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## Editor's Desk

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present this edition of our Alumni e-newsletter, a vibrant reflection of the achievements, memories, and milestones that bind our alumni family together. A major highlight of this issue is FAME - the Second Fresh Alumni Meet, a heart-warming initiative that welcomes our newly graduated members into the alumni fold, fostering lifelong bonds and meaningful connections.

We also celebrate the spirit of Founders' Day, honoring the visionary roots of our institution, and showcase the impactful TEN Summit, which inspires innovation, leadership, and collaboration among young minds. Adding immense value to this edition are the enriching sessions from our Alumni Master Talk series, where accomplished alumni share insights, experiences, and career guidance.

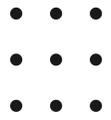
A dedicated TCE Times column captures noteworthy updates and achievements, while our Alumni Reunions and Activities highlight the strong network that spans generations.

As we move forward, we warmly invite all our alumni to stay connected with their alma mater through Alma Connect, actively participate in events, mentor young minds, and continue to strengthen this beautiful bond.

Together, let us keep the TCE spirit alive!

Warm regards

# Principal's Message



This alumni newsletter offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the enduring relationship between TCE and its graduates. It celebrates not only achievements but also the shared memories, values, and experiences that continue to unite our alumni family. Watching our former students grow into confident professionals and responsible citizens brings immense pride to the institution.

I encourage you to actively participate in alumni reunions and campus events, as these gatherings rekindle friendships and strengthen lifelong connections. Your real-world experiences are invaluable, and I warmly invite you to mentor our students, guiding them with practical insights, encouragement, and inspiration.

My sincere appreciation goes to all those who contribute towards alumni scholarships, enabling deserving students to pursue their academic aspirations. Your generosity truly transforms lives.

TCE will always be your home away from home. Stay connected, relive cherished memories, and continue to strengthen your bond with us through Alma Connect.

warm regards,

Dr L. Ashok Kumar,  
Principal, TCE

# TCE Distinguished Alumni Awards 2025 (TCE DAA'25) - Honoring Excellence and Legacy



Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE) celebrated the exemplary success and professional milestones of its alumni during the TCE Distinguished Alumni Awards (TCE-DAA) ceremony held on September 26, 2025. Organized by the TCE Alumni Interaction Cell, the event served as a platform to recognize alumni who have brought laurels to their alma mater while strengthening the bond between the institution and its graduates. The TCE-DAA is bestowed upon alumni who have demonstrated outstanding career achievements. This year, the awards were presented under six distinct categories of excellence:

- Academia and Research
- Technology and Innovation
- Entrepreneurial Venture
- Industrial & Corporate Management/Leadership
- Public Administration and Defence Services Social Service

## TCE Distinguished Alumni Awards 2025 (TCE DAA'25) - Honoring Excellence and Legacy



The ceremony was graced by Shri. K.J. Praveen Kumar, District Collector of Madurai, who graced as the Guest of Honour. In his address, he commended the vital role educational institutions play in shaping societal leaders. He presented the TCE DAA 2025 Awards to the selected nominees, acknowledging their significant contributions to their respective fields.

Dr. Uma Kannan, Member of the Governing Council, TCE, and Secretary of Thiagarajar Arts College presided over the function. She highlighted the importance of alumni engagement in the continued growth and development of the college.

Beyond the recognition of individual success, the event aimed to promote deeper alumni-institution engagement. The administration emphasized the need for ongoing interactive sessions, collaborations, and mentoring activities where distinguished alumni can guide current students.

The ceremony concluded on a high note, reinforcing a strong sense of pride and belonging among the attendees.

