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THE 22nd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF INDIAN SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Mantha inaugurating The 22nd annual state convention of ISTE

The 22nd annual state convention of Indian Society for Technical Education was held on 19, November 2011 in the College auditorium. Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Mantha (Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi) inaugurated the convention. Dr. B. Anil (Chairman, ISTE Kerala Section) presided over the function. Dr. K.P.P. Pillai (Retd. Principal, College of Engg. Thiruvananthapuram) delivered key note address. Dr. Sreekrishna Kumar (Director, South West Region, All India Council for Technical Education), Dr. Santhakumar (Senior Joint Director, Technical Education, Kerala), Dr. P.J. George (Retd. Director, Technical Education) Er. P.K Asokhan (Chairman, VICT), Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST) Dr. P. Prathapachandran Nair, Dr K B Maheswaran Namboodiripad, Dr. A.S. Chandrantha, Dr. BabuRajendran and Prof. K.V. Leela (Organising Secretary) spoke on the occasion. The inaugural session was followed by business meeting, seminars and paper presentations on "Growth of Engineering Education: issues and concerns".



Dignitaries speak during the 22nd annual state convention of ISTE

ISTE HONORARY FELLOWSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2011



Dr P Pratapachandran Nair (Professor Emeritus, VAST) was honoured by awarding the HONORARY FELLOWSHIP for the year 2011 by the ISTE Search Committee, New Delhi for his distinguished contribution and services for the growth of technical education system in the country. The venue was the 41st Annual National Convention of ISTE held at Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab during 16- 18, December 2011.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



This note is to mention about a silent activity going on in our campus under a noble scheme "Brahma-Vidya Social Outreach Programme". As the name implies the programme was initiated in remembrance of a great visionary, the man behind bringing VAST and VICT to this level, Er. K.R. Brahmadathan.

Under this scheme, a group of students in the high-school level belonging to the areas surrounding Vidya is identified and given training on Saturdays. A group of staff members and students are actively involved in developing these children in areas both of academics as well as overall development of personality and life-skills. A healthy competitive spirit is induced among them which is a necessity to strive in today's world.

The first batch of about 30 ninth standard students is already brought under this scheme and the following staff members are involved at present in rolling out this programme.

Mr. Krishnaprasad (Hardware Technician, CSE Dept), Prof. M Mohandas (Professor, Humanities), Ms. Rini. K.R (Placement Officer), Ms. Reshmi. Vasanth (Asst Manager, Students Welfare), Ms. Surabhi. M.S (Asst Librarian), Mr. Shanil. K.N (Asst Prof- CSE Dept), Mr. Rajesh. S.K (Asst Prof- EEE Dept), Mr. NitinPadmanabhan (Asst Prof- EEE Dept), Mr. Prameesh. K.P (PA to Principal), MsSwapna K M (Asst. Professor, Humanities) and Mr. Sareesh Kumar A.S (Office Asst).

They also get support from a group of Vidya Students. Let us all join together in congratulating and appreciating them for this noble venture.

Something of this nature is expected from everybody in Vidya and I am sure more people will join hands in expanding the programme for the benefit of more and more children.

I also appreciate the efforts of the first year D Batch students and their group tutors for arranging a visit and spending time with the inmates of Santhvanam Charitable Trust, Anthikad and making a contribution during the Christmas celebration.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Principal
Dr. S.P. Subramanian

THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF VAST TECHNICAL CAMPUS



Sri Vakkom B Puroshaman inaugurates The foundation stone laying ceremony

The foundation stone laying ceremony of Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus, Kilimanoor was held in the Town hall auditorium of Kilimanoor, on 07, October 2011. Hon'ble Governor of Mizoram Sri Vakkom B Puroshaman inaugurated the function. Sri. K.C. Joseph (Minister for Non Resident Keralites Affairs) delivered the Keynote address. Adv. A. Sampath, (Hon. MP, Attingal) presided over the function. Sri P K Asokan (Chairman, VICT), Sri K Muralidharan (Founder Chairman, VICT), Er. R Devarajan (Projects Director, VICT), Adv. B Sathyan (MLA, Attingal), Sri M M Hassan (former Minister for Non- Resident Keralites), Sri VarkalaKahar (MLA, Varkala), Smt. Ramani P Nair (President, Thiruvananthapuram District Panchayat), Adv.

