



Thiagarajar
College of Engineering

where quality and ethics matter

Madurai



Kalaithanthai
Karumuttu Thiagarajan Chettiar
(1893-1974)

Founder's Day

Wednesday, 29th July 2026, 10.00 AM

KK Auditorium, TCE

Agenda

10.00 AM Prayer

10.05 AM Welcome Address
Dr. L. Ashok Kumar
Principal

10.10 AM Presidential Address
Mr. K. Hari Thiagarajan
Chairman and Correspondent

10.25 AM Address by the Chief Guest
Mr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, IPS (Rtd.)
Former Director, CBI
Former Director General, NHRC
Former Director General, CRPF

10.50 AM Address by the Guest of Honour
Mr. J. Premanand
Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Chennai
Indian Revenue Service (IRS)

11.00 AM Distribution of Scholarships

11.45 AM Vote of Thanks
National Anthem

The Management, Principal, Staff,
Students and Alumni of Thiagarajar College of Engineering
invite you to grace the occasion of

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**will be the Chief Guest and deliver the
Rukmini Shanmugam Endowment Lecture**

Mr. J. Premanand

Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Chennai

Indian Revenue Service (IRS)

will be the Guest of Honour

Mr. K. Hari Thiagarajan

Chairman and Correspondent

Presides

Chief Guest

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- Distinguished Indian Police Service (IPS) officer with an eminent career spanning law enforcement, intelligence, diplomacy, public administration, and human rights.
- Served as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), leading India's premier investigative agency in handling high-profile and nationally significant cases.
- Served as Director General of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), contributing to the advancement of human rights, institutional reforms, and public accountability.
- Served as Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and held several senior leadership positions, including Chief of Intelligence and Security, Karnataka, overseeing critical internal security operations.
- Represented India in key diplomatic assignments as Head of Chancery and Consular Division at the Embassy of India in Moscow (USSR) and as Director of Trade Promotion in Sydney, Australia, strengthening India's international engagement.
- Headed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that investigated the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, conducting one of India's most comprehensive and internationally acclaimed criminal investigations.
- Conferred the Padma Shri (2010) in recognition of his distinguished contributions to public service, national security, and justice.
- Authored the book *Triumph of Truth: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination – The Investigation*, which documents the investigative process and serves as an important reference in criminal investigation and forensic inquiry.
- Continues to contribute to society through initiatives promoting ethical governance, human rights, interfaith harmony, sustainable agriculture, and value-based leadership.

Guest of Honour

Mr. J. Premanand

*Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Chennai
Indian Revenue Service (IRS)*



- Eminent Indian Revenue Service officer with nearly two decades of distinguished experience in taxation, international finance, public policy, and economic diplomacy.
- Currently serves as Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Chennai, overseeing the administration of tax exemptions and regulatory compliance.
- Previously served as Commissioner of Income Tax (Transfer Pricing), Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, leading complex international taxation and transfer pricing matters.
- Represented the Government of India as First Secretary and Head of the Income Tax Overseas Unit at the Embassy of India, Paris, while also heading the Economic & Commercial Wing.
- Served as the Vice Chair of the OECD Development Centre (2020–2021), contributing to international policy dialogue among 57 developed and developing nations.
- Held senior leadership positions in Mumbai, Chennai, Coimbatore and New Delhi across international taxation, foreign investment policy, tax research, anti-money laundering investigations and revenue administration.
- Represented India in high-level international deliberations on taxation and fiscal policy in Pakistan, Malaysia, Turkey and the UAE.
- Holds degrees in Commerce, MBA, Law and a Master's in Taxation & Business Laws (NALSAR University).
- Recipient of the CBDT Certificate for Exceptional Service (2025), Loyola Alumni Award – Service Excellence (2025), CBDT Gold Medal, Distinguished Alumni Award and Star of Loyola Award.
- Widely respected for his integrity, strategic leadership, global outlook and outstanding contributions to India's tax administration and international fiscal cooperation.

TCE Alumni Charitable Trust Scholarships

- Rukmini Shanmugam Endowment Scholarship
- G-17 Alumni Scholarship
- Pannaikadu Veerammal Paramasivam Endowment Scholarship
- Esaichelvan Memorial Scholarship
- Meenakshi Srinivasan Endowment Scholarship
- TSK Memorial Scholarship
- Subramanian Scholarship
- Shri Priya Mahesh Scholarship
- PV Sunmugam Scholarship
- Urmila Mahendra Babu Scholarship
- Pitchai Mahalingam Memorial Scholarship
- Nellissery Trust Scholarship by Mr. S. Ajayan Sahadevan
- Mr. Kesavapillai Endowment Scholarship
- TCE 2005 Xanazo Sponsorship
- TCE 1998 Batch Endowment
- TCE 96 Reblend
- SHARP Foundation
- Balaji Scholarship
- T. Visalakshi and T. Premavathi Endowment Fund
- P. Mokkamayan Endowment Fund
- Vergal Foundation Scholarship by Ms. Meerah Rajavel
- Smt. Thangam Ammal and Smt. C. S. Meenakshi Ammal Scholarship
- TCE Millennium Batch Endowment
- CSE-1997 Vidya Nidhi Endowment
- Mr. Suresh Rajappa Scholarship
- Alumni donations from various batches

About the College

- One among the several educational, industrial, and philanthropic institutions founded by Late Sri. Karumuttu Thiagarajan Chettiar.
- Autonomous since 1987 (UGC) | Approved by AICTE | Accredited by NBA & NAAC | NAAC A++ (CGPA 3.56/4.00), Cycle II – 2024.
- NIRF 2025: 101–150 Rank Band (Engineering) | 33rd Rank (Architecture & Planning).
- Dataquest T-School Survey 2025: 4th among Government T-Schools in India.
- ARIIA Rank 4 | CII Best Innovation Award 2021.
- Established TARC, TSSCAR, 26 CoE, and 71 active MoUs with industries, research organisations, and professional bodies.
- CDIO framework for UG programmes (since 2018) | MOOCs launched in 2021 | Thiagarajar Research Fellowship (TRF) for Ph.D. scholars.
- 90%+ student placements consistently over the past decade.
- Technology Business Incubator (TCE TBI) – Since 2014

Global Recognition:

THE World University Rankings 2025 (1501+)

THE Engineering Rankings 2025 (1251+)

THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025 & 2026 (601–800)

THE Impact Rankings 2025:

SDG 5 (1001–1500), SDG 7 (301–400), SDG 9 (401–600),

SDG 10 (1001+), and QS Asia University Rankings 2026 (1101–1200).

Awards and Recognitions

- Best Education Brand 2024 by ET Now (The Times Group).
- AAAA+ Rating by Careers360 (2024).
- Special Recognition Award for Engineering Education Excellence by The Institution of Engineers (India), 2024.
- IDA Awards Education 2024 for creating employability through industry–academia collaborations.
- 3.5-Star Rating for the Institution's Industry Council by the Ministry of Education (MoE), 2024.
- Best Service Organization – Education Sector Award at the 37th National Convention on Quality Concepts (QCFI).
- Recognized as a Well-Performing Institution under TEQIP-II by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- Four Padma Shri and Two Padma Bhushan awards conferred by the Government of India on the institution's distinguished alumni and faculty.

