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From the Editor's Desk

Words fail when heart is filled with emotion and there is too much to say. The frequency of newsletters have become very sparse and many news items have lost their relevance. I am also responsible for the sorry state of affairs. There are many who eagerly wait for the newsletter and I dedicate this edition to them. Of late CET has become a news maker. Though some of the news are not of our liking and media have blown things out of proportion. Accidents do occur in a campus where there are more than 3000 students, at 300 teaching staff and an equal number of supporting staff. CET has become really large. I am referring to the unfortunate incidents where three of our students lost their lives. May their souls rest in peace.

The quality consciousness in CET is reaching new heights. The entire campus have joined hands to retain ISO 9001 : 2000 certification and are striving to obtain the highest possible grades in AICTE accreditation. The TEQIP project has trans-formed the campus. Still I feel a little more of care in house keeping would have given the right looks to this great institution. Proper gardens, lawns, fountains and litter free zones will change the ambience. This is where CETAA, PTA and other non-governmental organizations can help the institution.

After the 'Indira Priyadarshini Vrikshmitra Award' from Ministry of Environment and Forests, for the greenest educational institution, now it is the 'Palathulli Award' for the rain harvesting efforts. The staff and students and all concerned may be congratulated for these efforts.

The campus recruitment season is on and as usual all big names are in the campus. IBM, Microsoft, INFOSYS, TCS, CTS, On the last count 733 job offers for 525 registered students. Hats off

to the students, staff and CGPU. Our alumni have to be thanked for this achievement, but for their performance in wherever they are, people would not have noticed CET.

It is learned that 1981 batch is preparing for their Silver Jubilee in a big way. Many other batch get-together are being organized regularly. But when it comes to CETAA, the mother body, the response is luke warm. I suggest that the CETian feeling shall become dominant and then only the '*giving back to the Alma mater*' will take root.

B. Anil

Notice of Annual General Body Meeting of CETAA

Notice is given to all members of CETAA that the Annual General Body Meeting of CETAA will be held at 5.30 pm on 5th August 2006 at Aqua Engineers' Tower, Kowdiar, Trivandrum. All members are requested to attend.

Members intending to move any resolution or raise any matter from the floor of the house shall intimate the Hon. Secretary latest by 4th August 2006. Office bearers shall be elected at the GB meeting. Nominations duly proposed and seconded by life members along with written acceptance of the proposed members shall reach the Hon. Secretary in writing latest by 5.00 pm on 4th August 2006.

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CHANGE OF GUARD AT CET



Dr. R Ibrahim kutty has taken charge as the Principal of College of Engineering, Trivandrum on 20th July 2006. He belongs to 1973 batch (EC) of UG and 1977 Batch of PG from our Institution. He had his PhD from IIT Kharagpur. Dr. Ibrahim kutty joined CET as a lecturer in 1980. He has served the institution in various capacities such as Assistant Professor, Professor, Dean(UG studies), Warden of the hostels etc. He has been working as the Principal, RIT Kottayam.

PALATHULLY AWARD

One more feather in the cap of CET for its efforts in conservation. CET has won the 'Palathully Award' constituted by Malayala Manorama for the outstanding Water-Eco friendly educational institution of the state. The innovative ideas and inspiring achievement of the institution in the field of water conservation and environmental awareness enabled it to get first place in the prestigious Malayala Manorama Palathully award. A team of experts scouted and evaluated the outstanding models of water conservation and recommended the award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a citation. It was received by Prof. Anthony Thomas, former principal from Sri. V.S. Achuthanandan, the Chief Minister, in a colourful function on 21st June 2006 at Thiruvananthapuram. The function was attended by Sri. K.K. Premachandran, Minister for water resources, and Sri. Mathew Varghese Editor, Malayala Manorama.