ThajudeenAhamed (President, Kilimanoor Block Panchyat), Sri.K G Prince (President, KilimanoorGramaPanchyat), Sri.Ravindran Unnithan (President, MadavoorGramaPanchyat), Smt. RP Rajitha (Member, Thiruvananthapuram District GrammaPanchyat), SmtManju Prasad (Member, Kilimanoor Block Panchyat) and Smt S Pushpamani (Member, Kilimanoor GramaPanchyat), KilimanoorChandrababu (Vice-president, SNDP Yogam, Kilimanoor) participated in the programme.

ISTE AWARDS



Prof. K.V. Leela receiving the ISTE award for the best chapter

Vidya Academy of Science and Technology was selected as the Best Chapter with maximum variety of activities under the category of ISTE Staff Chapters and Best Students Chapter with maximum new membership under the category of ISTE student chapters.

BRAHMA-VIDYA SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Prof. M. Mohandas handing over the computer to the school authorities

A team led by Prof. M. Mohandas visited RMLP School, Thalakkottukara, as a part of Brahma-Vidya Social Outreach Programme on 14.10.2011. VAST donated 3 computers to the school. Learning Kits and sweets for all students were also distributed.

LAURUS



The inaugural ceremony of LAURUS

The Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers – Students' Forum (VAST Unit) celebrated its first Foundation Day "LAURUS" at Vidya Academy of Science & Technology on 10, October 2011. Dr. A. Unnikrishnan, (Associate Director, NPOL Kochi, Vice-Chairman – IETE Kochi Local Centre & Chairman – IEEE Kochi Subsection) inaugurated the function. Dr. M.V Rajesh (Hon. Secretary, IETE, Kochi Local Centre), Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Mrs. Jeeva K.A (Head, Dept. of ECE, VAST), Mr. Ramesh C.R (Asst. Professor & Staff Advisor of Students' Forum) addressed the gathering.

INAUGURATION OF M. TECH PROGRAMME

The inauguration of the M. Tech Programme was held on 19, October 2011 in the college auditorium. Sri.Suresh. K. Varrier (President, PTA VAST) inaugurated the function. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VAST), Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST) and Heads of Departments participated.



Sri.Suresh. K. Varier inaugurating the M Tech Programme

C- CODING CONTEST 2011-PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



Dr. P. Prathapachandran Nair giving away the prizes

The Prize Distribution Ceremony of the "ALL KERALA C CODING CONTEST 2011" was held in the College on 04, November 2011. Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Dr. P. Prathapachandran Nair (Prof Emeritus VAST), Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Prof & Head, Dept of CA), Ms. Sunitha. C (Asst. Professor, Dept. of CSE), Mr. Paul Chakola (Director, Placement Cell), MsReji C Joy (Asst Prof, Dept of CA) participated.

EPSCICON LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Mannil Mohan (Professor, Applied Science Dept) delivered a lecture as a programme of EPSCICON lecture series on 21, October 2011.

Dr. SukumarKamalasadan (Associate Professor, Dept of Electrical & Computer Engineering, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte USA) delivered a lecture on "The Role of Real-Time Simulations In Smart Grid" in the EPSCICON Lecture series on 11, November 2011.

ORE JEEVAN ORE BHOOMI

An awareness programme on organic farming "Ore Jeevan Ore Bhoomi" was conducted by Mechanical Workshop Staff on 21, October 2011 in our campus. Sri. Suresh Malayalee (the State

Organizer, Kerala Organic Service Committee) handled the session and an exhibition of vegetable and seeds was also arranged.

X' POSE 2011

IEEE student branch, VAST organized a one day programme X'POSE 2011 for secondary school students on 21, October 2011. Dr. K. B. Maheswaran Namboodiripad (Visiting Professor, ME Dept) inaugurated the programme and Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT) presided over the programme.

WORKSHOP ON LaTeX

A two day workshop on text processing using LaTeX software was arranged during 20-21, October 2011 for M.Tech students under the banner of Computer Society of India.

