

14 engineering colleges linked to NIT-T

To accelerate quality of technical education and research

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Fourteen accredited engineering institutions in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh will henceforth be able to accelerate the quality of technical education and research with mentoring support of National Institute of Technology - Tiruchi (NIT-T) under the Margdarshan Scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

Under the 'Hub and Spoke' scheme implemented by All India Council for Technical Education, the NIT-T, as the hub, will guide and disseminate knowledge through conduct of faculty development programmes, national-level workshops, guest lectures and other activities for improving the teaching-learning process in the 14 institutions identified as 'Spoke'.

The NIT-T has been sanctioned by AICTE ₹ 30 lakh for carrying out this project for a three-year duration.

The program was for-

mally launched on Friday at the NIT-T through conduct of a workshop on 'Implementation of Margdarshan scheme (AICTE) for Mentee institutions'.

N.Sivakumaran, Chief Coordinator, NIT-T and G. Saravana Ilango, Co-Coordinator, joined the NIT-T Director Mini Shaji Thomas in explaining to representatives of the mentee institutions the utility of the unique scheme.

The scheme will motivate the students to come up with innovative ideas and projects. It will widen their exposure to prototype development alongside enhancing educational standards and research aptitude. The scheme will also develop lateral thinking, communication skills and self-confidence of faculties and students, Prof. Mini Shaji Thomas said.

Maluk Mohamed, Director and Correspondent, M.A.M. College of Engineering and Technology, Tiruchi; Valavan, Principal, Saranathan College of Engineering, Tiruchi; Ar-

pal, Kings College of Engineering, Pudukottai; and Sundarrajan, Pawai College of Technology, Namakkal were among the representatives of the mentee institutions. Such an association with the NIT-T was a fulfilment of a long-time expectation, Prof. Maluk Mohamed said.

The other 'Spoke' institutions comprise University College of Engineering, Anna University, Dindigul; Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore; Kongu Engineering College, Erode; National Engineering College, Thoothukudi; K. Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, Tiruchi; Vel Tech Dr. Rangarajan Dr. Shakuntala Engineering College, Chennai; Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science, Anantapuramu, Andhra Pradesh; St. Xavier's Catholic College of Engineering, Nagercoil; E.G.S. Pillai Engineering College, Nagapattinam; and K. Ramakrishnan College of Technology, Tiruchi.



■ **Margdarshan scheme is an initiative by the All India Council of Technical Education**

NIT-Tiruchy granted status of 'mentor' institute

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Dr Mini Shaji Thomas, director, NIT-T address the gathering. On her left is Dr N. Sivakumaran, chief coordinator and on right Dr G. Saravanallango, co-coordinator. —DC

Margdarshan (Share and Mentor Institutions) scheme is an initiative by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) designed to implement the 'hub and spoke' model. In this scheme, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT-T) has been granted the status of 'mentor' Institute to serve as the hub to guide and disseminate knowledge to the 'mentee'

institutions as 'spoke'.

An NIT-T release said at Tiruchy on Sunday that the purpose of the scheme is to conduct programmes like faculty development programmes, three-day national level workshops, guest lectures and other activities for the technical uplift of the member-institutions in terms of teaching-learning process. In this regard, the Council has sanctioned a grant of ₹30.00 lakh under this project for a duration of three years, it said.

The mentor institute has

identified 14 accredited technical institutions for this programme. As a part of the formal launch of the scheme, workshop on the Implementation of 'Margdarshan scheme' (AICTE) for 'mentee institutions' was conducted here on Friday.

Dr N. Sivakumaran, chief coordinator and Dr G. Saravana Ilango, co-coordinator, briefed about the 'Margdarshan' scheme and its implementation to the principals and senior professors of the mentee insti-

tutions.

Dr Mini Shaji Thomas, director, NIT-T in her address emphasised her institute's endeavor to contribute towards improvement of technical education.

She further said that this scheme will help to motivate the students to come up with innovative ideas and projects and widen the exposure to the prototype development on enhanced educational standards and research aptitude, the release added.