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Graduation Ceremony 2013

Vidya Academy of Science and Technology conducted "Graduation Ceremony 2013" of 2009-13 Batch on June 22, 2013 in the College Auditorium. Dr. Gangan Prathap (Director – NISCAIR, New Delhi) was the guest of honour on the occasion. The ceremony commenced with a ritualistic academic procession. Dr Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) welcomed the participants. Mr. A.P. Sadanandan (Former Vice-Chairman, VICT), the president of the function distributed the course completion certificates to the students.



Dr. Gangan Prathap addressing the audience

Inauguration for Centre for Computation in Science & Engineering

The formal announcement of formation of the Centre for Computation in Science & Engineering, an ambitious venture of Vidya Academy of Science & Technology was done in the function held on 03, January 2013. Prof. Biswa Nath Datta (Distinguished Research professor, Northern Illinois University) lighted the traditional lamp to mark the opening of the auspicious occasion. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal VAST) outlined the evolution of the project and acknowledged the support of Prof. Datta in its final realization.



Dr Sudha Balagopalan
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In any game, the object is to win—be that defined as leaving the most genes in the next generation, getting the best grade on a midterm, or successfully inculcating critical thinking into your students. An entire field of study, Game Theory, is devoted to mathematically describing the games that nature plays. Games can determine why ant colonies do what they do, how viruses evolve to exploit hosts, or how human societies organize and function. Peter Nonacs, a Professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department at UCLA took his class by surprise by announcing a difficult class test in which they could ‘cheat’. He told them that he was trying to see how the brightest of the bright kids of UCLA would accomplish, if there were no restrictions. In the hour-long test with a single question the students set to work organizing the answer by dividing tasks, debating, hypothesising, rejecting, developing ideas, supportive evidence added arriving at a consensus answer, never consulting the professor. Three out of the 27 students opted out from the joint answer though they listened and contributed to discussions. In the end, the students learned what social insects like ants and termites have known for hundreds of millions of years. To win at some games, cooperation is better than competition. Unity that arises through a diversity of opinion is stronger than any solitary competitor. To make the students realize this, after the test was graded they were given a choice, They could get the test back and have it count toward their final grade. Even before seeing their grades he would shred the entire test. which meant they would never see their results; they would never know if their answers were correct. Though they wanted time to think, which was not allowed, the students unanimously chose to keep the test. Once again, the unity that arose through a diversity of opinion was right. The shared grade was 20 percent higher than the previous averages. Of the ones who opted out, one scored higher than the mob, one about the same, and one scored lower.

Prof. Biswa Nath Datta detailed his vision for a platform for inter disciplinary research, its objectives and modus of operandi. Dr. K P Soman, Er.G Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Shri. Suresh Lal (Finance Director VICT) and Dr. V N Krishnachandran (Vice Principal) shared their views. Dr. K B M Namboodiripad, Dr. M N A Namboodiri, Heads of Departments and faculty members were also present during the function.

College Day-2013 was celebrated at College Auditorium on March 27, 2013. Ms. Manasa Manohar (College Senate Chairperson) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) presided over the function and presented the college annual report. Sri. Harisree Ashokan (Cine Artist) inaugurated the function. Nikhil P. M (Student senate General Secretary) presented the senate report. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT), Adv. K. V. Prakash (Author Trustee) and Mr. K.K Ashokan (PTA Joint Secretary) felicitated the occasion. Ms. Anooja V S (Student Senate Convener) proposed the vote of thanks. Students staged various Cultural programmes during the celebration.



Three-Day Faculty Development Program

Prof. Biswa Nath Datta (Distinguished Research Professor, Northern Illinois University, USA) inaugurated FDP on “Numerical & Scientific Computation for Engineers” organized by Dept. of EEE during 02-04, January, 2013 in a function held on 2nd January at 9.30 am. Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (HoD, Dept of EEE) delivered the welcome address and Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST)

presided over the function. Shri. Suresh Lal (Finance Director, VICT) Dr. P. Prathapachandran Nair (Prof. Emeritus VAST), Dr. M.N.A. Namboodiri (Dean-PG studies), Dr. K.B.M. Nambudiripad (Visiting Prof, ME Dept) and Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (Vice-Principal) felicitated on the occasion. Mr. Nitin Padmanabhan (Asst. Professor, Dept. of EEE) delivered the vote of thanks. The inaugural ceremony was followed by two sessions. The first session on Day 1 in “Numerical Linear Algebra for Engineers”, was handled by Prof. B.N. Datta. In the post lunch session on Day 1 Dr. K.B.M. Nambudiripad presented “Vibration problems in Engineering”. In the first session on the second day Dr. K. P. Soman, Head of Centre for Excellence in Computational Engineering and Networking, Amritha Vishwa Vidyapeedham, delivered a lecture on “Null Space in Compressed Sensing and Methods of Getting Sparse Solution Using L1-Norm Optimization”. The afternoon session was the Inaugural ceremony of Akshaya Agni-2013. Prof. Datta handled two forenoon sessions on the second day and third day. Thirty five faculty members including 11 external participants from four engineering colleges participated in the course that introduced the basic concepts of Numerical and Scientific Computing techniques and their applications in engineering.

Two-Day workshop on “HANDS ON TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ORCAD SOFTWARE”

Association of ECE, IETE student chapter and IEI student chapter of ECE department jointly organized two day

workshop on “HANDS ON TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ORCAD SOFTWARE” for the fourth semester students on January 10-12, 2013.

Staff Club Day Celebration 2012

Vidya staff club celebrated the staff club day 2012 on January 19, 2013 in the college auditorium. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) welcomed the gathering. Er. G Mohanachandran (Executive Director VICT) inaugurated the function. Mr. Krishnaprasad M K (Staff Club Secretary) and Mr. Anil M (Staff Club Treasurer) presented the reports of staff club activities and Accounts Statements respectively. New Executive Committee Members were elected during the occasion. Mr. Prameesh K P (Programme Convener) proposed the vote of thanks. Vidya staff members & family members staged various cultural programmes and sumptuous lunch was served to all.

