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Dr. D. Balakrishnan Commemorative Lecture

In connection with the second death anniversary of Dr.D.Balakrishnan (Founder Academic Director of VAST), a Commemorative Lecture was held at 10.30 am on Thursday, 16 Aug 2012, in the College Auditorium. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) delivered the welcome address. Er. V.G. Sankaranarayanan (Former CMD, FACT inaugurated the function by garlanding the portrait of Dr. Balakrishanan. Shri.S. Sudhakran (Former Secretary, VICT) presided over the function. Dr. P. Prathpachandran Nair (Former Principal, VAST)

introduced the chief guest Er.V.G Sankanarayanan and also shared his memorable experience with Dr. Balakrishnan.



Dignitaries on the dais during the function

Fr. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT) mentioned the honorable service of Dr. Balakrishnan who was the prime mover in launching VAST to become one of the leading institutions in Kerala. He concluded with the encouragement to make him the role model in dedication and punctuality. Dr. M.R Sreedharan Nair (Former Principal, GEC Thrissur) and Dr.C.E Krishnan (Director-SNGCE and Chairman IE(I) Thrissur), Er.R.K. Ravindranathan (Former Vice President Thrissur Dist. Sports Council), and Prof. K.B.M Namboodhiripad (Visiting Professor, VAST) also paid tributes to Dr. Balakrishnan. All the speakers showered their accolades on the versatile genius of Dr. Balakrishnan as a teacher, mentor, orator and sports commentator in Doordarshan and AIR for Football and Cricket matches. Prof V.A Sudhakaran (Programme- Coordinator VAST) proposed the vote of thanks.

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Dr Sudha Balagopalan Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In recent times, several researchers have asked me as to how some tools can be applied in their main work. It appears as though the tool had been already selected and the foot has now to be cut to fit the shoes. This mushrooming of tools, in the name of all types of animal-kind, waiting to find buvers, was a phenomenon I once discussed with a professor in the National Conference on Power after such a presentation by him. It was regrettable, we agreed, that research has now become a simple application of newer and tools for solving a problem, probably in an outwardly different manner. The other technologies keeping pace with this trend appears to be that of Communication and Information Technology. This trilogy collecting and/or communicating

information and applying a tool to solve the problem identified, sometimes leaves a big gap regarding the understanding of the system. I have observed glaring mistakes in the mathematical modelling of the system and practically nonsensical solutions that have hence emerged in some theses. Perhaps running to keep pace, armed with a basic understanding of the system, will enable us to have a constant scenery, in the ever-changing scenarios that technology now poses. I also recall a colleague asking me to give some application areas for Game Theory, an area in which I have reposited a lot of interest. Let me hasten to add that a system understanding is basic to applying Game Theory in its various interesting 'avathars'.

"Brahmasmriti"

"BRAHMASMRITI," the programme to commemorate the second death anniversary of Er.K.R.Brahmadathan (Founder Executive Director of VICT) was held at 11.30 am on Monday, 17 September 2012, in the College Auditorium. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT) delivered the welcome address. Er. C.K.Jayarajan (Author Trustee, VICT) who presided over the function highlighted the honorable and dedicated service rendered by Er.K.R.Brahmadathan. Fr. Davis Chirammel (Chairman, Kidney Federation of India) inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp and garlanding the portrait of Er.K.R.Brahmadathan. Dr. Geetha Suraj (Former Principal, SNM College, Malliankara) delivered the Keynote address "Spiritual Values in Education". (Former Dr.T.K.Vijayaraghavan President, Cochin Devaswom Board), Sri.K.V.Sachidananthan Chairman Retd., Central Administrative Tribunal), Sri. K.Shamsudheen, Yoga Master, Brahmayoga Center, Thrissur, Prof. C.P.Mathew (Member, District Sports Council, Thrissur), Sri. K.V. Abdu (Chairman, KSEB Engineers Forum, Thrissur), Er.R. Devarajan (Projects Director, VICT), Dr.P. Prathpachandran Nair (Former Principal, VAST), Smt. Jayalatha K Ignatius (Headmistress, St. George High School, Puttekkara), Dr.K.S.Pillai (Director, Metropolitan Hospital, Thrissur) and Prof. V.A. Sudhakaran (Head, Dept. of Civil Engg., VAST) paid tributes to Er.K.R.Brahmadathan. Er. G. Mohanachandran honored all the staff members who volunteered in the Social Outreach Programme in memory of Er.K.R.Brahmadathan. Two students from St. George High School, Puttekkara who are the beneficiaries of the programme made a presentation on "Energy Conservation". Some students of VAST who received Yoga training from the Brahmayoga Center that was started in memory of Er.K.R.Brahmadathan demonstrated some Yoga postures. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) proposed the vote of thanks.