(Congrats to all involved)

ISO 9001 : 2000

The auditing for ISO 9001: 2000 certification, has taken place during first week of July. There was no hiccups and only minor non-conformities. All departments of CET will continue to enjoy ISO 9001 : 2000 quality stamp for conducting under graduate and post-graduate programmes in engineering. The auditing has been carried out by STQC, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India.

IEE(LONDON) ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2005



Prof. V. Radhakrishnan (1961 M), Director (Research) of Amritha Viswa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore has been conferred with Institution of Electrical Engineering (London) Achievement Award 2005. The award was presented on 17 January 2006 at Savoi Palace, London. He served IIT Chennai for 38 years, holding many academic and administrative positions. He has seven patents to his credit and has won many national and international awards for his inventions and contributions to manufacturing engineering. He has supervised 22 PhD and 16 MS theses and has more than 230 research papers to his credit in National and International Journals. Prof. Radhakrishnan has Fellowship in several professional bodies such as Indian National Academy of Engineering, Society of Manufacturing Engineers (USA), Institution of Electrical Engineers (London) and Institution of Engineers (India). He has won NRDC award for innovative invention in 1987 and 1998, Humbolt Research Award by Alexander von Humbolt Foundation, Germany. He was also the recipient of AIMTDR Award for lifetime achievement for his contributions to research, teaching and development in the area of manufacturing technology.

He has been awarded with INAE fellowship and will be joining College of Engineering, Trivandrum as an Honorary professor in January 2007 for the next three years.

(CET will gain immensely from one of her illustrious sons)

FELICITATION TO DR. G.MADHAVAN NAIR

Padmabhushan Dr. G. Madhavan Nair (1966 E) who has been selected to receive the award for excellence in research and outstanding performance in technology instituted by 1953 batch was felicitated on 10th February 2006 in a colourful function held at the CETAA Hall. The award was presented by Prof. Anthony Thomas, former Principal. Dr. N. Asokkumar, secretary, CETAA welcomed the gathering and Sri. M. Raman Nair,

representative from 1953 batch briefed on the award. Vote of thanks was proposed by Smt. Anitha S Nair, Joint Secretary, CETAA. Dr. G.Madhavan Nair is presently the Chairman of the ISRO and also the Chairman, Space Commission and Secretary to Government of India, Department of Space.

(Sir, we are proud of you)\

ENERGY CONSERVATION CLUB

The First college level Energy Conservation Club was inaugurated at CET on 10th February 2006 at CETAA Hall. One day workshop on Energy conservation was also organized in this connection. Sri. K. M. Dharesan Unnithan, Joint Director, Energy Management centre, and Prof.(Dr). Chandramohanan Nair, President Energy Conservation Society participated.

CAMPUS PLACEMENT 2006

These days all big names in IT field are in CET campus. 24 Companies have visited the institution in the last two months and another 10 are to follow. Tech companies also make their presence felt once in a while. The campus placement for the batch passing out in 2007 is in progress. The offers so far : CTS-227, IBM-113, INFOSYS-87, TCS-46, Mindtree-42, Wipro-40, US Software- 34, Microsoft- 9, Symphony – 11, Socrates-8, HCL-15, TATA ELXI-10, I-flex-6, Tech Mahindra-24, Accenture- 3, HP-5, Deloittee-14, Critor-5, IBS-4, Asok Leyland-5, Nest-7, Shaporji Pallorji-8, On Mobile-3, CISCO-5. Many more companies have expressed their desire to visit CET for recruitment. As on date, 733 job offers have been received by 525 registered candidates. Don't you think it is impressive. The offers range from Rs.2.2 lakh per annum to Rs.9.2 lakh.

(commendable achievement)

TEQIP

The world bank assisted Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP) has transformed the campus. New building for computer science and central computer facility is coming up near the western side of the campus. All laboratories are being modernised. Faculty and staff are busy attending training programmes. Latest learning resources and software are being acquired by the departments. The campus is fully networked and all latest audio visual gadgets provided in departmental seminar halls.