Awareness Programme on E-journals

Department of Library conducted an awareness programme on the use of E-journals for S5 and S7 students in the Main Seminar hall during 03-04 January 2013. E-journals comprising IEEE, SCIENCE DIRECT, ASTM, ASME, ASCE, SPRINGER, J-GATE, MCGRAW-HILL publishers have been subscribed by VAST Library which equip us to have access of research articles from more than 400 international journals with back volumes since 2000.

Library subscribes to E journals worth Rs.14 lakh. The librarian highlighted the importance of Electronic Research journals and how effectively these could be used for academic and research purposes. A similar session has also been planned for faculty of VAST which shall be carried out shortly.

“ATMA Foundation” was conducted a campus campaign on Children’s Issues & involvement of Youth in Change Initiatives’ January 18, 2013 in the Main Seminar Hall.

AION-2013: Science Fest Celebrations

The National Science Day of Vidya Academy of Science and Technology, ‘Science-Fest: AION-2013’ of the decennial year was celebrated on January 23, 2013. The department of Applied Sciences, Humanities and Physical Education organised the programme for the S1-S2 students of the college. Dr. Bindu Krishnan (Asst. Professor of Physics, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur) inaugurated the function and gave a talk on the applications of Nanotechnology for a better and healthier world. Dr. Mannil Mohan (Prof, Dept of Applied Science) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal VAST) delivered the presidential address. Mr. Suresh Lal (Finance Director of Vidya International Charitable Trust), Dr. Agnisarman Namboodiri (Dean, Post Graduate Studies, VAST), Dr. V. N. Krishnachandran (Vice Principal, VAST), Mr. K. K. Asokan (Joint Secretary, PTA, VAST) felicitated the function.

The paper presentation competitions for the students



based on the topic of nanotechnology highlighted the themes on cybercrime, three dimensional passwords, artificial intelligence, etc. A painting competition based on various scientific themes was also conducted. Prizes were distributed to the winners.

Two-Day workshop on MATLAB

As part of the decennial celebrations of VAST, the Institution of Engineers India (IEI), Computer Society of India (CSI), and Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) jointly organized a two-day workshop on MATLAB during January 22-23, 2013. Dr. V Kabeer

(Head of Department, PG Computer Science, Farook College, Calicut) was the chief guest of the function. Mr. Geevar C Zachariah (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, MES college of Engineering Kuttipuram), Mr. T V Jayakumar and Ms. Manjary P Gangan (Asst. Professors, Department of CSE, VAST) handled the hands on sessions of the workshop.

Civil Engineering Association Activities

Civil Engineering Association of VAST conducted a technical meeting on January 29, 2013. Mr. Cyriac M.G (Executive Engineer, KWA) was the chief guest of the programme. Prof. V.A. Sudhakaran (HoD, CE Dept) delivered the presidential address. Mr. Abbey Augustin (Asst Prof, Dept of CE) welcomed the gathering. At the end of the function S4 CE students gave a technical presentation on “KOCHI METRO”.

The department of Civil Engineering conducted a talk on “How to prepare for GATE& Importance of fundamental based study” by Mr. Mohammed Safer (Research Scholar, IIT Delhi) on February 19, 2013.

“Akshaya Agni” Project Expo

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, VAST organized a Power Generation Project Contest, “Akshaya Agni” on January 03, 2013 in the College auditorium. Distinguished Researcher and academician Prof. Biswa Nath Datta inaugurated the function. Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (HoD, EEE Dept) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) delivered

the presidential address. Dr. K.B.M. Namboodiripad (Visiting Professor), Mr. Suresh Lal (Finance Director – VICT) felicitated the function. Ms. Mary P. Varghese (Asso Prof, Dept of EEE) proposed the vote of thanks. Six colleges participated in the project contests. Govt. Engg. College team bagged the first prize.

National Conference 'NAVISSANCE 2013'

Department of Mechanical Engineering organized a two-day National level Conference on Emerging Trends in Energy Conservation- 'NAVISSANCE 2013' on February 15-16, 2013. The main objective of the conference was to create a common platform to share ideas, practices, and innovations in energy conservation. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. V G Sankaranarayanan (Former Chairman and Managing Director, FACT). Invited guests and staff members presented various papers related to this area. Poster making competition and quiz competition were organised in connection with the conference. Students of various departments and staff members actively participated in this programme.

"Outcome based NBA Accreditation"

A lecture and interactive session on "Outcome based NBA Accreditation" was conducted on March 02, 2013 in the EEE Seminar Hall. Dr. C.E Krishnan (Director, SNGCE, Ernakulam) led the session.

Vidya Academy of Science and Technology was recognized as an "Advanced Partner Institute" under the Infosys Campus Connect Programme for the year 2013. Prof. Paul Chakola (Director, T&P Cell) received the award during the Principals Meet held at Infosys, Trivandrum on February 28, 2013.

"ISTE-RMAP Programme"

ISTE Kerala section, in association with, ISTE VAST chapter, organized a one day Ramanujan Mathematics Awareness Programme, on March 05, 2013 at VAST. The aim of the programme was to spread the importance of Mathematics, in connection with the 125th birth anniversary of great Indian mathematician Srinivasan Ramanujan. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan, Principal, VAST, Thrissur presided over the programme. Dr. K Vijaykumar (Principal, G.E.C Thrissur; Member, National Executive Council, ISTE), was the chief guest of the day. Dr. P Pratapachandran Nair (Professor Emeritus & Dean, VAST; Chairman, ISTE VAST Chapter) and Prof. K V Leela (secretary, ISTE VAST Chapter) were the other members present during the occasion. The national level prize winners of Ramanujan Mathematical Quiz Competition organized by ISTE New Delhi during October-November, 2012 were honoured in this function. After the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Satheesh S (Professor & Head, Department of Applied science, VAST) delivered the first invited lecture. A quiz programme was conducted simultaneously in the programming lab. Dr. A R Rajan (Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Kerala) delivered the second invited lecture

in the afternoon session. The programme began with an interactive session. The session discussed the importance of application of mathematics in engineering. Prize winners of the quiz programme and the participants were awarded with prizes and certificates in the valedictory function. Nearly one hundred participants from the following institutions namely Federal Institute of Science & Technology Angamally, MTI Government Polytechnic College Thrissur, SSM Polytechnic Tirur, Jyothi Engineering College, Sreepathy College of Engineering & Technology, IES Engineering College, Sreerama Government Polytechnic Valappad, Vidya Academy of Science and Technology took part in the programme.