Fr. Davis Chirammel inaugurating the ceremony by lighting the lamp

Inaugural Session of the Decennial Year Celebrations of VAST

The inaugural function of the Decennial Year Celebrations of VAST was held on Monday, 17th September 2012 at 9.30 am in the College Auditorium.



Dr. M. Abdul Salam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut unveiling the Plaque

Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) welcomed the gathering. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT) presided overthe function.Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair (Prof. Emeritus, VAST) introduced the chief guest to the audience. Dr. M. Abdul Salam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut, inaugurated the year long celebrations by unveiling the Plaque, releasing the Logo and launching the website of Decennial celebrations.

Dr.K.B.M. Nambudiripad (Visiting Professor, VAST), Prof. V.A.Sudhakaran (Head, Dept. of Civil Engg.), Sri. Suresh Varrier (President, PTA), Sri Nitin Padmanabhan (Treasurer, Vidya Alumni Association), Sri. Hariprasad (General Secretary, Student Senate) felicitated the function. Dr.M.N.Agnisarman Namboodiri (General Convener, Decennial Celebrations) proposed vote of Thanks.

ISTE Induction Training Programme

The induction training programme for the new members of faculty was conducted by ISTE in the college during 02 - 07 July, 2012. Dr. S Radhakrishnan (Joint Director of Technical Education) inaugurated the function. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal), Dr. P Prathapachandran Nair (Professor Emeritus), and Prof. K V Leela (Prof CE) were present on the occasion. The Resource persons for the training programme include Dr.P J George (Former Director of Technical Education), Dr. V V Unnikrishnan (Additional Professor, Dept. of Physiology), Dr. B Anil (Principal, GEC Wayanad).

Two day Hands-On-Training Workshop on EDWINXP

The Institution of Electronics & Telecommuni cation Engineers-Students' Forum - IETE (ISF) organized a 2 day Hands-On-Training workshop on EDWINXP – An EDA Tool for Simulation & Design of Electronic Circuits during 13-14, July 2012 at VAST for 110 students from S-7, S-8 batches. Mr. G.R Rajesh (HOD I/C, ECE Dept) inaugurated the workshop. Resource Persons from VISIONICS (I) Pvt Ltd handled the sessions. Mr. Joseph Abraham handled the session on "Simulation Techniques" and Mr. R. Nagesh, handled the session on "PCB Manufacturing & Introduction to PIC Microcontrollers". Mr. V.S. Rakesh (Asst. Prof, ECE Dpet) awarded the certificates to the participants. Mr. Sijin C. Johnson (Secretary, Students' Forum) proposed the vote of thanks.

