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16TH GRADUATION DAY CELEBRATED BY REC



Rajalakshmi Engineering College (REC) celebrated its 16th Graduation Day recently. Dr S.N. Murugesan, Principal of the college delivered the annual report. Chief Guests of the Graduation Day, Dr. M. S. Shunmugam, Professor Emeritus at IIT-Madras, K. Jayaramakrishnan, Consultant and former Vice-President, TCS, A. Satish Kumar, former Managing Director, Henkel India, Ramkumar Chandrasekaran, Head (Human Resources-Chennai Region), TCS and Dr. Mukesh Doble, Professor Emeritus at IIT-Madras delivered the graduation day address and gave away degrees to students. A total of 1,291 students from the college qualified to get their degrees, the batch of students graduated in 2016 has secured a total of 73 ranks in Anna University examination.

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REC TEAM WINS BRONZE AT IGEM, USA



A 14 member student team from the Department of Biotechnology at Rajalakshmi Engineering College (REC) (Autonomous), Chennai has won bronze medal at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition held in Boston, Massachusetts, United States between November 9 and 12, 2017. It was a worldwide competition on Synthetic Biology in which undergraduate students from different countries participated. During the competition the REC team was given a kit comprising genetic materials and they built components of Biobricks to prevent food contamination. The project was judged by jury of eminent scientists at every level and was awarded during the final jamboree event 2017.

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THE ANNUAL GALA



Rajalakshmi Engineering College (Autonomous), Thandalam celebrated its 21st College Day on March 23. Dr. S.N. Murugesan, Principal, presented the Annual Report and Mr. S. Shyam Sundar, Vice President-HR, Brakes India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. K.G. Sunil Kumar, General Manager - HR Head - Global Sourcing, Tata Consultancy Services were the Guests of Honour. They distributed certificates and prizes to the students who excelled in academics, co-curricular activities. The faculty members with outstanding performance in teaching, research and publications were also honoured on this occasion. In his address, Mr. Shyam Sundar said that the students should link every component of academic learning in the institution with relevant industrial practices, for developing expertise and confidence in their respective specializations.

## DINAMALAR



ராஜலக்ஷ்மி பொறியியல் கல்லூரியின், 20வது ஆண்டு திறவுகலன் விழா நடைபெற்றது. கல்வியை வளர்த்துக் கொடுக்கும் கடமை திறந்து வைக்கும். அமைச்சர் பாண்டியராஜன் மற்றும் முன்னாள் மத்திய அமைச்சர் ஜி.கே.வாசன், இடம்: தண்டலம், சென்னை.

## THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

## Rajalakshmi Institutions wins pan-IIT event

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RAJALAKSHMI Institutions, Chennai (Chennai Cluster) won the Pan-IIT Alumni Leadership Series (PALS) for its project "Chitin Cellulose Beads for Textile Effluent treatment."

The event was an education initiative with exhibition of the finalists' projects for 'InnoWAH' the Innovation Challenge Competition, on the theme - "Sustaining our fragile environment

through application of engineering and technology." It was an initiative supported by the IIT Alumni Center and IIT Madras Alumni Charitable Trust.

KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengode, bagged the second prize for its project "Extraction of Methane from sewage using seaweeds" while the third prize was shared by Adithya Institute of Technology, Coimbatore for the project "Auto Irrigation, soil monitoring and control for better crop yield"

and RVS College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore for "Prevention of air pollution by exhaust gas ionising technique."

Twenty five teams from 22 engineering colleges of Tamil Nadu participated in the finals and demonstrated their projects to the panel of judges.

The main aim of "InnoWAH" was to recognise promising young innovators and provide a platform for them to showcase their talent.

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## DECCAN CHRONICLE

## HACKING FOR SOCIAL GOOD &gt;&gt;



The students of Rajalakshmi Engineering College in the city came out with flying colours at the recently-held Hack2Help Social Innovation Hackathon by the US Consulate Chennai. The students devised a 'Smart Hoodie' which prevents the blind from getting hurt. Seen in the picture are the winning team with Deborah Robinson (center), the Acting Consul General of the US Consulate.

## DT NEXT

## Attitude, entrepreneurial spirit game changers in job market

Recruiters are increasingly looking beyond marks and search for those who can ideate

CHENNAI: With new digital technologies impacting life and business, youth should not stop with skilling or re-skilling, said K. Pandiarajan, Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture, while addressing a conclave at Rajalakshmi Engineering College (Autonomous), Thandalam, to commemorate the institution's 20 years of academic excellence.

