

THINKTANK WORKSHOP ON SMART TIRUNELVELI, 21ST OCTOBER, 2017 AT

ANNA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CAMPUS - TIRUNELVELI

Anna University Regional Campus – Tirunelveli organized a Think Tank Workshop on Smart Tirunelveli in association with EDII, (Govt. of Tamilnadu), Chennai and KCT Forge, Coimbatore on October 21, 2017.

This Programme aims at identifying and documenting day to day problems faced by the various sectors. The objective is to involve the students in attempting technical solutions for these problems.

The District Collector of Tirunelveli, **Mr. Sandeep Nanduri, I.A.S** inaugurated the Programme. Officials from the Government departments, Corporation, Industrial Association, Educational Departments, Builders Associations, E-cell Leaders, Faculty members and Students participated in the programme. **The District Collector enlightened the concept of smart city where all the infrastructure facilities are made excellent. Identifying and solving day to day problems in the main objective of this workshop.**

Dr. G. Sakthinathan, Dean Anna University Regional Campus – Tirunelveli welcomed the gathering and explained the pivotal role played by Anna University Regional Campus – Tirunelveli in providing technical solutions to the day to day problem. Mr. R. Shiva Shankar, Deputy Director, EDII, Chennai explained about the activities of Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII), Chennai.

Mr. Shivashankar, Deputy Director, EDII, Chennai highlighted the efforts taken to inspire the student community to identify opportunities from problems and develop products to solve the problems. Several programmes such as on-line entrepreneurship courses, workshops, product design competition etc, are organised by EDII. Anna University Tirunelveli Regional Campus is an enterprising hub carrying out such activities in this region.

Mr. Viswanathan, KCT – FORGE briefed about the Think Tank programme being carried out throughout Tamilnadu.

Mr. Viswanathan, VP, KCT – FORGE emphasized the need for converting problem statements into solution concepts to prototypes to actual products. The technical expertise of engineering academic stream is being channelized to develop new products to solve the day to day problem.

The views of these officials and other participants were documented. Subsequently they were deliberated and efforts for creating technological platforms for solving the issues raised were initiated.

The faculty members and the students worked further on these lines in the subsequent sessions. A Consolidated documents for problem formulation and solution initiation has been created. This will form

the basis for inspiring the student community for creating technological platform for solving these problems and developing prototypes.

It is proposed to upload these projects in the Anna University website and student of different Colleges can take up these problems as their regular projects. The necessary support for the student will be rendered by the AURCT-IEDP HUB. The complete follow up though at their project will be done under the guidance and technical expertise of Anna University Regional Campus – Tirunelveli.

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