Computer Society of India (CSI)-VAST student chapter in association with Institution of Engineers (IE) organized a two day workshop on "Text processing using LaTeX software" during 28-31, October 2011 at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology. Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Prof and Head, Dept of Computer Application) handled the session.

GREEN ADD+ WORKSHOP

The Dept. of EEE in association with the Dept. of ME, IEEE (Student branch), IE (Electrical Engg Student Chapter) organized a two day workshop on "Solar Wind Hybrid System" and "Hybrid Cars" during 29-30, October 2011 at Main Seminar Hall. Mr. Harsh Raj Madan and team from Green Add+, Mumbai led the session.

THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR MCA 2011 BATCH



During the induction programme MCA 2011 Batch

The Orientation Programme for MCA 2011 Batch was organized in the College Auditorium on 09, November 2011. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Dr. S.P Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Dr. P. Prathapachandran Nair (Professor Emeritus-VAST), Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Prof & Head, Department of Computer Applications), Er. R. Devarajan (Project Director-VICT) and Mr. Manesh. D (Asst Prof, Dept of CA) addressed the gathering.

TALK ON "COMMUNICATION NETWORKS"

The Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering organized a talk on "communication networks" on 11, November 2011. Sri.Gouthaman. P K (Manager, ETISALATH) was the resource person of the programme.

ECO CLUB INAUGURATION



Dr. T.P. Baiju planting seeds in the Campus.

The inauguration of the college Eco Club was held in the campus on 18, November 2011. Dr. K.G. Jose (Director, Rajagiri Business School, Cochin) inaugurated the club.,Dr. T.P. Baiju (Agriculture Officer, Kaiparambu) planted seeds of various vegetables in the Campus.

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



Rev. Fr. JojuPanakal addressing the gathering

VAST Parent Teacher Association Annual General Body Meeting was held on 10, December 2011 in college auditorium. Dr. S.P Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Sri.Suresh K .Varier (President, PTA), Mr. Jose. K.V (Joint Secretary, PTA), Ms. SreejaSunilkumar (Vice President, PTA), Mr. P.V Shaji (Former President, PTA), Mr. Hariharan R (Joint Secretary, PTA), and Mr. Anilkumar K.R (Treasurer, PTA) addressed the gathering. Rev. Fr. JojuPanakal (Director, NEST) delivered a talk on " Good Parenting in modern Times".

If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion - George Bernard Shaw

"SILVER BLAZE" THE 22nd CSI REGIONAL CONVENTION

CSI VAST Student Branch, in association with CSI Cochin Chapter conducted "Silver Blaze"- the 22nd Regional Convention (Region 7 Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep) of Computer Society of India during 16 - 17 December 2011. Mr. Jibu George (Senior Microsoft Architect, UST Global) inaugurated the function and delivered the keynote address.

LINK CAMP 2011

The Annual Student Event of IEEE Kerala Section – LINK Camp 2011 was jointly organized by student branches of Vidya Academy of Science and Technology and IES College of Engineering during 17- 18 December 2011. The event had a participation from 42 student branches all over Kerala. Er. Simon Akkara (Joint Director, Regional IT Division, Cochin, KSEB) inaugurated the programme in the presence of Mr. Jaison Abey Sabu (Student Activities Chair, IEEE Kerala Section) on 17, December 2011.

IBM CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Mr. Anil Menon inaugurating IBM Centre of Excellence

IBM Centre of Excellence was inaugurated by Mr. Anil Menon (Director, Marketing & Communication, IBM Software) on 20, December 2011 in the college seminar hall

STAFF CLUB DAY & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



During the Christmas celebration organised by Staff Club

The Staff Club day & Christmas celebration of Vidya Academy of Science & Technology was held on 17, December 2011 in the College Auditorium. Fr. Francis Edattukaran (Asst. Superior San Damiano Ashram, Kurumal) delivered the Christmas message and formally cut the Christmas cake. Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Prof. K.C. John (Staff Club Advisor & Head, Dept. of PE), Mr. Skariya P.D (staff club Secretary) spoke on the occasion. Members of staff presented colourful cultural programmes.

