



A COLOURFUL ODE TO 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

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A two-year gap induced by the Covid-19 pandemic was closed on Monday with the district taking to colourful celebrations to mark 75 years of the country's independence.

At an event in the armed reserve police ground in the city, Collector M Pradeep Kumar hoisted the national flag and accepted the guard of honour from police personnel.

After the release of tri-coloured balloons and the peace dove, the collector awarded certificates to as many as 318 people, including those government officials who completed 25 years of service, sportspersons, and social workers.

Welfare assistance valued at ₹25.41 lakh was distributed to 25 beneficiaries. The event concluded with various performances by students of 11 schools. Later the collector along with Tiruchy city Mayor Mu Anbalagan donated clothes to the needy at Ranganathasamy temple in Srirangam. Further saplings of as many as 75 varieties of fruit-bearing trees were planted at the Collectorate. The collector has relegated



(Left) Collector M Pradeep Kumar accepting the guard of honour; children performing at the event in armed reserve ground in Tiruchy on Monday | MK ASHOK KUMAR

the responsibility of taking care of the plants to various department officials.

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Meanwhile, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) here held Independence Day celebrations as well. Director Pawan Kumar Singh in his keynote address spoke on governance and democracy.

ITC on its part planted 75 saplings at the Girls Higher Secondary School in Vadugapatti. A new girls' toilet block built by the firm was also inaugurated.

Commemorating 75 years of the nation's independence presided over by General Manager Shrish Kumar, an Ordnance Factory event held here also gave away meritorious awards.

Close to 100 people were in attendance.

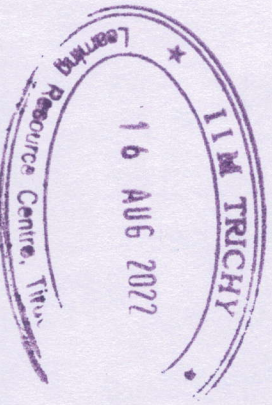
Hoisting the Tricolour at Kailasapuram township, BHEL General Manager-in-Charge SV Srinivasan announced that a Common Engineering Facility Centre will be started in the plant with necessary infrastructure. This will impart skills in advanced welding technologies among around 5,000 youth per annum, he added.

At the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Director Dr G Aghila, hoisting the Tricolour, emphasised on the importance of science and technology towards realising the aspirations of a self-reliant nation as envisioned by the leaders of the independence movement.



KIDS PARADE TO SPREAD MESSAGE OF UNITY

Tiruchy: Dressed up as kings, queens, and freedom fighters, children paraded through the roads of Somarasampettai in a tractor on Monday. Awed by the sight, passers-by and residents presented the children with gifts as a token of appreciation for their efforts. Patriotic songs were played from the tractor. The initiative by Feathers, a playschool in Somarasampettai, caught the attention of many a resident. A Devamanohari, the school headmistress, said, "We organised a similar event last year as well. This road show, which went on for half an hour, was well appreciated. We organised this event to spread the message of unity and love."



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IIM-T holds alumni meet of 'pandemic batch'

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Trichy: Indian Institute of Management Trichy (IIM-T) felicitated the alumni of the batches 2020 and 2021-PG programmes and 2019, 2020 batches of PGPBM, and doctoral students those attended the MBA and doctoral programmes online during the Covid-19 pandemic. The special event titled 'Applause' served as an opportunity for offline interaction for the batches that missed the campus 'experience and graduated during the pandemic.

On the first day of the two-day event, Dr Pawan Kumar Singh, director of IIM-Trichy, applauded the batches for showing resilience during the pandemic. He emphasized the philosophy of "saying yes to life" and becoming a nurturant-task leader. He also spoke about utilising the knowledge gained through MBA education at various stages of one's career.

K Vaitheeswan, co-founder of Again Drinks, presided over the event and expressed the need for integrity to be the guiding principle in one's life and highlighted the need to take the right deci-

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sions. He urged the alumni to consider taking the road less travelled to gain richer experience in career and life. He underscored that the pandemic gave the alumni batches the opportunity to realise the importance of not taking one's family and home for granted.

Subsequently, mementos were distributed to all the alumni members present by the director.

During the second day, various sports, cultural and recreational events were organized by the student clubs and committees of the institute. Outdoor sports such as basketball, football, and badminton, as well as a cricket match between the alumni, faculty, and the current batch, were held. Other recreational events such as a treasure hunt and a double triathlon were also held.

A special cultural evening was organized with music, theatre, and dance performances by alumni and the students.



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