- An overview of Campus Placements for S7 B. Tech students was held at Auditorium on 11, July 2012. Principal, Vice - Principal and Placement Director addressed the gathering.
- Lt. Col. C.K. Babu (Administrator VAST) gave a talk on "Opportunities on Indian Armed Force and How to Approach it?" for S3 students on 11 and 12, July 2012; in main seminar hall.
- Dept of EEE commenced Gate Coaching Classes from June 30, 2012.
- Ms. P R Jyothy (Lab Instructor MCA) conducted a talk on Python Programming on 25, June 2012.
- TIME, Thrissur, conducted Aptitude Training Program for Placement for MCA students during 19-21, July 2012
 - The dedication and perseverance of our staff and students were reflected in the excellent university results of 2012 pass out B. Tech students of VAST. Computer Science & Engineering S-7 (88.05) and S-8 (94.29). Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) S7 (76.47), S8 (95.65). Electrical & Electronics Engineering (EEE) S7 (79.72), S8 (84.31). Mechanical Engineering (ME) S7 (84.51), S8 (85.92). Civil Engineering (CE) S7 (88.05) S8 (94.29). Production Engineering (PE) S7 (86.76) S8 (91.18).
- Inauguration of Civil Engineering Association was held on 26, July 2012 in the Auditorium. Mr. V.I. Varghese (Managing Director, FORMS Builders and Designers) inaugurated the event.
- An introductory session to AutoCAD and STADD
 Pro were arranged by CAD Centre, Thrissur for

- S5 CE students on 23, July 2012. Mr. Dijesh .P (Asst. Prof, MCA Dept) delivered a talk on "Hardware Performance Tuning" on 27, July 2012.
- The hostel Activity Day-"ABRACADABRA Season1" was held separately for boys and girls on 03, August 2012 in the respective hostels. Mr. Suresh Warrier (President PTA), Col. C. K. Babu (Administrator), Mr. C. Justine Jose (Warden), Matrons, Sergeant and all the resident tutors attended the function.
- The IEEE Student Branch, VAST, organised a session "How to Successfully Organise an Event" on 19, July 2012. Mr. Paul Chakola (Director, Training & Placement Cell) discussed the fundamentals of project management & useful tips to organise a successful event.
- Anti-Ragging Committee of VAST organised a legal literacy class for the third semester students on 30, July 2012 in the Auditorium. Two advocates from Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), namely Adv. Eldoh and Adv. P Renuka were the resource persons. The programme, conducted as part of the antiragging campaign in the state initiated by KSLSA was aimed at spreading awareness on legal issues relevant to the student community in general.
- The Induction Programme for the first year B Tech students was held on Thursday 09, August 2012 in the college auditorium. Sri. Suresh Variar (PTA President, VAST) addressed the audience. The Heads of the Departments introduced various branches of Engineering and their prospects. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) welcomed the gathering. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director) presided over the function. Dr. P Pratapachandran Nair (Prof. Emeritus, VAST), and Dr. M N Agnisarman Namboodiri (Dean, PG Studies) felicitated. Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Vice Principal) proposed the vote of thanks.
- An Ifthar Party was arranged for hostel inmates on 07, August 2012 at Hostel. PTA executive members, Principal, Warden, Administrator, RTs and students participated.
- The inauguration of second batch M. Tech was held in the College Seminar Hall on 07, August 2012. Dr. M.N. Agnisarman Namboodiri welcomed the gathering. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) presided over the function.

Dr. K.B. Maheswaran Nampoothiripad (Visiting Professor) inaugurated the function. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair (Prof Emeritus VAST) and Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Vice Principal) felicitated.

- MCA Association was inaugurated on 10, August 2012 by Col M P Induchudan (Retd), (Prof and Head, Dept of CSE). The association name, ViCA (Vidya Computer Applications Association), was launched. The activity plan for the 2012-2013 was presented. The function was followed by cultural programs of MCA students.
 - Prof. Narayanan Komerath (Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA) visited Vidya Academy of Science and Technology on 10, August 2012 and conducted an interactive session with the B. Tech students on possible projects. The students presented a number of ideas from which energy generation from wind, solar radiation and waste heat (produced at the exhaust of motor vehicles) were identified as feasible activities after a thorough discussion.
- The 66th Independence Day of our mother land was celebrated in the college on 15, August 2012. The national flag was hoisted by Mr. Dileep. K (Asso Prof, Dept of ME, VAST). Lt. Col. C.K. Babu (Administrator VAST) delivered the Independence Day message.
 - A Library awareness programme for S3 B. Tech students was conducted in the College Auditorium during 03.00 pm 4.30 pm on 07 and 08 August 2012. The classes were handled by Mr. P.C. Girishkumar (Librarian VAST).
- The Trichur VAST Student's Chapter (Computer Science and Engineering Division) of Institution of Engineers (India) conducted a paper presentation on "Nano Technology" on 16, August 2012 in Research Lab.