Departments now have well equipped computer labs and departmental libraries.

Allocation for various heads are as follows: Civil works – Rs. 300 lakh, Equipment – Rs. 1370 lakh, Furniture – Rs. 140 lakh, Books and Learning Resources – Rs. 380 lakh, and Training – 251 lakh, Departments are vying with each other to corner larger share of the pie and meet dead lines.

CETAA MERIT EVENING

CETAA Merit Evening was held on 12th July 2006 at CETAA hall, College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram. Forty eight endowment awards were distributed in the presence of a large gathering.

GUIDANCE TO ENGINEERING ENTRANCE

CETAA has taken the initiative to conduct one day counseling/guidance programme for students for admission to engineering course on 11th June 2006. Top academicians and eminent personalities in the field of technical education including former principals and retired professors acted as resource persons. The programme was intended to give sufficient information to the students and their parents regarding various branches of study. The programme was a run away success and more than 350 students attended the counseling.

SCHIFFLIES INDIA LTD

Schiffliies India Ltd, is setting up a new schifli embroidery plant at Cochin at a cost of Rs.13.3 crores. It is one of the fastest growing companies of its kind in India mainly based in Delhi. They have some biggest local and international names as their customers. The foundation stone for the Cochin unit was laid by Sri. Elamaram Karim, the Honorable Minister for Industries. Sri. K.M. Sebastine (1984 T) is the Managing Director.
(Good luck Sebi for your entrepreneurial endeavour)

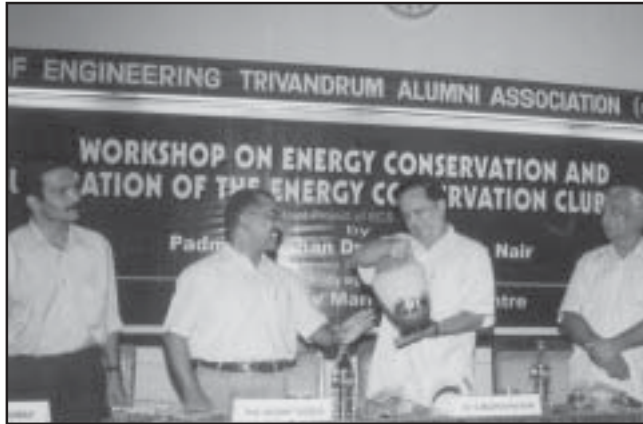
NATURE CAMP

CETAA sponsored a study tour and Nature camp at Parappa (Kasaragode) during 3-5 March 06. 16 members attended.

DONATION OF BOOKS

1954 batch has donated a number of latest books in Engineering to the Institution through CETAA.

(Thank you)



Felicitating Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, Dr. N. Asokkumar, Prof. Anthony Thomas, and Sri. Raman Nair can also be seen.



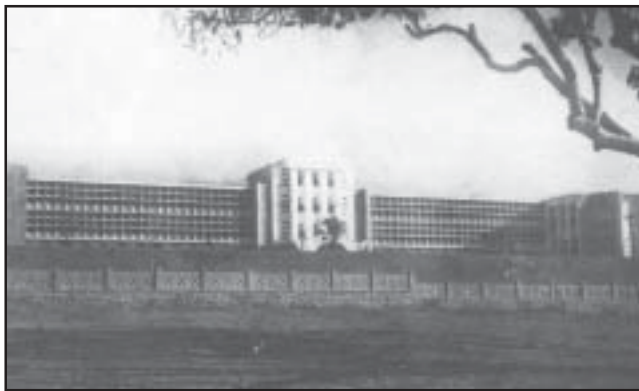
Inauguration of Energy Conservation Club.



Cultural programme of CETAA Day 2005



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A view of the college in 1960's



A view of the college at present



Flora & Fauna from the campus



A Magpie Robin (The campus is now home for more than 35 species of birds)



Sunrise viewed from the campus