Posicom'13

The departments of Computer Science Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Department of Computer Applications jointly organized a two-day national conference on Power, Signals and Computation (PoSiCom'13) on 15th



and 16th of March 2013. Dr. B.S. Manoj, Asso. Professor, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, inaugurated the program. Prominent Academicians such as Dr. B.S. Manoj (Asso. Professor, Indian Institute of Space science and Technology), Dr. T.N. Padmanabhan Nambiar (Professor and Chairman, Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department, Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore), Dr. Elizabeth Elias (Professor, Dept. of ECE, National Institute of Technology, Calicut), Dr. M. Sethumadhavan (Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Head, Centre for Cyber Security, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore) and Dr. G. Santhosh Kumar (Asst. Professor, Dept. of CSE, Cochin University of Science and Technology) delivered speeches in emerging areas of research. Students presented their papers. Dr. V.N. Krishnachandran (HOD Dept. of MCA & Vice Principal), Dr. Agnisarman Namboodiri (Dean, P.G. Studies,) and Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (HOD Dept. of EEE) chaired the paper presentation sessions.

As a part of the decennial celebrations (2003-2013), Vidya Academy of Science & Technology hosted a debate on "NUCLEAR ENERGY" on 21.03.2013 in the college auditorium. Dr. S.K. Malhotra and Dr. K.S. Pradeep Kumar



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(Top officials from Department of Atomic Energy, BARC-BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE) initiated the debate. Dr. M.P Parameswaran (Nuclear Scientist) and Er. C.R. Neelakandan, well known exponents of environmental protection presented their views on the issue. Dr. Sivanandan Achari (Department of Environmental Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology) served as moderator of the debate.

ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditor Training

Two days ISO Internal auditors training programme for the staff members of Vidya Academy was held during 26-27 April 2013 in the college and 25 staff members from various department participated. The training session was handled by Mr. K P Vinoth from Bureau Veritas, Chennai.



Participants in the ISO Internal Auditor Training Programme

Short-Term Training Programme

ISTE VAST Chapter organized a short term training programme on “Application of Mathematics in Engineering and Research” during 18 -19, April 2013, exclusively for teachers in Engg colleges. The talk was delivered by Dr. K B M Nambudiripad (Professor ME) and Professor Sudha Balagopalan (Principal).

World Heritage Day Celebrations

Mechanical Engineering Department of VAST organized “World Heritage Day” as “Paithruka Dinaghosham” on April 18, 2013.



Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) presenting the memento to the chief guest

Sri. Madamb Kunjukkuttan inaugurated the function and the Guest of Honour was Manaloor MLA Sri. P.A. Madhavan. All the senior members of Vidya Family were honoured in the function.

Brahma-Vidya Social Outreach Programme

Under the auspices of Brahma-Vidya Social Outreach Programme, VAST in association with “Chakshumathi” conducted a session on “Innovations in Assistive Technology” and the distribution ceremony of 23 daisy players on June 15, 2013 in the college auditorium. “Chakshumathi” is a charitable non-profit trust focusing on research, development and in adopting latest assistive technology for the upbringing and empowerment of the Blind and visually challenged community in the country. DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) is a technical standard for digital audio books, periodicals and computerized text. DAISY is designed to be a complete audio substitute for print material and is specifically designed for use by people with “print disabilities,” including blindness, impaired vision.



Prof. Ted Moallem presents the daisy players to visually impaired students

Prof. Ted Moallem (MIT, USA) inaugurated the function. Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) welcomed the gathering. Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT) delivered the presidential address. Prof. V.K. Damodaran (Chairman, Chakshumathi), Mr. Rajith R Nair (Chairman IEEE, Kerala Gold), Mr. Anil Kumar (Jt. Secretary, KFB Youth Forum) spoke on the occasion. The sessions were handled by Mr. Ram Kamal Manoj (Managing Trustee and Mentor, Chakshumathi), Mr. R. Sudhir (Head, Business Development, NeST).

Workshop on E-Journals

A user training programme on E-journals of Science Direct was organized at VAST Library on June 5, 2013 in the CE seminar hall. About 20 faculty members and Library staff attended the training. The programme started at 1.00 p.m. Sri P.C Girishkumar, Librarian introduced the resource person Mr. Rajeev, from Elsevier. Mr. Rajeev explained various aspects of the Science Direct and continued with a presentation of the same. He explained in detail the search procedure and cleared the doubts raised by the participants.

Three day workshop on “Computer Assembling and Hardware Fundamentals”

Under the auspicious of Brahma-Vidya Social Outreach Programme, VAST in association with Kerala Federation of Blind (KFB) organized a 3 day workshop on “Computer Assembling and Hardware Fundamentals” for blind and visually challenged persons during 29-31, May 2013. The sessions were handled by the ITIMS team led by Mr. M.K. Krishnaprasad (Hardware Technician, CSE Dept). All the 24 participants from all over Kerala attended the programme. In the inaugural and valedictory functions, the trainees were appreciative and requested help for mobility, accessibility and inclusiveness.