ONAM Celebrations – Vidya Staff Club

Vidya Staff Club organized Onam Celebrations 2012 at College Auditorium on 18.08.2012. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal VAST) and Mr. Suresh Lal (Finance Director VICT) conveyed Onam greetings. Vidya staff members presented various cultural programmes and games. Ona-Sadya was served after the function.



Members of staff (ME Dept) performing "Thiruvaathirakali"

All departments arranged Onam celebrations for students on 24, August 2012.

Dr Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) inaugurated the activities of Association of Computer Science and Engineering (ACSE) 2012-13 on 13, Sept 2012 at MCA Lab followed by a two day workshop on Text Processing using LATEX by Dr. V.N Krishnachandran (Vice-Principal).

The Power Electronics Lab in Dept. of EEE was inaugurated by Er. Devarajan (Project Director VICT) on 23, August 2012 in the presence of Dr. Sudha Balagopalan, Principal & other members of staff.

The Freshers Day of the Mens' Hostel and Women's Hostel were conducted on 10 and 13, September 2012 at hostels. Resident tutors, Stewards, and Hostel Warden were present.

The Orientation programme for first year B. Tech students (2012 Admission) was held during 27- 28, Sept 2012 in the Main Seminar Hall, Dr. Sudha Balagopalan , Principal covered Academic Related Activities, Dr. K B Maheswaran Namboodiripad, visiting Professor, ME Dept spoke on the topic 'Towards Academic Excellence', Lt. Col. CK Babu (Retd.) Administrator covered the topic 'College Administration', Mr. Gireeshkumar P C Librarian talked about Library Rules & Regulations, Mr. Justine Jose C Asso. Professor, CE Dept. & Student Senate Advisor talked about Student Activities. Mr. Ramesh K V Asso. Professor, Phy. Edn. Dept. covered the topic on Sports & Games, NSS, Rotaract Club ,Prof. (Col) M P Induchoodan (Retd.) Prof. & Head of CSE Dept. & Supdt. of Examinations talked about University Examinations, Mrs. Nisha A B Asst. Professor, AS Dept. & VSSC Convener spoke about Vidya Students Support Cell, Prof. K V Leela Professor, CE Dept. spoke about Professional Bodies, Dept. Associations, Societies, Institutional Memberships and Mr. Paul Chakola Johny Director, Placement Cell spoke on Placement Activities

A workshop on "Python" by Mr. Vishnu. S and Mr. Arun Krishnan (Former students of VAST) was conducted under the banner of IE & CSI on 10, Sept 2012.

Engineers day was celebrated on 19, Sept 2012 under the banner of IE with quiz competition and paper presentation. Sooraj Chandran and Abijath (S5 CSE) won first prize for quiz competition. Nidhi K Unnikrishnan and Sumitha Khader presented a paper on the "Theme of Engineer's Day".

Dept of ECE commenced GATE coaching for ECE students. Mr. Shiju A M (Asst Prof, Dept of ECE) is coordinating the event under "ECE Dept Association"

Motivational classes for S5 B. Tech students were conducted on 21 and 28 July 2012 in the Main Seminar Hall. Fr. Paul Potteckal (Director, Insight Counselling Centre Thrissur) handled the sessions.

The inauguration of Vidya Music Club "Club De Medley" was held on 27, Sept 2012 at College Auditorium.

A session on "Essentials of Communication" by Dr. S. Vishnu (Asso Prof, English) was arranged for all members of non-teaching staff in the Main Seminar Hall on 29, Sept 2012.

STAFF PARTICIPATIONS

Ms. Renu. N (Asst. Professor CE Dept) presented a paper on "Modelling Colloid Transport in Sets of Parallel Finite Fractures with Fracture Skins" in International Conference held in Singapore on 01, July 2012.