VAST ALUMNI MEET

The Fourth meet of Vidya Alumni Association was held on 24, December 2011 in the college Auditorium. In the inaugural function, Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Mr. Suresh Varier (President VAST PTA), Mr. Paul Chackola (Director, Placement Cell), Mr. E.T. Sivasadan (Asst. Professor, Dept. of CSE), Mr. Jinto A J (Secretary, VAST Alumni), Ms. Nimmy C.S (Treasurer, VAST Alumni) Spoke on the occasion.

STAFF PARTICIPATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

Prof V A Sudhakaran (Head, CE Dept.), Prof. K V Leela and Ms. Nirmala Krishnan of Dept. of Civil Engineering attended a one day seminar on "Cities and Climate Change" at Cost Ford, Thrissur on 03, October 2011 on behalf of World Habitat Day 2011.

Mr. Ramesh. C.R, Asst. Professor, Department of ECE, VAST authored a Laboratory Manual based on the subject Electronic Circuits. The Premier Launch of the book was done by Dr. A. Unnikrishnan, Associate Director (NPOL), Kochi on 10, October 2011 at Vidya Academy of Science & Technology. The first copy of the book was handed over to Dr. S.P Subramanian, Principal, VAST. The Manual is being printed & published by Scitech Publications Pvt. Ltd (India).



Dr. A. Unnikrishnan launching the Laboratory manual

Ms. Akihila. R, Mr. Suraj K Damodharan (Asst Professors, EEE Dept) and Ms. Swapna E.V.M (Asst Professor, ECE Dept) attended a 3 day short term training programme on "Digital System Design using VHDL" held at GEC, Calicut during 19-21 October 2011.

Ms. Reshma. V.C and Ms. Chaithanyadas. K.V (Asst Professors, Dept of ECE) attended a two day workshop on "Lab View" at Royal Engg College, Akkikavu during 02- 03 November 2011.

The superior man is firm on the right way; and not merely firm - Confucius

A paper titled "More CAS's in Maths classrooms: An urgent imperative" authored by Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Prof & Head, Dept of CA), Ms. Reji C joy and Ms. Siji. K B, (Asst Prof, Dept of CA) has been accepted for presentation in the International Conference on Technology Enhanced Education to be held at Amrita University, Amritapuri, Kerala, during 03 – 05, January 2012

Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (Professor, Dept of EEE) delivered a lecture on "Modeling of Wind Generator Systems, Grid Integration and Wind Penetration Maximization" at Amrita Deemed University, Coimbatore on 03, November 2011.

A paper titled "PSO Based Tuning of FACTS Controllers for Maximizing the Wind Energy Penetration in Power Systems" authored by Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (Professor, Dept of EEE) had been selected in the IEEE -PES International Conference on Smart Grid Technologies, Kollam during 01-03 December 2011.



Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (Prof, Dept of EEE) participated in the Indo Global Education Summit organized by Indus Educational Foundation, USA at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Hosur Road, Bangalore during 08 - 09, November 2011.

Mr. ShijuAravindakshan (Asst Prof- Dept of ECE) attended AICTE workshop on "Approval Process" at College of Engg, Trivandrum on 14, November 2011.



Dr. SudhaBalagopalan (Prof and Head, Dept of EEE) attended RTDN 2011 International Conference and presented two papers on "Cooperative Game Theory for Modeling the Transmission Sector of Electricity Markets" and "Cooperative Game Theory for Sharing Transmission Service Charges in Electricity Markets" on 22, November 2011 at Dexter House, London, UK.

Mr. Rajesh N P (Asst Professor, Dept of ME) attended the 2 WEEK ISTE WORKSHOP on Heat Transfer conducted by St Joseph College of Engineering, Palai during 29 November 10 December 2011.



Ms. Jiby K Jose (Asst Prof in Mathematics) presented a paper entitled "Doble Integrals involving Product of Three I Functions" in the 5 day "International Workshop on Cyber Security (ICWS 2k11), sponsored by University Grants Commission, held at St .Joseph's college , Irinjalakkuda during 6 - 10 December , 2011.

Mr. Jinto. A.J (Asst Prof ME Dept) launched a new website to gather technical information, especially regarding mechanical engineering and management.

