## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, GECT FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

The annual General Body meeting of the association was held on 30.1.2021, 8 p m IST through Google Meet. The following members were elected as the new office bearers of the association.

U	Office Bearers (Elected At The General Body Meeting Held On 26-01-2020		
1	<u>President</u>	Dr. Sheeba V.S., 9400006411 Principal :0487-2334590	
2	<u>Vice President</u>	Er. K. Ramakrishnan(1976 CE): 9447290006 Dr. Sumam K.S. (1986 CE): 9496167977	
3	<u>Secretary</u>	Prof. T. Krishnakumar (1982 ME): 9447081459	
		Dr. Nowshaja P T (1988 CE):9496360505	
	<u>Treasurer</u>	Prof. Anil Rajagopal (2003 PE): 9447385405	
	Members:	r (1983 ME):9995297900	
	2.Er.N S Sivaraman(1969ME):9841055570		
	3. Er. Jose Thomas (1983CE): 9846180448		
	4.Prof. Vidyasagar K(1984 PE):9446029836 5. Er. M Narendran (1988 CE):+971508052148		
	6. Er.SantoshRaghavan (1990PE):+6594306393		
	7. Er. Sangameswaran (1995 ECE):+1 (720)682-9580		
	8. Dr. Sheeja Krishnan (1997 CHE):+44 7543834022		
	9.Prof. Jikhil Joseph (2011 CE):9080579044		
	10. Prof. Karun V. Gopal (2014 M.Tech):8907457905		
	11. Prof. Binoy B. B. (2004 EEE): 9496366263		
	12. Dr. Anjana R. (2010 CHE):9446024544		
	13. Dr. Nelson K.J. (2005 ECE):9496240227		
	14. Prof. Rahmathulla (2001 CSE):9446622225		
	15. Prof .Rekha V Kumar (2005 B Arch.):9497426819		
	16. Dr. Ali M A(2018 Ph. D):9895464415		

## An overview of the significant activities initiated during the 2021-22 period by the GECT Alumni Association is reported in the subsequent paragraphs

*Ad Ingenium Lecture Series:* (The lecture series is jointly organized by Alumni Association, GECT Development Trust and IEDC of College.)

In order to motivate the students on finding the best skills to be achieved and to face the changed scenario in the Job market, a Lecture series was initiated by the Alumni association in 2020.

One Lecture (details given below) was conducted in 2021 and few more are in the pipe line. There is a need for better coordinated effort for conducting more number of lectures in this series

Ad Ingenium Lecture on "Gamification" by Dr Manu Melwin Joy (2002- 06 batch Civil Engineering), Assistant Professor, School of Management Studies, on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### Farewell to Principal and retiring faculty members

A farewell program was conducted on 29 <sup>th</sup>March 2021 through Google Meet to bid farewell to Principal Dr. Sheeba V S and other faculty members retiring from service in 2021. The following faculty members were felicitated

Dr. Sheeba V S Dr. Sajikumar N Dr. Sumam K S Dr. Jayanand B Prof. Preetha K P Dr. Ali M A

# *Felicitation torank holders of All India Civil Service Examination and Kerala Administrative Services, among Alumni.*

The felicitation program "ALMA MATER SALUTES" for rank holders of All India Civil Service Examination and Kerala Administrative Services (KAS) was conducted on 16/10/21 at 7 pm through Google Meet.

The Following Alumni were felicitated.

Ms. K Meera (2016 ME), Selected to IAS

- Sri. K S Shahan Shah (2013 ME), selected to IPS
- Sri. S Aneez (2015 ME), selected toIFS
- Sri. C V Manmohan(2013 ME), selected to the rank list of KAS

Sri. BhaskarNath (2009 ME), selected to the rank list of KAS

Sri. MelbinThampi (2014 ME), selected to the rank list of KAS

Sri. Vishnu S Kumar (2015 ME), selected to the rank list of KAS Gopika(2015 CE) was also selected to KAS but could not attend the Felicitation Program

Following Alumni and former faculty spoke in the program.

Sri. A Hemachandran I P S (Retd), Former D G P Sri. P G Thomas I A S (Retd), Former Labour Commissioner Sri. N I Varghese, Thrissur Chapter of Alumni Dr. Z A Zoya, Principal, College of Engineering, Perumon Sri. Sreenivasan Krishnan, Former I I S Sri. Reuban Mathew Jacob, I R S Sri. Jithin Rahiman, I A S

The collector's edition of the book "Ajaya", authored by Anand Neelakantan (1996 ECE) was gifted to all the winners by the author himself.

## Sponsorship by Alumni.

Based on requests received from Production Engineering and Civil Engineering department for immediate purchase of mobile phones for two students to meet their requirements for attending online classes, mobile phones were purchased and delivered to them through an Alumnus

(from CE department) who expressed willingness to support similar causes. Further, two Alumni (from CE department) also contributed towards the payment of caution deposit in Men's Hostel for a deserving student needing financial support.