Ms. Smitha. P (Associate Professor, Department of Applied Science) presented a paper titled "Bessel Functions via CASs" (jointly authored with Dr.V N Krishnachandran, Head of Computer Application) in the International Conference on Mathematical Modeling and Applied Soft Computing held at Coimbatore Institute of

Technology, Coimbatore during 11-13 July, 2012.

Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (Prof & Head, Dept of EEE) delivered an invited lecture on the topic entitled "IT Enabled Teaching Learning for Engineering Applications" in the two Day Induction Programme for Professional Development of Assistant/Associate Professors of Institute of Engineering And Technology, University of Calicut on 04, August 2012.

The paper titled "Power Vectors to Identify Coalition Partners in a Cooperative Game Theory Controlled Electricity Markets" authored by Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal), Ms. Mary P V, Ms. Neenu Thomas, Mr. Nitin Padmanabhan, (Asst Professors, EEED) was presented in the Seventh International Conference on Industrial and Information Systems (ICIIS 2012) organised by Dept. of Electrical Egineering IIT Madras during 06-09, August 2012. Ms. Neenu Thomas and Mr. Nitin Padmanabhan presented the paper on behalf of all authors.

Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (Prof and Head, Dept of EEE) delivered a lecture on "Introduction to Various Power System Softwares" at Mohandas College of Engineering, Trivandrum on 10, August 2012.

Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) chaired a session of the National Conference on "Advances In Manufacturing Systems And Processes"- NAIMSAP organized by Production Engineering Department, GEC Thrissur on 06, September 2012.

Prof. Sudhakaran V A (Prof and Head, CE Dept)
chaired a session of the National Conference
on "Advances In Manufacturing Systems And
Processes"- NAIMSAP organized by Production
Engineering Department, GEC Thrissur on 06,
September 2012.

Ms. Pournami P C (Asst Prof, CE Dept) presented a paper on "Water Vulnerability Index of Guruvayoor" in the National Conference on "Advances In Manufacturing Systems And Processes"- NAIMSAP organized by Production Engineering Department, GEC Thrissur on 05, September 2012.

 Ms. Bittu.L.Lambi (Associate Prof, Department of Applied Sciences) participated in the National Conference on Algebra and Number Theory (NCANT-2012) held at the Department of Mathematics, CUSAT during 16-18 August, 2012.

A paper titled "Automatic Image Annotation by Classification Using MPEG-7 Features" authored by Mr. Manjary P Gangan (Asst Prof, Dept. of CSE) and Dr.R.Karthi (Asso Prof, Amritha School of Engg, Coimbatore) has been published in International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications, Volume 2, Issue 9, September 2012 ISSN 2250-3153

Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan, HOD EEE chaired a session in the National Conference on "Advances in Manufacturing Systems and Processes" - at GEC Thrissur on 05, Sept 2012.

Col M P Induchudan (Retd) Prof and Head, Dept of Computer Science and Engineering inaugurated the Association Council of students at St Mary's College, Thrissur

Dr. Mannil Mohan (Professor, Physics) delivered an invited talk titled "Why to Do research?" in the one day seminar on "Career in Research" held at Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur on 28, Sept 2012.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NSS volunteers, Mr.Robieo R Chazoor (S7 ME) and Nikhil Viswanathan (S7 EEE) participated in the South Indian Bank-Lions Clubs International All Kerala Quiz Competition for college students held at Holy Family GHS Thrissur and qualified.

NSS volunteers collected an amount of 12000/-(Rupees Twelve thousand only) through sale of stamps for the fund raising project of the Kerala State Social welfare department.

NSS volunteers celebrated Onam in a humanitarian gesture by collecting an amount of 34,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four thousand only) for charity activities in AMHA (Association for Mentally Handicapped Adults), Alpha Pain Clinic, Edamuttam; and for the renovation work at Govt. Taluk Hospital, Kunnamkulam.