# TCE Distinguished Alumni Awards 2025 (TCE DAA'25) - Glimpses



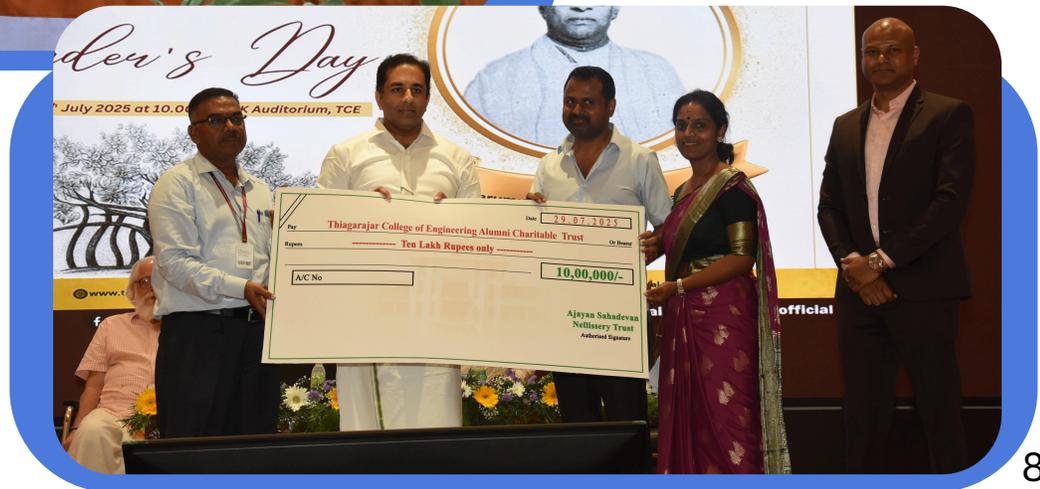
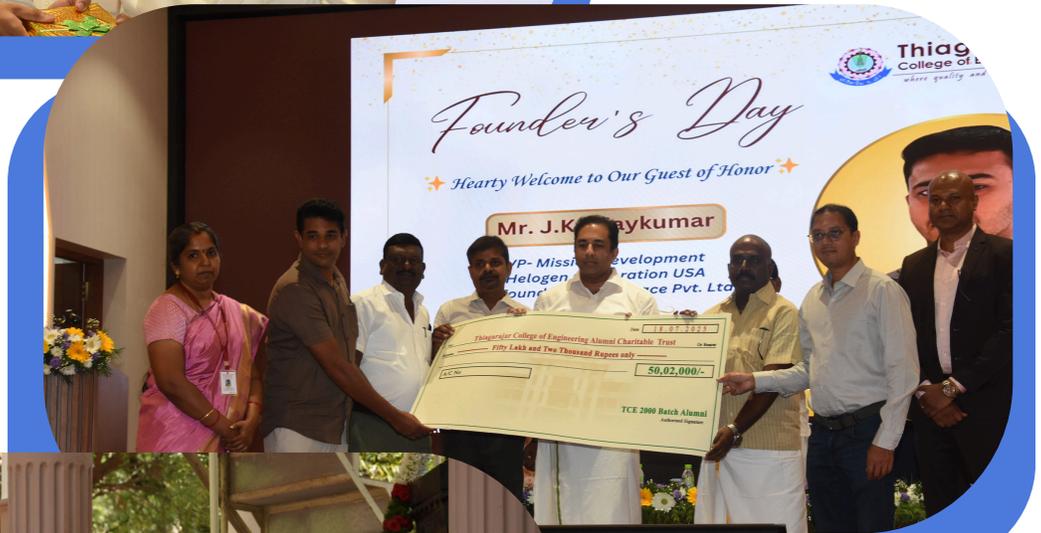
# Founder's Day - A Celebration of Legacy and Innovation



Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE) marked its Founder's Day on July 29, 2025, with a vibrant celebration that honored the institution's rich legacy while embracing innovation and inspiration for the future. The event brought together distinguished guests, alumni, faculty, and students, creating a memorable day of pride and purpose. **Mr. K.R. Nagarajan, Founder and Chairman of Ramraj Cotton**, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. His address captivated the audience as he shared his entrepreneurial journey and emphasized the importance of cultural ethos in building sustainable enterprises. A historic highlight of the day was the inauguration of the TCE Space Club's collaboration with ISRO. **Sri. S. Nambi Narayanan, Padma Bhushan awardee, eminent space scientist, and proud TCE alumnus, launched Operation Boomithran—a mission to develop and deploy an IU CubeSat.** This milestone marks TCE's entry into space research and innovation, inspiring students to dream beyond boundaries. The Guest of Honour, Mr. J.K. Ajay Kumar, Vice President of Mission Development at Helogen (Asia-Pacific), shared his remarkable journey from TCE's Technology Business Incubator to leading global technology missions. His story highlighted the transformative role of TCE in nurturing entrepreneurial spirit and innovation.