Emphasising on entrepreneurship and attitude, he said that it is important for students to look at their career differently. Themed 'How to gain from India's demographic dividend: The Way Forward', the conclave focussed on the importance of having powerful ideas and implementing them. "Organised jobs in the industry sectors are coming down due to the rise of technologies such as social, mobile, analytics, cloud computing and the Internet of Things (IoT)."



G K Vasan, former Union Minister for Shipping (Right) and K Pandiarajan, Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture (Left), inaugurated the REC Tech Lounge computing centre at Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Thandalam, on Saturday

Many traditional jobs are getting automated or replaced by machines, but a study by the London School of Business showed that huge job opportunities are being created in creative and cultural arts," he said.

Stating that recruiters of companies these days look at a student's attitude and the spirit of entrepreneurship

for hiring, he said, "Ideas have become the most valuable input for businesses today. Venture capitalists are today changing their outlook and are prepared to invest in the right ideas in the right business models."

G K Vasan, former Union Minister for Shipping, while inaugurating REC Tech Lounge - a large computing facility, along with Pandiarajan, said, "It is important that besides offering a degree or a certificate of knowledge accomplishments, colleges provide a set of skills that young people need, to get into jobs, for higher education, for becoming entrepreneurs, or to become teachers."

He further said, "Education today is no longer confined to books. Today education is about enquiry, it is about finding acceptable answers. It is about conflict resolution. It is about taking people's mind to a higher plane through a process of study, research, enquiry, values and attitudes."

Also present at the event were T. Manikandan, Director (Engineering), Amazon Development Centre India and Thangam Mognathan, Chairperson, Rajalakshmi Institutions and others.

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## Special children need special care

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Parents having special children should focus on equipping their children with vocational skills like carpentry, welding, plumbing, fitting and machining. Such training helps autistic and slow learning children develop as a professional individual, admitted a group of trainers, who kickstarted a vocational training programme for autistic children in Chennai on Saturday.

"Slow learners and physically challenged students are receptive. They can be trained and offered job opportunities. All we need to do is to first empower parents as self-advocating by taking a backseat in our country. Special children have to be given extra attention while training them," said Parvathy Vishwanath, founder of AIKYA, a non-profit organisation for improving the quality of life for special children after inaugurating the programme organised by Rajalakshmi Engineering College.

The special children are usually trained to make garlands, envelopes, agarbathis, gift boxes. But they are capable of doing skilful jobs like driving a car, the basic mechanic works. Further, vocational skills also help slow learners and physical-

ly challenged students to emerge as an economically stronger individual.

A few years ago, an Indian autistic kid in the US got trained and received a license. However, in India, nurturing special children for skill development has not yet taken shape. Enriching the abilities of special children and fostering learning in them would improve the health of the society, Parvathy added.

"We are providing training for 20 special children, who are above 18 years of age. We are collaborating with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) that offer certification to the students," said S.P. Srinivasan, professor & head, mechanical department, Rajalakshmi Engineering College. The special children are provided with job opportunities through MSME and the total duration of the course being one month. At the end of training, a final examination will be conducted for the students to check their logical and analytical skills, he said. Talking to DC, a mother of a Down syndrome, autistic girl said, "My daughter uses all gadgets with no difficulty. She is very determined and wants to learn more. We put her in this vocational training in order to hone her skills and also to lead an independent life".



Children being trained at the programme in Rajalakshmi Engineering College.

## TIMES OF INDIA

## Hackathon 2017: TN teams bag 2 top prizes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: It was a nail-biting finish for the Smart India Hackathon 2017 at Gujarat University Convention Hall on Sunday evening, as ISRO officials announced the winners for Ahmedabad centre.

Nodal officers at the centre said that Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, was announced the winner of the 36-hour hackathon whereas second and third place went to Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, and Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, Karnataka, respectively.

The two consolation prizes



Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Kanchipuram, was announced the winner of the 36-hour hackathon

went to Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi and Thakur College of Engineering, Mumbai. The prizes were awarded by A. S. Kiran Kumar, chairman of ISRO, along with officials of Gujarat Technological University

(GTU) and Gujarat University (GU). The Ahmedabad centre of the nationwide hackathon had ISRO as premier partner that had identified 35 problems areas for the participants to work on. There were 50 teams

consisting of six participants with two mentors each who tackled issues such as developing a solution for document tracking within an organization network, developing a solution for protecting photocopies of highly confidential documents, designing a solution to detect physical intrusion detection, and so on.

"We have participated in a number of similar competitions but Hackathon was unique as it posed real-life issues faced by government institutions and provided us a platform to interact with scientists of ISRO," said Amit Bardhan, team leader of the team from Shantilal Shah Engineering College, Bhavnagar.