Two-day workshop on “Research Methodologies and Computational Mechanics”

The Centre for Computation in Science and Engineering – VAST organized a 2 day workshop on “Research Methodologies and Computational Mechanics” during June 20-21, 2013. Dr. Gangan Prathap (Director, NISCAIR, CSIR, New Delhi) handled the sessions. In the inaugural session, Dr. V N Krishnachandran (Vice-Principal, VAST) welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) presided over the function. Dr. Gangan Prathap formally inaugurated the workshop. Dr. P Pratapachandran Nair (Professor Emeritus, VAST), Dr. K B M Nampoothiripad (Visiting Professor, Dept. of Mech. Engg, VAST) felicitated on the occasion. Dr. Mannil Mohan (Dept. of Applied Sciences, VAST) proposed the vote of thanks. There were 45 participants including faculty members and M Tech students from VAST and neighbouring engineering institutions.



Dignitaries on the dais during the inaugural function of 2 day workshop

Releasing Ceremony of College Magazine “7”

The college magazine “7” was released in a ceremony in the college auditorium on 21, June 2013 by Dr. Gangan Prathap (Director, NISCAIR, CSIR, New Delhi). Dr. T.N. Jayachandran (Advisor – VICT) presented the first copy to the chief guest. Other dignitaries on the dais were Er. G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director VICT) and Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal VAST).

Staff Achievements

- ▶ Ms. Bittu L Lambi (Asso Professor, Dept of Applied Science) Mr. Santumon S.D (Asst Professor, Dept of ECE) and Mr. Shiju Aravindakshan M (Asst Prof, Dept of ECE) won prizes in the National level Srinivasa Ramanujan Mathematical Competitions-2012 organized by ISTE, New-Delhi.
- ▶ Dr. V.N Krishnachandran (Head of the Department of MCA) and Sajay K R (Associate Professor MCA) engaged classes for UGC Refresher course for college teachers of Computer Applications at Calicut University on January 17, 2013 conducted by Academic Staff College, University of Calicut.
- ▶ Ms. Abhilasha P S (Associate Professor CE) attended a training session on “Remote Sensing and Geospatial Technologies for Land Cover and Land Use Change Studies and Applications” conducted by NASA Land - Cover/ Land - Use Change Program, Centre for Water Resources Development and Management, International START Secretariat, Monsoon Asia Integrated Regional Study and the University of Maryland. The session was hosted by Karunya University on January 14, 2013.
- ▶ Dr. Satheesh S (Prof, Department of Applied Sciences) participated in the “Workshop on Statistical Analysis of Time Series Data with Applications”, organized by the Department of Statistics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, during 14 – 16, January 2013.
- ▶ An article titled “Measuring Work Attitudes of Individuals among Indian Academia” authored by Ms. Deepa Mohan (Asso Prof, Dept of CE) has been accepted for publication in International Journal of Management (IJM), Impact factor-3.54, Volume 4, Issue 1 (Jan-Feb 2013) issue of the journal based on the Recommendation of the Editorial Board.
- ▶ A paper titled “An Intelligent Robot Navigation System Using RFID Technology & with Real Time Updation” authored by Ms. Jasna S.B (Asst Prof, Dept of EEE) has been accepted in the International Journal on Electronics & Informatics(IJEI).
- ▶ Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (HoD, Dept of EEE) participated as resource person of the capacity development programme on operation and maintenance of Protection System & Relay Coordination during 15-28, January 2013 at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

- ▶ A paper titled “Human Hand Recognition Using Haar Like Features With Other Hand Recognition Approaches” authored by Dr M N Agnisarman Namboodiri, Ms Beena M V, Nikhil Samuel and Remya Kurian is accepted in DRDO Sponsored Fourth National Conference on Innovations in Information Technology (NCIT 2013) which will be held during 21- 22, February 2013 at Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam.
- ▶ Prof. V.A. Sudhakaran (HoD, CE Dept) presented a paper titled “Green Concept in Solid Waste Management” on a one day seminar organized by Dept. of Chemical Engineering ,Government Engineering College, Thrissur on 04, February 2013.
- ▶ Prof. V.A. Sudhakaran (HoD, CE Dept) attended an interactive session of Chairman and Honorary secretaries of IEI held at Engineering Staff College, Hyderabad on 09, February 2013.
- ▶ Mr. Arun K L (Asst Prof, Dept of ME) presented a paper “Optimization of Wire in Wire Cut EDM Process” in the National Conference held at Kavary College of Engineering, Salem.
- ▶ Mr. Hareesh K (Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering) presented a paper “Energy Audit” in the National Conference NAVISSANCE 2013 held at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology during 15 – 16, February 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Nisha Varghese (Asst Professor CE Dept) attended a short term training programme on “Advances in Design and Construction of Foundations in Difficult Terrains”, at Government Engineering College, Thrissur during 11-16, February 2013.
- ▶ Professor V.A. Sudhakaran (HoD, CE Dept) inaugurated a one day seminar on “Waste Reduction in Construction Work “organized by State Nirmithi Kendra and Institute of Engineers India, Thrissur Local Centre at Sivasakthi Building, Thrissur on 18, February 2013.
- ▶ Mr. Santumon S D (Asst. Prof. of ECE) participated in the short term training programme on MATHEMATICS FOR SIGNAL PROCESSING organized by Dept. of Electronics And Communication Engineering, Government Engineering College, Thrissur during February 12-15, 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Smitha P & Ms. Asha N Nair (Asst Professors, Department of Applied Sciences) participated in the National Seminar on “Applications of Mathematics in Space Technology”, sponsored by University Grants Commission, held at Little Flower College, Guruvayur during February 15-16, 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Sunitha. C, Mr. Shanil K.N, Mr. Amal Ganesh and Mr. Sivadasan E.T (Faculty members, Dept of CSE) attended a one day Faculty Development Programme on “Cloud Computing” organised by TCS on 20, Feb 2013 at TCS Kochi Centre, Infopark.
- ▶ A paper titled “A Generalization of the Marshall-Olkin Scheme and Related Processes” authored by Dr. Satheesh S (Professor, Dept of AS) co-authored by Dr. E Sandhya and Mr. C.B Prasanth has been published in the refereed publication Collection of Recent Statistical Methods and Applications , p.12-17, by the Department of Statistics, University of Kerala.
- ▶ Ms. Beena M.V (Asst Prof, Dept of CSE), Ms. Remya Kurian (S4, M. Tech) and Mr. Nikhil Samuel (S4, M. Tech) presented a paper titled “A comparison of Automatic Single Image Based Rain Streak Removal Tehnique with Other Rain Removal Approaches” in the National Conference on Advanced Technology in Computer Science, Communication & Electrical held at MET’s College of Engineering on 01, March 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Deepa Mohan (Associate Professor, CE Dept) attended a three day national workshop on Research methodology in business management using SPSS and AMOS during February 28 to March 02, 2013 at National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai.
- ▶ Dr. Sudha Balagopalan, Principal gave a keynote address & chaired a session on Power Systems in the IEEE sponsored National Conference IESPEC’13 on March 03, 2013.
- ▶ Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan,HOD EEED chaired a session at the National Conference on Power Engineering organised by Dept. of EEE, SNGCE, Kolenchery on 16th March 2013.
- ▶ A paper titled “A Comparative Evaluation of Hand Recognition Using Haar Like Features with Other Hand Recognition Approaches” authored by Beena.M.V (Asst. Professor, Dept of CSE) and co-authored by Dr.M.N Agnisarman Namboodiri, Remya Kurian, Nikhil Samuel(S4 Mtech students) was presented in the national conference on Computing Technologies(NCCT)held at SNGCE Kolenchery, Ernakulam March 7-8, 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Nirmala Krishnan& Mr. Prince Vijay,AP,CE, attended one day workshop on “Water Treatment” jointly organized by CCDU,Trivandrum and APHEK Thrissur District Committee at Hotel Mangala Towers,Thrissur on 09-03-2013.
- ▶ Ms. Viji Vinodan &Ms. Sarika P C(Gr-II instructor of ECE dept) attended a two day workshop on Embedded System Design With Advanced Microcontrollers at Royal College of Engg. Technology, Akkikavu on 8th and 9th march, 2013.