GETSET (Government Engineering College Thrissur Student Empowerment Trust) scholarship scheme initiated by Alumni of 1984-88 Civil (B batch), in the year 2017, provides financial support, professional mentoring and placement support to deserving students of Civil Engineering department. Till date 57 students have been supported under the scheme. A sum of Rs 19, 30,000 has been paid to the beneficiaries of GETSET scholarship scheme. Alumni association provides support in identifying the deserving students and in monitoring their progress.

Based on the request from HOD (MCA), financial support (refundable) was provided for the purchase of laptop in the department for temporary allotment to deserving students.

## Mentoring Program – Class room to Career, C2C

Program specific Mentor-Mentee interaction sessions were initiated by three departments with an aim to share the expertise of individual mentors for the benefit of all the mentees in the stream. These sessions are in addition to the regular mentor-mentee (one to one) interactions underway in the department.

The following mentors from Computer Science & Engineering Department delivered the sessions addressing the mentees of the department

Ranjith Haridas S Menon Jithesh Vijayakumar Biju Kalissery Babu George P Sanjeevi Jai Kumar Rajshree S

In a similar program in Civil Engineering Department, the following mentors delivered the session on the indicated topics

Subin Shekhar-"Career oppurtunities in Kerala Government Services" on 11/9/21 Dr. Ranjith K Soman- Higher education-Research options in Civil Engineering on 8/10/21 Sanoop Kottuvayal-Civil Engineering Career options in Central Govt. Sector on 16/11/21

Chemical Engineering department organized two sessions by Alumni in a similar theme with details as given below.

Dr. Nishant Gopinathan & Dr. Najeeb Kuzhiyil - "International Research Oppurtunities : Success stories" Ann Maria Jose, Samuel Mani, Bharath Jayakumar-"Higher studies in India and abroad"

264 Students of 2018 and 2019 admission are currently assigned to 172 Mentors. The revamped Alumni website will provide an online Portal for connecting the Mentors and Mentees along with coordinating Faculty Members.

#### Alumni website revamping

The revamping of GECT Alumni website has been outsourced to 'Vaave' team. The framework and design of website has been finalized based on series of discussion held between Alumni website committee headed by Dr. Sumam K S and 'Vaave' team. Dr. Mubarak, Associate professor in M.E has been assigned the charge of Administrator of the Alumni website. The onboarding process is underway and the website is ready to be launched on 26/1/2022.

### "SARGA KANTHI"

The bookshelf "SargaKanthi" maintained at the GECT Alumni Association Headquarters, exhibits the collection of literary books by Alumni, children of Alumni and former faculty. Currently there is a collection of 86 books.

#### TECTALGIA

The first Global online arts & literary festival of GECT Alumni-"TECTALGIA-I" was conducted in part 1 and part 2 respectively in March 2021 and April 2021. The UK chapter was the lead coordinator of the event. The various Alumni chapters of GECT, extending from Singapore to west cost of United States, actively participated in various events and contributed towards the success of the program.

TECTALGIA first edition was well received by the GECT Alumni family spread across the globe. Drawing inspiration from its success, the second edition-TECTALGIA-II was initiated and it went on air on the New Year day-the first of January 2022. UK chapter took the initiative to coordinate the second edition as well. The program has good viewership in YouTube as well as TECTALGIA Facebook page.

#### Student support initiatives

The following financial supports were offered to various student chapters of GEC for supporting their activities.

Financial assistance to Oasis, GEC Chapter

Financial assistance for ISTE, GEC student chapter

The total funds available with the Association enabled us to continue the GEcT SAFE award to 63 students (which include students already in receipt of the award and the newly inducted first year and lateral entry students (2020 admission). The progress of these students is being monitored continuously and is found to be satisfactory. They all have consistently good academic track record. New applications from the first year students (2020 admission) for the SAFE scholarships has been invited and the selection process is underway. Ten girl students are currently receiving Vidya Sakthi Scholorship which is a scholarship initiated by a group of US based lady Engineers with a view to provide financial assistance to deserving girl students.

The Caution deposits of the 2018 batch was released from office. The Association has extended financial support from the CD share to various departments in order to take care of urgent maintenance work and other student welfare related activities recommended by the heads of department.

B2C programs were conducted in Civil, Chemical and Electronics & Communication Engineering Departments. The Alumni association had fulfilled the student verification request by companies with help from the college office and departments to confirm the qualification of students. Eighteen verification reports and fifty certificates (in the requested format) were sent this year

These are the highlights of the activities of the association in the previous year. The Alumni association aspires to continue the networking and contribution to various causes of GECT

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