Reaffirming its dedication to accessible and equitable education, TCE awarded over **240 scholarships to the tune of Rs. 96,61,118** to deserving students with the unflinching support of TCE Alumni Association. This initiative reflects the TCE Alumni's unwavering commitment to supporting talent and ensuring opportunities for all. The celebration also witnessed the unveiling of the new TCE Alumni Logo, symbolizing unity and pride among graduates. Philanthropist alumnus Mr. Ajayan Sahadevan launched the Nellissery Trust Website, furthering his commitment to social impact. Generous contributions from the 2000 batch alumni and Mr. Ajayan Sahadevan (Mech - ), underscored the enduring bond between alumni and their alma mater. A Vision for Tomorrow. Founder's Day 2025 was not only a tribute to TCE's illustrious past but also a reaffirmation of its vision to blend tradition with technology for a better tomorrow.

# Founder's Day - Photo Gallery



# FAME'25 - Celebrating young Alumni



The TCE Alumni Interaction Cell successfully organized FAME'25 (Fresh Alumni Meet 2025) on 27th December 2025, creating a vibrant platform to foster meaningful connections between Thiagarajar College of Engineering and its recently graduated alumni from the batches 2011 to 2022. Over 100 alumni along with their family members participated enthusiastically in the event, making it a memorable occasion of reunion and reflection.

The programme was graced by Mrs. M. Raji, Joint Commissioner / Additional Departmental Member, Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Madurai Bench, as the Chief Guest. A key highlight of the programme was the Fresh Alumni Achiever Awards, presented to distinguished alumni across diverse domains in recognition of their excellence, leadership, and service:

- Academia & Research: Dr. S. Shiva (PG-MECH, 2011), Indian Institute of Technology Jammu
- Technology & Innovation: Mr. Gokula Prasanna GS (MECH, 2022), Deloitte
- Corporate Leadership: Mr. Vijay Raajaa GS (CSE, 2012), Freshworks
- Public Administration: Ms. K. S. Preethy (CIVIL, 2019), DSP, Tenkasi
- Defence Services: Lt Cdr Siranjeevi Balasubramanian (IT, 2013), Indian Navy
- Social Service: Mr. Anas Mohammed R (CIVIL, 2015), Nin Nalam

The event featured interactive sessions, networking opportunities, and addresses by institutional leadership, all emphasizing the pivotal role of alumni in advancing academic excellence, mentorship, industry collaboration, and institutional development. The event encouraged alumni to actively contribute to the institution's growth by mentoring current students, supporting internships and placements, participating in research and innovation initiatives, and engaging in future institutional activities. FAME'25 concluded on a high note, reinforcing a strong sense of pride, belonging, and sustained commitment among alumni towards the continued growth and development of TCE.

# Alumni Achievements

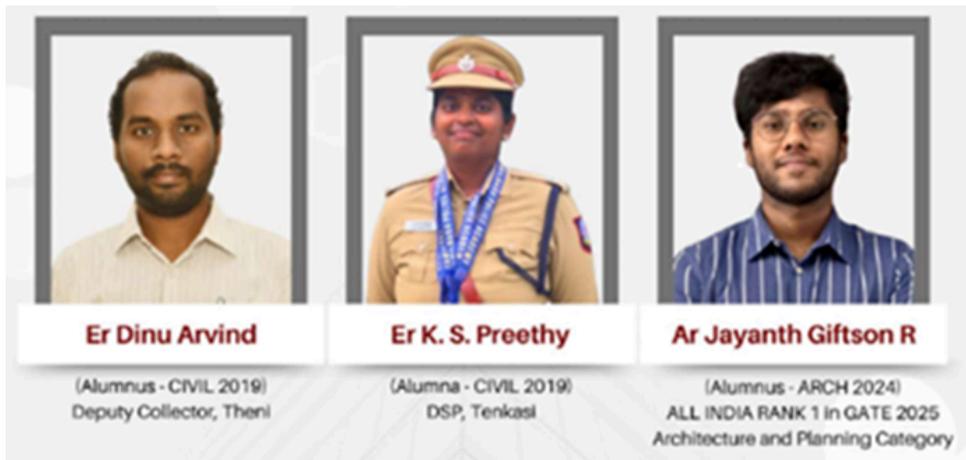
TCE Community is celebrating a significant milestone as alumna Ms. K.S. Preethy has successfully completed her one-year basic training at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy with outstanding distinction and excelling as a Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Ms. Preethy's performance during the rigorous training period was marked by a series of accolades. She secured multiple medals, highlighting her expertise in both technical investigation and legal frameworks:

