terms, it means "Worship of Instruments". The principal Shakti goddesses worshiped during the Ayudha puja are Saraswati (the Goddess of wisdom, arts, and literature), Lakshmi (the Goddess of wealth), and Parvati (the divine mother).



The Director, Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, along with the faculty and staff of NITTTR Chennai, performed the traditional veneration to the divine force for their blessings.



## VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

The Vigilance Awareness Week-2020 was being observed from 27th October to 2nd November 2020. Prof. Dr. E.S.M. Suresh, Chief Vigilance Officer – NITTTR Chennai, inaugurated the program on the theme “Satark Bharat, Samridh Bharat (Vigilant India, Prosperous India)”. Corruption in daily life is linked to human greediness, an overdrive to achieve and outdo one another going beyond his means.



The Anti-corruption drive takes up in a systematic and structured manner efforts to raise public awareness against the threat posed by corruption and to make citizens conscious of their right to live in a corruption-free society. The Pledge-taking ceremony started with the conviction to root out corruption from the depth of our systems and processes.

## RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS CELEBRATIONS

The National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated on October 31st every year. India is a land of unity in diversity where people of diverse religions, cultures, languages, and traditions live together. NITTTR Chennai celebrated this Unity day by remembering the efforts taken by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in uniting the nation. The Pledge-taking ceremony was led by the Director of the Institute, Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda, to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the threats to the unity, integrity, and security of our country.



## INFRASTRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS

The new metallic nameplates at the entrance of the Institute was a delight and moment of pride for the faculty and staff as this beautification solidified the NITTTR brand and recognizable to the public. The two hydraulic elevator installations at the International guest house and the Main Admin building of the Institute were state-of-the-art facilities with non-slip floors, differently-abled friendly, and elegant in design.



## CA EXAM CENTRE

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) collaborated with NITTTR Chennai to conduct its CA exams as the Institute as its premiere exam center. The protective measures for Covid-19 were implemented with due diligence. Around 2000 candidates attempted the prestigious CA exam braving the pandemic situation and thrusting in the NITTTR Chennai personnel to provide a clean and conducive ambiance for examination.

## INSTITUTE DAY CELEBRATIONS

NITTTR Chennai celebrated its Foundation Day as Institute Day on December 14th, 2020. The chief guests, Dr. S. Gowri, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, and Dr. M. Arularasu, Additional Director of Technical Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Chennai, graced the occasion by lighting the lamp and felicitated the Institute. This special occasion allowed reflecting on the significant developments since its inception. The day witnessed the synergistic participation by the entire NITTTR Chennai fraternity to commemorate the Institute's journey.

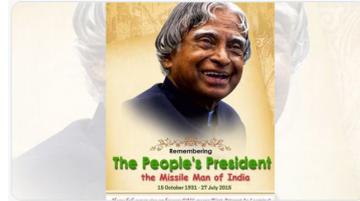


# NITTTR CHENNAI ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Jul 6, 2020  
 Prof. Sushindra Nath Panda, Director NITTTR, Chennai inaugurated Online FDP on Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning conducted by NITTTR Chennai for the faculty members of M-Dasan Institute of Technology on 6, July 2020. @HRDMinistry @AICTE\_INDIA



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Jul 27, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai pays homage to former Chairman, BoG, and former President of India on his 5th death anniversary. Dr API Abdul Kalam's life will remain an inspiration for generations to come.



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Aug 7, 2020  
 NITTTR, Chennai lauds the Inaugural speech by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Director, Faculty members, and staff feel happy to attend the event through VC. #NEP2020 #NEPTransformingIndia #DRPNishank @HRDMinistry



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Sep 21, 2020  
 Director, NITTTR, Chennai addressing the Panel Discussion on Making Mentoring Relevant: NEP 2020 Perspective. Vice chancellors, Eminent Professors will be addressing/ participating on September 21, 2020. @nitttr\_chennai @EduMinOfIndia



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Aug 15, 2020  
 NITTTR, Chennai wishes a Happy Independence Day.



