

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Univ signs MoU with NGO to set up research institute

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THE Thiruvalluvar University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chennai-based NGO - NIMCARE - to establish a Skill Development and Life Sciences Research Institute on the varsity campus to enhance the research activities of students and faculty.

The MoU was signed by University Vice-Chancellor Dr K Murugan and NIMCARE chairman Dr Vijay G Prabhakar on the varsity campus on Wednesday.

Describing the establishment of the facility - TUNE SDLSR Institute - as a milestone in the history of the university, the youngest varsity in the State, the

Vice-Chancellor said that it would provide a big opportunity for the 1.5 lakh undergraduation students, 50,000 plus post-graduation students, 10,000 plus research fellows and faculty members, attached to the university departments and the affiliated colleges in the districts of Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore and Villupuram, to focus on re-

search, while enhancing their academic skills.

Dr Vijay Prabhakar said that the institute would focus on collaborative efforts of enhancing the research activities through skill development programmes.

The NIMCARE chairman said the MoU also envisaged liaising with industrial partners to ensure employment for the

students.

The registrar (in-charge) of the university Dr P Asokan said the institute has also planned exchange programmes with global institutions of higher learning, hosting international conferences and meets to disseminate knowledge on emerging global trends, for the benefit of faculty members and students.