-  Gold Medal: Best in Scientific Aids to Investigation
-  Silver Medal: Best in Law Subjects (BNS, BNSS, BSA)
-  Silver Medal: Overall Best in Indoor Subjects



Ms. K.S. Preethy  
(2019–Civil)



The Madurai Chapter of the Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE) Alumni Association celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of its recent graduates at a special felicitation ceremony organized on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at TCE Campus. Three "Young Alumni Achievers" who have distinguished themselves in public administration, law enforcement, and national-level competitive examinations were honored at the ceremony. Dr . Velrajan, Former Professor and Head, Department of civil Engineering presided the event.

- Er. Dinu Arvind (Civil Engineering, 2019 Batch): Recognized for his ascent in public administration, currently serving as the Deputy Collector of Theni.
- Er. K. S. Preethy (Civil Engineering, 2019 Batch): Honored for her leadership in law enforcement, currently serving as the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Tenkasi.
- Ar. Jayanth Giftson R (Architecture, 2024 Batch): Celebrated for academic excellence, having secured All India Rank (AIR) 1 in the GATE 2025 examination under the Architecture and Planning category.

# Alumni Engagements

A growing wave of active alumni engagement is transforming the educational landscape at TCE, as graduates return to campus to bridge the critical gap between academic theory and industrial practice.

The institution has reported a significant rise in the number of esteemed alumni participating in a wide range of curricular and co-curricular activities. College leadership notes that this involvement is serving as a vital platform for current students, offering them direct access to practical knowledge and real-world industry insights that extend beyond traditional classroom instruction.

The impact of the alumni network is being felt across multiple levels of the academic ecosystem. In addition to student interactions, graduates are demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the college's growth through high-level strategic involvement. This includes serving on Boards of Studies to refine curriculum, spearheading Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), and leading technical workshops and webinars.



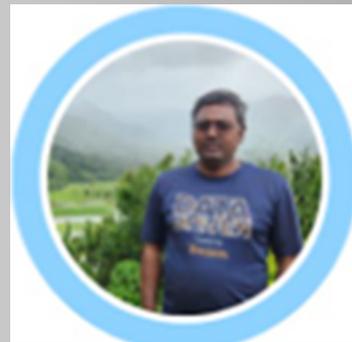
Mr. Rajesh Kumar (2000-CSE)  
Global Architect - Generative AI,  
Amazon Web Services



Mr. Dhinakaran K (2000-CSE)  
Associate Professor, Chennai  
Institute of Technology

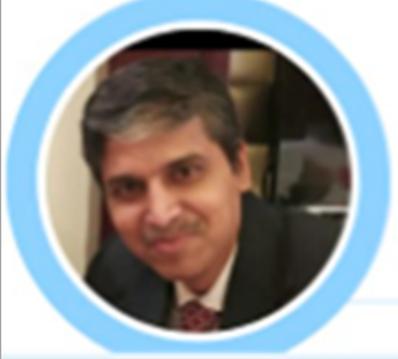


Mr George Asirvatharaj (2000-ECE)  
Principal Hardware Engineering Manager,  
Microsoft



Mr Elango Velayutham (2000-ECE)  
Sr. Director, Application Engineering,  
Synopsys Inc.