Prof. K.V. Leela (Professor, Civil Engg Department) delivered a lecture on *Structural Systems for Skyscrapers* on 16, December 2011, at Govt. Engineering College, Kozhikode for the short term training programme for teachers in Engineering Colleges, organised by Director of Technical Education , Govt. of Kerala.

Prof. K. V. Leela (Prof., Dept. of Civil Engineering) delivered a lecture on "Advances in Design of Steel Structures" a short term training programme sponsored by ISTE Kerala Section at

AmalJyothi College of Engineering & Technology, Kanjirappilly during 08-09 December 2011.

Mr.Biju.P V (Asst. Professor, Dept. of ME) attended a 10 day ISTE workshop on "Solar Photo voltaics: Fundamentals, Technologies and Applications" at NIT CALICUT during 12 22, December 2011.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. Vikas E V (S8 –ME) secured the First place and Mr. Jinesh P (S6-MCA) secured the second place in the Senior Men category Thrissur District Yoga Championship.

Mr. Harikrishnan K.R. and Ms. Saranya P.U. (S5-ECE) presented a paper entitled 'Implementation of DSP Algorithms on Processor' on 26, September 2011 under the banner of ISTE – ECE Dept.

Mr. Akhil K Vijayakumar, (S7 ME) was selected for the *Best Student Award* instituted by ISTE Kerala Section. The certificate was given away in the inaugural function of the 22nd ISTE convention held at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology on 19, November 2011.



Mr. Akhil K Vijayakumar receiving the Best Student Award

Mr. Akhil K Vijayakumar, (S7 ME) got the first prize in paper presentation competition, conducted by Royal College of Engg & Tech on 31, September 2011

PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

The following 50 students (2008-12 Admission) have got placement in TCS CRD 2012 conducted at VAST on 24– 25, October 2011

Name	Branch
ArchanaSurendranath	CSE
Ameena K A	CSE
HaroonKithu	CSE
Kavitha K	CSE
SoorajSoman	CSE
Arunkrishnan P	CSE
KottiyilRamnath	CSE
Vishnu Mohan	CSE
Unnikrishnan G	CSE

N V Vidya	CSE
Meghna S	CSE
Seethumol A D	CSE
Anoop E	CSE
AswathiJayaram	CSE
DivyaChandran	CSE
SwapnaSukumaran	EEE
Paulose Thomas	EEE
Geesha G	EEE
Reshma P H	EEE
Rani Ashok	EEE
FarhanaLathif	EEE
Shilpa K M	EEE
Aswathi Das	ECE
Adhnan K P	ECE
Rohit P	ECE
Hijas H	ECE
Franklin Francis	ECE
AnjalyDaggy	ECE
Anju Mohan	ECE
Arathy K P	ECE
Ranjima P R	ECE
Rajani K P	ECE
Smruthi P S	ECE
SarathSankar	ECE
Amritha R	ECE
Nimmi K B	ECE
Mishab C	ECE
Narayanan P	ECE
Hema V	MCA
Reja R	MCA
Ann John	MCA
Nisha K	MCA
Christine Jose	MCA
Benitta Baby	MCA
Mohamed P M	ME
Nikhil H	ME
Nindish Subramanian	ME
Anand Pavithran	ME
Akhil Vijayakumar	ME
Suparna Menon	PE

The following students (2008-12 Admission) have got placement through an off campus placement drive conducted by Network Systems & Technology (p) Ltd (NEST) at Sahrudaya Engineering college on 27, October 201.

Name	Branch
Varsha M. M	CSE
Vishnu Mohan	CSE
Unnikrishnan Geetagovindan	CSE
Drishya K	ECE

STUDENT SENATE ACTIVITIES

COLLEGE SENATE



Sri. R. Gopalakrishnan inaugurates the College Student Senate

The College Student Senate for the academic year 2011-12 was inaugurated by Sri. R. Gopalakrishnan (Secretary, Kerala Sahitya Academy) on 04, November 2011 in the college auditorium. Dr. S. P. Subramanian (Principal VAST), Dr. K B Maheswaran Nambudiripad (Visiting Professor), Mr. Suresh Varier (President, PTA VAST) and Mr. Justine Jose (Staff Adviser- Student Senate) addressed the gathering.

