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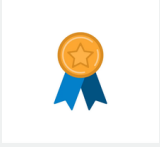


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Highlights / Achievements

VITTBI won the “**Best Incubator Stall Award**” at the “**Research, Industry, Startup and Entrepreneurship (RISE) Conclave 2026**”, held from **14th to 15th February 2026** at the **Chennai Trade Centre**. **Six startups** from VITTBI showcased their products during the conclave.



Gudlyf Mobility Pvt. Ltd., incubated at **VIT-TBI**, founded by **Dr. Ajeet Kumar**, a VIT alumnus, signed a milestone agreement with the **Technology Development Board (TDB-DST), Government of India**, in **February 2026**. The agreement supports the development and commercialization of **indigenous 700 bar hydrogen storage systems**, contributing to **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in clean energy and high-pressure composite technologies.



Highlights / Achievements

Two VIT student startups, **JoL Energy Pvt. Ltd.** and **Civilytix Pvt. Ltd.**, were invited to attend the **Canada-India Talent and Innovation Strategy Exhibition** held on **28th February 2026** in **Mumbai**. The startup teams had the opportunity to interact with the **Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Mark Carney**, and the Minister of External Affairs of Canada, Ms. Anita Anand. Their participation was facilitated under a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between the **University of Toronto India Foundation (UTIF)** and **VITTBI**.



JoL Energy Pvt. Ltd., a cleantech startup founded by Mr. Shri Vishaal and Mr. Dharaneesh, incubated at VITTBI, was selected for the **SustainTN Grant** from the **Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission** on **6th March 2026**.



JoL Energy Pvt. Ltd. was awarded the **“Innovation Voucher Programme (IVP) Grant”** under **Voucher-B** by **EDI&I, Government of Tamil Nadu**, in **March 2026**.



Highlights / Achievements

Mr. Ujjawal Kumar, a student of VIT and Founder of **Synchubb Innovations Pvt. Ltd.**, currently under pre-incubation at VIT TBI, secured **Second place** at the **Global Student Entrepreneurship Award** held on 7th January 2026 in Bengaluru.



Dr. Jyotirmayee Dash, Founder of **Teralumen Solutions**, a portfolio company of VIT TBI, was felicitated on 12th February 2026 by **Pfizer** and **Social Alpha** under the **Pfizer INDovation platform**, in the presence of **Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India**



Kuppismart Solutions Pvt. Ltd., incubated at VIT TBI and founded by **Mr. Akhil Reddy**, was recognized with the **“10X Startup Award”** at the **33rd Edition of the HYSEA Annual Summit and Awards 2026**, held on **31st March 2026**.



Sessions Delivered / Events Attended

Dr. A. Balachandran, Director, VITTBI, was invited to serve as a judge at the **ACEi Hackathon'26** held on **4th January 2026** at **Aravind Eye Hospital, Puducherry**.



Dr. A. Balachandran, Director, VITTBI, was invited as a Session host at the **ITNT Pavilion**, where he shared his insights during a fireside chat on **“Building a Robust Startup Ecosystem in Tamil Nadu”** on **8th January 2026**. The session had **Mr. Sivarajah Ramanathan, Mission Director & CEO, StartupTN** as the speaker and the discussion brought out a number of key points related to Startup Eco-system in Tamilnadu.



Sessions Delivered / Events Attended

Dr. A. Balachandran, Director, VITTBI, attended the **MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) TIDE 2.0 Pravartan** event held on **19th January 2026** in **New Delhi**. The gathering celebrated achievements, showcased progress, and brought together stakeholders as a unified network to prepare for future initiatives.

Ms. Sudha Rajagopalan, Manager, VITTBI, attended the **Annual Tamil Nadu Cluster Meeting** held at **IITM Research Park** on **22nd January 2026**, where she presented the Tamil Nadu Cluster Progress and Roadmap for 2026.



Ms. Sudha Rajagopalan, Manager, VITTBI, attended a networking dinner hosted by **Prof. Joseph Wong, Vice President International at the University of Toronto**, at **Taj Wellington Mews, Chennai**, on **30th January 2026**.



Sessions Delivered / Events Attended

Ms. Sudha Rajagopalan, Manager, VITTBI, participated in the “**Unga Kanava Sollunga**” program organized by the **Vellore District Collector’s Office**, under the aegis of **Government of Tamil Nadu**, on **6th February 2026**.



On the invitation of the **Tamil Nadu Research Park Foundation (TNRPF)**, Dr. A. Balachandran, Director, VITTBI, delivered the keynote address at the **one-day conference on “Research • Innovation • Enterprise”**, held on **6th March 2026** in **Coimbatore**.



Technical Trainings

Mr V. Jagannathan, Asst. Scientific Officer, VITTBI, organized a three days hands-on workshop on **“Advancing qPCR Skills for Gene Expression Analysis: From Experimental Design to Data Analysis”**. The sessions were conducted from **22nd - 24th January 2026 (slot 1)** and from **5th - 7th February 2026 (slot 2)**. A total of **29** participants from different institutions attended the program & gained comprehensive training in qPCR techniques and data analysis workflows.



Mr. Ponraj S, Assistant Engineer, VITTBI, initiated a 2-month immersive learning and hands-on development program in **“Smart Electronics”** on **27th January 2026**, followed by a subsequent cohort that commenced on **3rd March 2026**. The program engaged a total of **8** participants, providing focused training in practical skills and applied electronics development.

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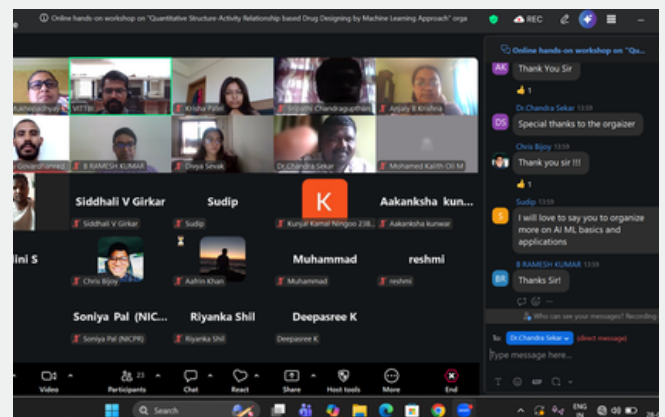
Mr. Ponraj S, Assistant Engineer, VITTBI, organized a one-day **“Masterclass on building AI agents”** on **22nd January 2026**. Mr. Pradeep Subramanian, a Gen AI Architect was invited as the resource person. A total of **12** participants attended the session.



Mr. Ponraj S, Technical Engineer, VITTBI, organized a A half day workshop on **“Gen AI Superpowers”** on **11th March 2026**. Mr. Murali Meenakshisundaram, a Gen AI / Quantum / Technology Consultant was invited as the resource person. A total of **21** participants attended the session.



Mr. Jagannathan V, Assistant Scientific Officer, VITTBI organized an online hands-on workshop on **“QSAR based drug designing by machine learning approach”** on **28th March 2026**. Dr. Chandrasekar P, Asst. Professor, Rathinam College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore was invited as the resource person. A total of **34** participants from various Institutions attended the session.



Visits

A team of faculty members and students from **DKM College for Women, Vellore** visited **VIT-TBI** on **12th January 2026**. The group was provided with a brief overview of the TBI's facilities and key activities.



A team of 24 students and 2 faculty members from the **CAHCET Innovation & Entrepreneurship Hub (CIEH), C. Abdul Hakeem College of Engineering & Technology, Melvisharam**, visited **VITTBI** on **9th March 2026**. The group was given a guided tour of the facility.



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