# Alumni Engagements



Mr Kannan Rajadurai (2000-ECE)  
VP- Product Management, AI Data Centers,  
PalC Networks



Ms Jeyanthi Jegadeesan (2000-ECE)  
Director Product Applications,  
Analog Devices



Ms Swathi Rangarajan(2000-ECE)  
EDA Cloud, Product Management,  
Technology sales, Synopsys Inc



Mr. Deepak Babu (2000-Mech)  
Sr. GM (Marketing), JM Frictec  
India Pvt. Ltd



Mr K. Vinoth Raj (2000-Mech)  
Chief Engineer, TAFE, Chennai



Mr. Ravikumar K (2000-Mech)  
Program Manager, Woolworths Group



Ms. Sathiya Priya PNR (2000-Mech)  
Head - New Product Development, Sundaram Clayton

# Alumni Engagements



Mr. Sundhar Alagumalai (2009-IT),  
Solutions Architect - Data & AI,  
New Math Data, Texas, USA



Mr Yogesh Ramdoss (1999-ECE)  
Principal Engineer, Customer Experience,  
PureStorage Inc



Mrs. Vidhya Selvakumar (1994-CSE)  
Scientist - F, CASDIC, DRDO, Ministry of Defence,  
Govt. of India, Bengaluru

# Alumni Reunions

The **TCE Alumni Meet - USA Chapter 2025** marked a remarkable evening of memories, connections, and celebration as esteemed alumni gathered at Lotus Banquets, Dallas on 19th July 2025 to rekindle bonds and reflect on shared journeys. The meet began with a heartfelt tribute to the late Thiru. Karumuttu T. Kannan to honor his legacy. The Presidential address of Chairman and Correspondent Mr. K. Hari Thiagarajan inspired the gathering, paving the way for vibrant alumni networking that bridged generations.



The USA Chapter- Alumni Meet



1996-2000 Batch Reunion

TCE feels immense happiness and pride that our prestigious Alumni from the **1996-2000 Batch came together to celebrate 25 years of friendship and donated ₹50.02 lakhs** towards the Student Welfare Fund, supporting economically disadvantaged students. The event was presided by Dr L. Ashok kumar, Principal, TCE. Alumni from 1996-2000 Batch, Mr. Arun Prasath, Mr. Rajavel, Mr. Vinothraj, Mr. Rajendran and Mr. Ganeshkumar graced the occasion and reaffirmed their commitment to uplift future generations of TCE students.

# Alumni Mentorship Series



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE), in collaboration with the TCE Alumni Association, successfully conducted the seventh installment of its Alumni Mentorship Program Series (AMPS #7) on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The session, titled “Building Modular Embedded Systems: A Lego Block Approach,” drew enthusiastic participation from students and faculty alike.

The event featured distinguished alumnus Mr. M. Abdullah Khan (1984-ECE) , who currently serves as President & Director - Engineering at iWave Systems Tech. Pvt. Ltd. and iWave Global EMEA FZ LLC, Bangalore. With decades of industry experience, Mr. Khan offered valuable insights into modular design principles in embedded systems, likening the approach to assembling Lego blocks—emphasizing scalability, reusability, and innovation.

# Highlights @ TCE

## CII Global Higher Education Summit



Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE) is proud to announce its participation in the 15th CII Global Higher Education Summit, held in New Delhi on 17th December 2025 as one of the corporate partners. The summit brought together thought leaders and education innovators to deliberate on the future of higher education in the era of technology and artificial intelligence.

## TCE recognized as Centre of Excellence of Youth Empowerment by Infosys Foundation



## Powering DeepTech Ecosystem : iTNT's Satellite Office at TCE



In a landmark move to strengthen the DeepTech and Emerging Tech startup ecosystem in South Tamil Nadu, iTNT Hub inaugurated its first satellite office at Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE), Madurai. The launch coincided with the opening of the iTNT Madurai Regional Hub at the Anna University Regional Campus, Madurai. The new satellite office marks a significant step in decentralizing innovation and providing startups in tier-2 cities with access to mentorship, infrastructure, and collaborative opportunities. By establishing a presence in Madurai, iTNT Hub aims to nurture local talent and accelerate the growth of technology-driven enterprises in the region.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, whose support has been pivotal in advancing the state's digital transformation agenda. Ms. Vanitha Venugopal, CEO of iTNT Hub, also played a key role in driving this initiative, emphasizing the importance of regional hubs in fostering inclusive innovation.