- ▶ Nisha A B , Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Sciences secured 50th rank in GATE examination held on Feb 1, 2013. Ms. Saudimol T V & Suraj Damaodaran, AP EEED have qualified 'GATE 2013' with good grade.
- ▶ Ms. Deepa Mohan (Associate Professor , Dept of CE) attended and presented a paper titled "Assessment of Factors Influencing Academic Performance in Higher Education" in International Conference on Technology and Business Management- 13 at American University in the Emirates, Dubai during March 18-20, March 2013.
- ▶ Mr. Abbey Augustin (Asst Prof, CE) attended a short term training program on "Aseismic Design of Structures" during March 11 to 15, 2013 at Government Engineering College, Thrissur.
- ▶ Prof K.V.Leela (Professor, Civil Dept) delivered lectures on 'Evaluation of Seismic forces on Reinforced concrete Structures' on March 14, 2013 and Ductile detailing Requirements in Reinforced Concrete Structures for Seismic Resistance on 15, March 2013 for a faculty development programme sponsored by Govt of Kerala, for Engineering College Teachers, organized at GEC Thrissur.
- ▶ Professor V.A. Sudhakaran (HoD, CE) presented a paper on "Eco Technologies for Water Conservation" in the training programme on "Sustainable Technologies in Engineering" at CUSAT, Kochi on 20-03-2013.
- ▶ Professor V.A. Sudhakaran (HoD, CE) chaired the "World Water Day" programme at Institute of Engineers India, Thrissur Local Centre on March 22, 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Abhilasha P S (Associate Professor, CE) attended the "World Water Day" programme at Institute of Engineers India, Thrissur Local Centre at Sivasakthi Building, on March 22, 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Abhilasha P S (Associate Professor, CE) attended the "Lead Auditor Training" conducted by Bureau Veritas Certification India at Bangalore during 4- 8, March 2013.
- ▶ Mr. Santumon S D (Asst Prof, ECE Dept) secured First Rank with Gold Medal in M. Tech Digital Electronics and Communication Systems from Malnad College of Engineering, Hassan, Karnataka, under Visvesvaraya Technological University.
- ▶ Mr. Rakesh V.S (Asst Prof, ECE Dept) presented a research paper entitled "Electronic Water Supply Management System for Educational Institutions" at "IEEE International Multi Conference on Automation, Computing, Control, Communication and Compressed Sensing" held at St. Josephs college of engineering and Technology, Kottayam on March 22, 2013.
- ▶ Dr. Sasidharan Sreedharan (Prof & Head, Dept of EEE) delivered an invited lecture on "Influence of Grid Connected Wind Farm on Power System" at Amrita Deemed University, Coimbatore on April 18, 2013.
- ▶ Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair (Prof Emeritus) conducted performance audit in the TEQIP – II project institutions - College of Engineering & Technology, Bhubaneswar and RCC Institute of Information Technology, Kolkata during May 2013.
- ▶ Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair (Prof Emeritus) was nominated as the mentor for the College of Engineering and Technology, Cherthala, by the National Project Implementation Unit, MHRD, Govt of India.
- ▶ Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair (Prof Emeritus) inaugurated a two day faculty development programme at Sreepathy Institute of Management and Technology, Vavanoor on June 03, 2013 jointly sponsored by ISTE, Kerala Section.
- ▶ Ms. Theresa V Cheriyan (Asst Professor, Dept of CSE) completed her M.Tech from Sree Krishna Engg College (Anna University) and stood first in the college with 8.4 CGPA.
- ▶ Ms. Abhilasha P.S (Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) presented a paper on "Use of Geosynthetics on Dam Safety Remediation" in the International Conference on Innovations in Civil Engineering (ICICE 2013) organized by Department of Civil Engineering, SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Ernakulam, Kerala during 09-10, May 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Abhilasha P.S (Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) & (Management Representative, ISO 9001:2008) successfully completed the course assessment and examination for the Quality Management System Auditor/ Lead Auditor Training Course based on ISO 9001: 2008 Standard and obtained Certificate from BUREAU VERITAS Certification agency certified by the International Register of Certified Auditors (IRCA) held during 04-08, March 2013 at Bangalore.
- ▶ Ms. Aparna .S. Balan (Asst. Prof- MCA) and Mr. Manesh D (Asst. Prof, MCA) attended a two week AICTE sponsored Faculty Development Programme, "Using Intranet & Linux Tools for Empowering Engineering Faculty" during June 10-22, 2013 held at Model Engineering College, Ernakulam.
- ▶ Ms. Abhilasha P.S (Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) attended and presented a paper titled "Use of Geo-synthetics as Filter Material in Blanket/ Core of Earthen Dams" in the Seminar on "Applications of Geosynthetics in Infrastructure Projects" organised by Central Board of Irrigation and Power, Delhi and International Geosynthetic