NSS Unit,VAST organised a session on the "Role of students in Pain & Palliative Care" on 20, Sep 2012. Dr. Aravindakshan & Prof. Gokuldas (Palliative Care Volunteers) handled the class.

Mr. Nikhil Viswanath (S7 EEE) VAST has been selected for the best student award instituted by ISTE Kerala Section.

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Ms. Manasa Manohar (S7 PE) and Ms. Mrithu A S (S7 CSE) were awarded by Architects & Engineers Association with Certificate, cash award & memento for being the toppers in their respective branches among eight Engineering colleges in Thrissur.

Ms.Manasa Manohar (S7 PE) secured a perfect score of SGPA 10 in S5 examination

Mr.K Muhammed Anas and Mr.Shyam Kumar (S5 CE) won the first prize worth Rs. 3000 for cube testing in the tech fest - Dristhi - 12 conducted at College of Engineering Trivandrum.

The Project model submitted by Ramdas M U,Shahin T A. Sreelakshmy Suresh, Sruthy A, and Sonu Unnikrishnan (students of S7 EEE) secured 4th position in the Project Contest held as a part of 'Dyuthi 2012' Techfest organised by GEC Thrissur.

Sumesh Sundar (S5 PE) and team won the First prize in Group Dance Competition in IMPULSE-12 Intercollegiate Fest held at Kottayam Medical college on 09, July 2012.

Sumesh Sundar (S5 PE) and Emil Moosa (S3 ME) won the First prize in Step and Synchro Competition in DRISHTI-12 intercollegiate Fest held at IES Engineering college on 04, April 2012

Sumesh Sundar (S5 PE) won the Second prize in SOLO Dance Competition in Dyuthi-12 intercollegiate Fest held at GEC Thrissur on 20, September 2012

The College Shuttle badminton team (Fadhin Raj Hussain ME S7,Nivin Kumar K EEE S7,Salal P S PE S7,Midhun Murali PE S7,Sreeraj Unnikrishnan EEE S3,Nidhun K Sasi S1S2,Grigary Roy S1S2) secured the second place in the Calicut University D zone Tournament held at St. Thomas College auditorium, Thrissur on 5th and 6, September 2012.

Nikil Menon, Shone C M, Deepak Thilakan, Hariprasad, and Mr. Robeo R Chazhoor (S7 ME) secured first prize in "Dangerous at Dyuthi" as part of Dyuthi2 conducted by GEC Thrissur during 20-22, Sept 2012.

Arjun Vinod (S7 CE) secured 3rd place in paper presentation competition held at M. A. College, Kothamangalam on 29, Sept 2012 as part of Tech fest 'Takshak 12'.

Mr K. Muhammed Anas and Mr Shyam Kumar (S5 CE) won second prize for King Cross in the Tech Fest "Dristhi 12" conducted by College of Engineering Trivandrum during 14-16, Sept 2012.

Shyam Kumar (S5 CE) won second prize for Autocad in the Tech Fest "Dristhi 12" conducted by College of Engineering Trivandrum during 14-16, Sept 2012.

College fencing team participated in the Inter-District fencing championship held at Regional Sports Centre Kadavanthra, Erankakulam during 29-30, Sept 2012. Ms Merin K A (S1S2 B. Tech) bagged the 3rd position.

The college NSS unit and Thrissur Eye Hospital & Trichur Diabetes Centre jointly organized an Eye Camp for the students and staff during 25-26 Sept 2012 in the College auditorium



National Service Scheme volunteers visited AMHA and handed over the fund collected

organized on 19, Sep 2012. Rtn. Major Donor V Raj Kumar, Dist. Governor 3201 was the Chief Guest for the event. Rtn. PHF. K R Mukesh presided over the function.



Members of the club during Installation Ceremony

SAD DEMISE



Ms. Maya. B(Asso Professor, Dept of EEE)
VAST

We the management, staff and students express our heartfelt condolences on the premature demise of Ms. Maya B (Associate Professor, Dept of EEE) on 30, September 2012, owing to cardiac arrest.



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