

GEcT SAFE (Government Engineering College Thrissur, Student Assistance Fund for Education)

Background: G E C T is one of the oldest premier technological institutions of Kerala, which has produced a lot of engineering and technological talents over the past 5 decades. Every year Hundreds of meritorious youth walk in through its portals aspiring for a good academic degree and a covetable place amongst the chosen lot of the best career market of the country. But, dreams and reality seldom go hand – in – hand ! Often, many find the environment non-conducive to pursue their goals due to many constraints, mainly financial.

Do you Know:

- That about 5% of students admitted on merit to G E C T consider dropping out thanks to financial constraints?
- That, it costs just Rs. 10,000 per student per year (as in 2010) to retain these young talents in the campus?
- That by joining us you too can contribute to the secure future of a family as well as empowerment of a talented youth?

The Alumni Association is inspired by the hope that it can make a difference in the lives of deserving but needy students in their pursuit of academic and career goals,with a supporting hand from students, faculties, other staff, parents, retired staff and most importantly, the generous well wishers of **GEcT**. We have

already launched ourselves on this track.

Currently,

- A Student counseling cell functions in the campus to identify deserving students.
- About 50 students are given financial support by this cell, under the sponsorship of the Alumni Association through funds generated from various sources, mostly Alumni chapters and batches. In the past 5 years, about 6 lakhs has been distributed through this initiative.
- The Principal's Emergency Fund offers one-time assistance to a selected number of students. The scheme is now in its 3rd year since inception and has provided assistance of nearly Rs. 3.75 lakhs to a total of 84 students.

In recent times, it is seen that substantial number of meritorious students who seek admission to this college are in need of a support. We feel that more concerted efforts are

needed to establish a fund for managing financial support of this magnitude. **GECT should continue with its role in social commitment.**

Our Target:

- To collect sufficient funds to assist 100 students.
- To create an Alumni corpus fund, the target set for Rs. 150 lakhs, to be achieved in one year.
- To utilize the interest earned on this amount for awarding scholarships to deserving talented students.
- To collect an initial fund Rs. 20 lakhs in 3 months and achieve the target capital Rs. 150 lakhs in one year.
- The sponsorship of 100 students to be achieved in a phased manner. This will be expanded to higher levels if need arises in future.

Next steps -

- It is now felt that more concerted and coordinated efforts are required to establish a fund for managing financial assistance of this nature. The fund will be utilized to maximize educational opportunity for those who would otherwise struggle to meet the costs of accommodation, educational materials and other expenses. With this key objective in mind, the Alumni Association has launched a corpus fund for the purposes of providing financial assistance to deserving students of **G E C T** in weak financial circumstances, but indicating academic capability and potential. The program is named **GEcT SAFE** (**G**overnment **E**ngineering **C**ollege **T**richur **S**tudent **A**ssistance **F**und for **E**ducation).

Our Approach -

The Alumni Association is inspired by the belief that it can make a difference to the lives of those students who have reached this college on their Merit and who deserve a helping hand in their pursuit of an educational qualification and thereby a desirable career, with help also from other stake holders and well wishers of **GECT**.

GEcT SAFE envisions:

- To offer a helping hand to talented students who suffer from financial constraints.
- To step in to support their emotional needs through counseling.

In return, GEcT SAFE expects them to keep up their good grades. GEcT SAFE also appeals to their commitment and goodwill to help ease the burden of those who come after them, once they settle down successfully in a career.

You are one of the blessed few who could make it to your best when opportunities opened their doors before you. In your quest for your goals, asked and unasked, many hands might have imparted their strength to you to tide over the toughest tracks. But many among your friends and classmates may have a different story to tell: many who, for reasons other than merit had to drop out from the course crushed by financial needs; many, who, after graduation grope in darkness to find a suitable career, for sheer want of exposure and guidance. Such stories make you humble and you bow before your good luck for adding you to the chosen few.

But here is more you can do :

- As a thanks giving to all who have stood by you to make it through to a safe shore.
- As a fond remembrance of your alma mater that has suckled you with the elixir of knowledge.
- As a gesture of fellowship and empathy from a socially committed individual.

With profound gratitude we acknowledge the voluntary offers of cooperation already extended by various sources like the **Public, Faculty members, Supporting staff members, Administrative staff, Retired faculty members, Parents and Students**. We appeal to the benevolence of all generous hearts who are ready to join us and share our task. We look forward to your cooperation and contributions.

GEcT SAFE anchors its hope on your good will and commitment. Let us join hands to realise this noble dream !

We invite you to join GEcT SAFE to offer a helping hand to our needy and meritorious students.

How to Donate to GEcT SAFE :

All donations/contributions to SAFE for supporting deserving students shall be credited to **“GEcT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CORPUS FUND”** Account No. **67101719070** STATE BANK OF TRAVANCORE, P.B.NO.1601, K M MANI MEMORIAL BLDGS, CHERUR P.O., THRISSUR, KERALA, PIN-680008

The payment can be made through internet banking, Electronic clearance or by cheque/DD favoring **“GEcT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CORPUS FUND”** drawn at Thrissur.

SWIFT code for remittance from overseas **SBTRINBBFED**

IFSC CODE **SBTR0000207**

Payment on a regular monthly basis also is acceptable.

Contributors who make the payments through net banking or Electronic Clearance are requested to inform the Alumni office either by a letter or email the payment details, name

of the contributor, Relationship with college, branch of study and year of passing from GECT (If an Alumnus of the college) for maintenance of records and accounts.

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