Society (Indian Chapter) at Bhopal, during 20-21, June 2013.

- ▶ Mr. Jayakumar.T.V (Asst Prof, CSE Dept) attended the Infosys Campus connect Deep Drive Faculty Training Programme at Toc H Institute of Science and Technology, Ernakulam during 17-21, June 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Theresa V Cherian and Ms. Manjary P Gangan (Asst Professors, Dept of CSE) participated in the Short Term Training Programme on Imaging Techniques (ImTec'13) organized by the Division of Electronics Engineering, School of Engineering, CUSAT under TEQIP Phase II during 17-21, June 2013.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

College Shuttle Badminton teams (M&W) participated in the PECSAGA Inter Collegiate Badminton competition held at Royal Engineering College, Akkikavu from January 15-16 2013. Men team defeated the defending champions IES college of Engg & Tech and secured championship. Women team maintained the Runner Up position. Men team members are Fadhinraj Hussain(ME S8), Nivinkumar K(EEE S8), Sreeraj Unnikrishnan(EEE S4),Nidhun K Sasi(S1S2),Grigary Roy(S1S2) and Abdul Basith(S1S2). Women team consists of Deepthi Dinesan(ECES4), Faeza(ECE S4), Rohitha Manoharlal(EEE S4) and Saranya P. H (S1S2)

- ▶ Mr. Shyam Kumar S , (S6 CE) secured first prize in the event ICE CREAM POPSTICK STRUCTURE and 2nd prize in Model making in IGNITE (a Techno cultural fest) held at Sree Vellappilly Nadesan College of Engineering Mavelikkara during January 23-25, 2013.
- ▶ Ms. Manasa Manohar (S8 PE) has been shortlisted as one of the 5 candidates for the Mar Baselios Youth Excellence Award instituted by Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, Trivandrum. The award is intended to identify and promote the pursuit of excellence among the Engineering Students.
- ▶ Jamshi. C.H and Sniya M Surendran students of S6 CE participated and presented the paper titled "GEOSYNTHETICS" in the technical fest PANCHAJANYA 2013 held at Sreepathy Institute of Management and Technology, Vavannoor during February 01-02, 2013.



▶ College football team participated in the PECSAGA Intercollegiate Football tournament held at IES College of Engg & Tech, Chittilappilly on January 19, 2013.

College Yoga team (Women) secured third position in the Calicut university Yoga Championship held at Prajyothi Nikethan College, Puthukkad on Feb 5, 2013. There were 12 teams in the Championship. Awsathy M Arun of ECE S6 is selected to represent Calicut University Yoga team to participate in the All India Inter University Yoga

Championship to be held at Sourashtra University, Rajkot on 18th Feb 2013. Team Members are Aswathy M Arun(ECE S6), Ashy Dileep(ECE S6), Theertha Gopinath (ECE S6), Anu Mohan(ECE S6), Athira T J(CE S6) and Fathima Shadha (ECE S4)

- ▶ College Chess team secured second in the PECSAGA Inter Collegiate Chess tournament held at Jawaharlal College of Engineering & Technology, Lakkidi on Jan 31 & Feb 01 2013. Mr. Shibin K Benny of CSE S6 secured Individual Championship. Team Members are Shibin K Benny(CSE S6), Arun(ME S6), Arjun K(PE S6), Arun Narayan(PE S4) and Bibin Jayachandran (CE S4)
- ▶ Rtn. Biju Memorial All Kerala Intercollegiate Quiz Competition held at the campus on 11, January 2013. The event was jointly organized by the Rotaract Club of VAST and Rotary Club of Kunnankulam. There were fifty one teams took part in the preliminary written round by representing various institutions all over Kerala. The competition held in two rounds and top six teams were selected to the finals based on scores in preliminary written round. Er.G. Mohanachandran (Executive Director, VICT) inaugurated the valedictory meeting and gave away the prizes for winners and runner-up, Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal, VAST) distributed the prizes for third and fourth places. Rtn. PHF Dr.K R Mukesh presided over the meeting Dr.George Kovoov, (Asst. Governor Rotary International District 3201), Rtn MPH K Balan (Director New generations) spoke on the occasion.
- ▶ Rtn PHF Dr.Rajgopal (Secretary, Rotary Club of Kunnankulam) delivered vote of thanks. Vishnu Vinayan & Leo Francis - Dept. Of Political Science, University of Kerala & NIT, Kozhikode secured first position. Shamim Abdulkader, & Alen Jude Thampi - SS college, Arikode & Medical College, Thrissur secured second position. Bony Raj & Francis Kurian Thomas - CET Trivandrum Mar Athanasious College of Engineering, Kothamangalam. secured third position.
- ▶ College Tennis team retained the Team championship by defeating Little Flower College, Guruvayoor in the Calicut University Tennis championship held at Calicut University Stadium during 13-15, Feb 2013. Miss. Reyma Joy (S6 CSE) became the University Champion for the year 2012-13. She is also selected to represent Calicut University team to participate in the South Zone Inter University Tennis tournament at NIT, Warangal. College team members are Reyma Joy CSE S6 and Deepthi VP ECE S4