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Aug 16, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai conducted one week online training programme on E-Content Development for the Faculty members of NIT TRICHY. It was highly appreciated during Valedictory address on 14, August 2020.



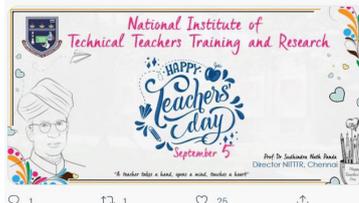
**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Aug 28, 2020  
 NITTTR, Chennai offered ATAL course on "Blended and Flipped Approach of Teaching and Learning" from 24.8.2020 to 28.8.2020 coordinated by Dr. G. Janardhanan, Prof. Sushindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR, and Dr. R. K. Soni, Director, AICTE at valedictory session. @AICTE\_INDIA



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Aug 28, 2020  
 NITTTR, Chennai offered eight online FDPs for Technical teachers from 24.8.2020 to 28.8.2020. around 600 teachers attended the course and gave excellent feedback. @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia #onlinelearning



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Sep 5, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai wishes to all teachers a Happy Teachers Day @nitttr\_chennai @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia @SWAYAMHRD #TeachersDay



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Sep 6, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai organised three FDP from 31.8.2019 to 4.9.2020. Excellent feedback. Visit nitttr.ac.in for future courses



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Sep 15, 2020  
 @nitttr\_chennai, @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia



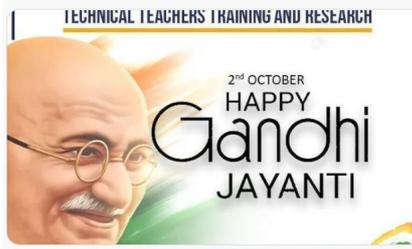
**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Jul 16, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai organises a training program for doctors. @nitttr\_chennai @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia  
 TECHNOLOGY ENABLED TEACHING IN MEDICAL EDUCATION TO THE DOCTORS OF VARDHMAN MAHARAJA MEDICAL COLLEGE & SAFARWANG HOSPITAL  
 July 14 to 18, 2020  
 ORGANIZED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH CHENNAI



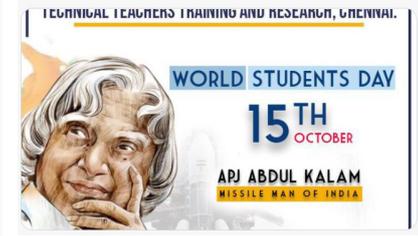
**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Sep 21, 2020  
 ATAL programme on LMS is offered by NITTTR, Chennai from September 21-25, 2020. Prof. Sushindra Nath Panda addressing during the inaugural session. @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia @nitttr\_chennai #FDP #NITTTR\_courses



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Oct 2, 2020  
 @nitttr\_chennai, @EduMinOfIndia #Gandhijayanti



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Oct 15, 2020  
 NITTTR, CHENNAI wishes every student, every youth and everyone learning something new during the pandemic #WorldStudentsDay



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Dec 15, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai wishes a Merry Christmas @nitttr\_chennai @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia  
 Fulfill Your Dreams - Join the Team in Making E-Content Learn with Fun and Engaging Atmosphere Learning Environment



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Oct 29, 2020  
 Register for Online FDPs conducted by NITTTR CHENNAI, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia #onlineeducation #FDP



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Nov 10, 2020  
 @nitttr\_chennai



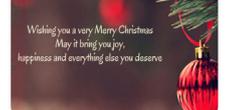
**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Nov 11, 2020  
 Remembering Bharat Ratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Great Freedom Fighter, Eminent Educationist and the First Education Minister of India Government, Celebrating National Education Day. @nitttr\_chennai @EduMinOfIndia #NationalEducationDay



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Nov 16, 2020  
 @nitttr\_chennai #OnlineITEC



**NITTTR CHENNAI** @nitttr\_chennai - Dec 25, 2020  
 NITTTR Chennai wishes a MERRY CHRISTMAS @nitttr\_chennai @AICTE\_INDIA @EduMinOfIndia



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