COLLEGE ARTS FESTIVAL

'ADVIKA 2011'



Major Ravi inaugurating the arts festival

Vidya Arts Festival 'Advika 2011' was conducted during 21-22, December 2011. The famous Malayalam film director Major Ravi inaugurated the function. Dr. S. P. Subramanian (Principal, VAST), Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair (Professor Emeritus, VAST), Mr. Justine Jose (Staff Advisor, Student Senate), Mr. HaroonAhamedKithu (Chairman, Student Senate), Mr. Nivin Kumar (Arts Club Secretary) Spoke on the occasion.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION-2011

Vidya Christmas Celebration 2011' organized by Student Senate was conducted on 23, December 2011.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

College Volleyball team participated in the Calicut University D Zone Volleyball Tournament held at Christ College, Irinjalakuda during 27-28 October 2011. The team secured second position and qualified to participate in the Calicut University Inter Collegiate Volleyball tournament.

College Chess team participated in the Third Dr. K Gopinath Memorial All Kerala Inter Collegiate Prize Money Chess Tournament held at Govt. K.K.TM College, Pullut during 19-21 October 2011. The team secured third position.

The college Table Tennis team participated in the Thrissur District Table Tennis Tournament and Mr. Freddy Thomas (S3 EEE) was selected to represent Thrissur district in the Inter District Championship.



Mr. Madhav K (S7 PE) secured Silver medal in the Calicut University Inter Collegiate Judo Championship held at Govt. Engg. College, Thrissur during 31 October – 01 November 2011.

Mr. AbinoDavi P (S6 PE) & Mr. Binjosh Joshi T (S4 PE) were selected to represent Thrissur District Volleyball team.

Mr. Arjun P (S7 CSE) secured bronze medal for Shot Put in the Calicut University Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet held at EMEA Kondotty during 31 November – 02 December 2011.

Aswathy M Arun (S3 ECE) secured Individual Championship in the District Yoga Championship held at Thrissur in December 2011.

NSS ACTIVITIES

The following NSS volunteers participated in the State Level Leadership Programme held at Govt. Engineering College, Wayanad during 03-04, December 2011.

- Nithin V Babu(S-ME)
- Krishna Prasad (S-ME)
- Vishnu Kumar K S (S-ME)
- Sarath Girijan(S-ME)

WALKATHON

NSS volunteers participated in the Ribbon of Hope "Walkathon" in observance of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 13, October 2011.

SEVEN DAY SPECIAL CAMP

The Seven day - NSS special camp was organized at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Nandikkara in Parappukkara Gramapanchayath during 24–30 December 2011. Sri P.K Prasad (President,



Participants of NSS Special Camp

Parappukkara Grama Panchayath) inaugurated the camp. 94 students and 6 members of staff attended the camp. As a major project undertaken by the National Service Scheme units of VAST, the participants planted 1800 seedlings in the 18 wards of Parappukkara Grama Panchayath and conducted a campaign against the use of alcohol and tobacco and distributed of vegetable seeds to the public. Seminars and awareness classes were also conducted for volunteers.

ROTARACT CLUB ACTIVITIES



Er. P.K. Asokan giving away the prizes

Rotaract Club of VAST organized QUEST 2011, V Rtn. Biju Memorial All Kerala Intercollegiate Quiz Competition, on 16, November 2011. Er. P.K. Asokan (Chairman, VICT) gave away the prizes to the winners. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Rtn. Dr. Sir Krishnan, Dr. S.P. Subramanian (Principal VAST), Rtn PHF NKK Menon (Director New Generation Rotary Club of Kunnankulam), Rtn. MPH Dr. Balasubramanian (Asst. Gov. Rotary International) Participated. Rtn. PHF Dr. Harikrishnan was the Quiz master.

VSSC ACTIVITIES

Vidya Students Support Cell (VSSC) conducted a Group Tutors Training Programme on 16, November 2011. Rev. Fr. Paul Pottekkal (Director, Insight Counselling Centre, Ernakulam) handled the session.