- ▶ College Volleyball team secured First in the PECSAGA Inter Collegiate Volleyball tournament held at Nehru College of Engineering & Research Centre, Pampady during 13- 18, Feb 2013. Mr. Abino Davi P (Man of the tournament), Binjosh Joshi(Best Player Semifinals), Abdul Basith(Best Player(Final)). Team Members are Abino Davi P(PE S8), Binjosh Joshi(PE S6), Reji Paul(MCA S6), Haris V

M(MCA S4),Arun Premkumar(ME S8),Vishnudas P S(ME S4),Abdul Basith(S1S2),Shakeer K K (ECE S8),Surjith Lal S(PE S8),Kaushal Madhu P(ME S6),Aswin Vasanth (PE S8) and Muzammil(PE S8)



College Table Tennis women team secured First position and Men team secured Second position in the PECSAGA Inter Collegiate Table Tennis tournament held at Sahridaya College of Engineering & Technology, Kodakara Feb 18, 2013. Men team Members are Freddy Thomas(EEE S6),Anson Jose(S1S2),Nivin Kumar K(EEE S8),Varun M(ME S8) and Sreejith M Puthussery(ECE S8).The Women team members are Ann Tanya Maria(CE S8),Chanchal Prakash(EEE S8), Greeshma Nadh(EEE S8), V Swati Sasidharan(S1S2) and Saranya P H(S1S2)

▶ Achievements in D-Zone Arts Festival 2013

The following students bagged prizes in the Calicut University D-Zone Arts Festival during 11-15, February 2013 conducted at Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur. Of the 85 colleges participated in the competitions; Vidya Academy secured the 4th position. Sreedevi Dileep won first position in Sanskrit Versification, Ajmal P.Y won first position in Arabic Versification, Malavika Anilkumar won first position in Classical Music Women and Semiclassical solo, Sreejith M.J won first position in Folk Dance Men, Sreechithira R Nair won first position in Mimicry, Joel Paul James & Karthika A won first position in Debate, Jithin Raj P.B & Party won first position in Oppana (Men), Rakhi K & Party won first position in Thiruvathirakali, Ramdas M.U(S8 EEE) won second position in Light Music (Men), Indhulekha J(S6 EEE) won second position in Kathakali Sangeetham, Kavitha S(S4 ECE) won second position in Tamil Essay Writing, Ann Mary Bose & Party(S8 EEE) won second position in Light Western Group Song, Emil & Party (S4ME) won second position in Group Dance (Men), Sreechithira R Nair(S8PE) won third position in Light Music (Women), Deepak U(S1S2) won third position in Thayambaka, Sajin Sunny won third position in Jazz and Tripple Drum(S4PE), Malavika Anilkumar (S8 EEE) won third position in Veena, Sreechithira R Nair(S8PE) won third position in Kathaprasangam, Malavika Anilkumar & Party (S8 EEE) won third position in Patriotic Song, Emil & Party(S4 ME) won third position in Duff Mutt, Nikhil Menion, Akhil Mohan, Robeo R Chazhoor(S8 ME) won third position in General Quiz, Atish T Lenin, Dinto Vargheese P, Jithin Raj P.B (S8 ME) won third position in Pookalam.

- ▶ The project proposal submitted by two group of students of S8 EEE, "Integrated Approach to Proactive Detection of Sag in Transmission lines and Mitigation" has been selected for presentation in the prestigious Conference cum Exhibition "GRID TECH 2013" organised by Power Grid Corporation of India with support from Ministry of Power, Government of India and in association with CBIP & IEEMA

to be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi during 03-05, April 2013. The group includes - Nikhil Viswanathan,Pranav MS,Padmaja K,Radhika R,Maria Mathew,Rahul Suresh,Sonu Unnikrishnan,Shahin T A, Rincy Rappai & Mishal Rasheed. The Proposal was prepared under the Guidance of Dr. Sudha Balagopalan (Principal) and supported by Nitin Padmanabhan and Nikhil S (AP EEED).

- ▶ Shyam Kumar. S (S6 CE) secured first prize in "BUILTRIX" conducted as a part of Dhishna'13, technical festival organized by School of Engineering, CUSAT during 22-24, February 2013.

- ▶ K. Muhammed Anas and Shyam Kumar S (S6 CE) participated in the event "Stick Your Bridge!" in Karma 2013, the annual National level techno-managerial-cultural extravaganza organized by KMCT College of Engineering, Calicut during 14-17, February 2013.

- ▶ College cricket team regained championship in the PECSAGA Intercollegiate Cricket Tournament held on 27.02.2013 at VAST. Mr. Aneesh P Prakash (MCA) was selected as the Man of the Match.



- ▶ Aswathy M Arun (ECE S6) represented Calicut University Yoga Team in the All India Inter University Yoga Championship held at Bhuvanagar city, Gujarat, and the team secured 10th position.

- ▶ The students Sreelakshmy Suresh, Greeshma Nadh, Athira Aravind, Vanadana T, Arathy Jacob, Lakshmi, Athira P S and Sniya Sunil of S8 EEE have qualified in the GATE 2013.

- ▶ Arjun Vinod (S8 CE) secured 2nd prize in ISTE-"Sreenivasa Ramanujan Mathematical Competitive Examination 2012"-Engineering College (student category) at the zonal level conducted by ISTE, New Delhi.

- ▶ Arjun Vinod (S8 CE) secured 2nd prize in Techfest "Lakshya 13" in the event "Encode" organized by GEC, Kozhikode during February 07-09, 2013.

- ▶ Deepak K V (S6 CE) secured 3rd prize in ISTE-"Sreenivasa Ramanujan Mathematical Competitive Examination 2012"-Engineering College (student category) at the zonal level conducted by ISTE, New Delhi.