Speaking at the event, officials highlighted that the Madurai hub will serve as a catalyst for startups working in areas such as artificial intelligence, deep learning, robotics, and other emerging technologies. The initiative is expected to bridge the gap between academia and industry, creating a vibrant ecosystem for research, entrepreneurship, and job creation in South Tamil Nadu.

## MEITY Sponsored Centres of Excellence



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**ICTACADEMY**

Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE), Madurai, marked a significant milestone in advancing technology education and innovation by inaugurating two ICT Academy - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Sponsored Centres of Excellence:

- Centre for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM)
- Centre for Electronic Design and Automation Tools (EDA)

The inauguration ceremony, held at the TCE campus, was graced by Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, as the Chief Guest. The event was presided over by Mr. K. Hari Thiagarajan, Chairman & Correspondent of TCE, and Dr. L. Ashok Kumar, Principal of TCE.

The distinguished Guests of Honour of the event were:

- Mr. Ashwin Desai, Chairman of CII Madurai & Managing Director of A&T Video Networks Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. V. Srikanth, CEO of ICT Academy, Chennai
- Mr. B. Raghav Srinivasan, Head - Strategic Initiatives, ICT Academy, Chennai

The Centres of Excellence are expected to play a pivotal role in equipping students and researchers with advanced skills in electronics design, manufacturing, and automation. By fostering collaboration between academia and industry, these centres aim to strengthen India's capabilities in emerging technologies and contribute to the nation's vision of becoming a global hub for electronics innovation.

## Tamil AI Innovation – KaniTamil Forum at TCE



The KaniTamil Forum at Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE), Madurai, proudly inaugurated its latest initiative alongside the 7th Lecture Series, marking a significant stride in advancing Tamil computing and digital innovation.

The event, held at the K.K. Auditorium, TCE, was graced by Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, as the Chief Guest. His presence underscored the state's commitment to nurturing research and development in regional language technologies.

A highlight of the program was the keynote lecture delivered by Mr. Neechalkaran Rajaraman, renowned developer of the Vaani Spell Checker. Speaking on the topic "Large Language Models in Tamil – Opportunities & Challenges", he shed light on the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in enriching Tamil language applications. Mr. Rajaraman emphasized the importance of building inclusive digital tools that preserve linguistic heritage while enabling modern technological advancements.

The forum was organized by TCE in collaboration with the Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA), reflecting a shared vision to strengthen Tamil's presence in the digital era. The initiative aims to foster dialogue among researchers, technologists, and students, encouraging innovation in areas such as natural language processing, machine learning, and AI-driven applications for Tamil

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)



Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, signed a Joint Research & Development MoU with alfaTKG Japan and OHKUMA Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Japan on November 25, 2025, at IITM Research Park, Chennai.



Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, signed an MoU with Edge Matrix Corporation, USA. The collaboration focuses on AI, IIoT, Robotics & Edge AI, Deep Tech labs, joint R&D, consultancy, funded projects, internships, expert lectures, and strengthening industry-academia partnerships for future-ready talent. The MOU was signed by Dr. L. Ashok Kumar, Principal, TCE & Mr. H. Farhadh Manaz, CEO, Edge Matrix Corporation.

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)



**TCE Partners with Bajaj Auto to Establish BEST Centre** -Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai has signed an MoU with Bajaj Auto Limited to set up the Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) Centre, a cutting-edge hub for advanced skill development and industry-ready training.



MoU Signed: ELS-TCE I-PEAK Grant 25 September 2025 Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, has signed an MoU with Energy LivingScapes Pvt. Ltd. (ELS), Madurai, to sponsor innovative final-year projects under the ELS TCE I-PEAK Grant (Innovative Project Excellence and Academic Knowledge). Focus Departments: Civil Engineering | Architecture Key Themes: Sustainable design, smart construction, green architecture, AI in building applications, renewable energy & adaptive reuse. Grant: ₹25,000 per selected project (up to 4 projects) Recognition: Premium certificates for selected students

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Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, signed an MoU with Klymate Technologies LLP, Coimbatore, on 24 September 2025.

This collaboration aims to foster training, internships, placements, industrial visits, expert lectures, research & development, consultancy, and patents in the areas of Solar Energy, Energy Forecasting, and Energy Audit.

iTNT Hub launched its first satellite office at Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, during the inauguration of the iTNT Madurai Regional Hub.

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