- ▶ Deepak K V (S6 CE) secured 2nd prize in Western Group Song at "SRISHTI 1.3" held at Regional Theatre, Thrissur organized by St.Thomas College, Thrissur.

- ▶ Shyam Kumar S (S6 CE) participated in the event "Junkyard Wars" during "VIDYUT'13" held at Amrita Viswa Vidyaapeetham,Amritapuri Campus during March 1-3, 2013

▶ Two NSS Volunteers Jishnu C R (CE S4) and Harikrishnan C M (CE S4) participated in the State level training of Water Sanitation WATSANIAC held at Mar Baselious College of Engg & Technology, Trivandrum from January 16-17, 2013.

▶ Female Volunteer secretaries Anjaly M (EEE S8) and Anagha C (ECE S6) participated in the State Level Workshop for Female Secretaries on "Women Empowerment" held at Govt. Womens Polytechnic College, Kalamassery on 19th & 20th January 2013.



NSS volunteers participated in One Rupee One Life Project organized by Alpha pain Clinic, Thrissur, inauguration held at Thoppe Stadium on 23rd January 2013

▶ Two NSS volunteers Sree Hari K (EEE S6) and Vishnu Ajith A (EEE S4) participated in the Three days intensive training on "Young Energy Auditor" held at Jai Bharath College of Management & Engineering Technology, Perumbavoor from January 25 – 27, 2013 jointly organized by National Service Scheme & Energy Management Centre, Department of Power.

▶ Miss Aswathy P, National Service Scheme Volunteer is awarded with the Award for Top scorers for the year 2012-13 by the Directorate of Technical Cell, Govt. of Kerala. She is presently working as a Guest Lecturer in our Civil Department. She received the award on February 17, 2013 during the NSS State Annual Meet & Distribution of Award at KMCT Polytechnic College, Kozhikode.

▶ The final year student project "Integrated Approach to Proactive Detection & Mitigation of Sag in Transmission Lines" done by two groups of final year EEE students – Nikhil Viswanathan, Rahul Suresh Raj, Pranav M S, Shahin T A, Maria Mathew, Padmaja K, Radhika, Rincy Rappai, Sonu Unnikrishnan and Mishal Rasheed under the guidance of Dr.Sudha Balagopalan, Principal & Professor in EEED, Nitin Padmanabhan & Nikhil S, AP EEED was selected for presentation from 250 project proposals received by the review committee. Total 33 projects were selected from all over India. Only two projects from Kerala were selected one from NIT Calicut and the other from VAST.

▶ Sreejith M, Joel C Joy, Ragi P K, Swathy Sathyan and Glaison C J accompanied by Nitin Padmanabhan, Asst. Prof., EEED represented VAST at GRIDTECH 2013. The team was given a cash prize of Rs. Ten Thousand and appreciation certificates. POWERGRID, with support from Ministry of Power, Govt. of India and in association with CBIP and IEEMA organised GRIDTECH 2013: 4th International Exhibition and conference from April 3-5, 2013 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. In the exhibition, about 135 International & National manufacturers showcased their State-of-the-Art products & Technologies.

▶ The following students of Vidya won prizes in the Inter-zone Arts Festival of Calicut University held at Kozhikode during 01-05, April 2013. Sreedevi Dileep (S8 EEE) won first prize in Sanskrit Versification, Sreejith M.J (S8 ME) won first prize in Folk Dance Men, Joel Paul James & Karthika A (S8 PE) won first prize in Debate, Malavika Anilkumar (S8 EEE) won second prize in Semiclassical solo and Classical Music Women, Indhulekha J (S6 EEE) won second prize in Kathakali Sangeetham, Ann Mary Bose (S8 EEE), Joel Paul (S8 PE), Swarna Vinayan (S6 PE), Abhijath (S6 CSE), Naithan C. B (S6 ECE), Deepak K. V (S6 CE) and Sajin Sunny (S4 PE) won second prize in Western Group Song, Mahesh Gopi (S6 ECE), Mohd. Jadheer (S4 ME), Jithin Raj P.B, Ashwin Therkeyil, Madhu Mohan, Emil Moosa, Rohith Ramakrishnan, Lughman Habeeb, Sreejith K. S. and Arun Murali (S6 ME) won third prize in Oppana Men

▶ An amount of Rs. 5000/- has been collected by the NSS volunteers through stamp sale and this amount has been deposited to the Zainik welfare office, Thrissur for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the Ex-service men, widows & their children.

▶ As a part of Save Paper Save Trees Project 253 Kg paper was collected through paper collection boxes and shifted to the paper recycling unit and an amount of Rs.1,511/- is received.

▶ As a part of Brahma Vidya Social Outreach Programme, has started yoga class for the public and staff has started. The first session was held on 03, April 2013 at the college auditorium.

▶ K. Muhammed Anas and Shyam Kumar S (S6 CE) won 1st position with a cash award of Rs.10, 000/- in the event "Cube Casting" co-ordinated by Ultra tech at Govt. Engineering College, Kannur on February 17, 2013.

▶ Ms. Aarathi C (S8 EEE) and Mr. Arjun Vinod (S8 CE) won first and second prize respectively in the paper presentation competition for engineering college students in the prestigious 2nd National Energy Congress ENCON 2013 organized by Energy Conservation Society (ECS) at Ernakulam District Panchayat Auditorium from 25-27th May 2013. The congress was sponsored by Dept. of Science & Technology and supported by KSCSTE, BEE, ANERT, EMC and NATPAC.

▶ College chess team participated in the 6th Thrissur International FIDE Rating open chess tournament organized by Chess Association Thrissur & Sakthan Thampuran College of Mathematics, Thrissur from April 24 – 28, 2013. Arjun K (S6 PE) has become FIDE rated player and Shubin K Benny (S6 CSE) improved his rating from 1389 to 1395



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