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CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM 2009

The annual career guidance and counseling program of AACEG was organized on July 25 and 26, 2009 and August 1 and 2, 2009. A total of about 750 students participated in the program. Since the recruitment scenario has changed drastically this year from the previous years, the pattern and content of the program were suitably modified. Experts from leading industrial organizations like Simpsons, Siemens and Larsen and Toubro, from The Hindu, from IT sector company, Raqmiyat and from Institution of Valuers were invited to give lectures on the current industrial prospects and job opportunities. Regular components of the program such as group discussion and mock interviews were also organized. The students appreciated the modified format of the program.

The number of IT companies recruiting fresh graduates showed a steep drop in 2008 – 2009 compared to previous years. Further the companies that visited the campuses selected only a small number of students. IT industry is recovering from the recession and is expected to be in full strength in a couple of years. However the employment situation is likely to be bleak in 2009 – 2010 also.

PLAN TO NETWORK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS

A proposal to network five thousand research and development Institutions and twenty thousand colleges across the country will be launched by the Union Ministry for communications and Information Technology in the near future. Such connectivity will ensure that no student will be deprived of top lectures delivered outside a given campus.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association, College of Engineering, Guindy is scheduled to be held at 6.00 PM on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Alumni Centre. All the members are invited to attend the AGM. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of AGM held on September 20, 2008.
2. Approval of the Annual Report for the Year 2008 – 2009.
3. Approval of Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 2008 – 2009.
4. Appointment of Auditor and fixing Audit Fees for the year 2009 – 2010.
5. Any other matter with the prior approval of the Chair.

The AGM will be preceded by High Tea, Fellowship and Games. All the members are welcome to participate in the Rally with their families. The Program is as follows:

4.00 PM Registration, Fellowship and High Tea
4.30 PM High Tea
6.00 PM Annual General Body Meeting

ASSESSORS OF NAAC VISIT ANNA UNIVERSITY

A team of Assessors from National Accreditation and Assessment Council UGC visited Anna University on September 17, 18 and 19, 2009. Ten post graduate programs – 6 in Mechanical and 4 in Civil - have applied for renewal of accreditation for a further period. The team interacted with the Alumni of CEG for about one hour on September 18, 2009 evening. The Alumni apprised the members of the various activities of Alumni Association. The team appreciated the efforts of the Alumni for having a close link with the faculty and the students.

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

AACEG felicitated two senior former Professors of College of Engineering, Guindy, Dr. Dharmalingam, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Dr. Sankaranarayanan, Professor of Printing Technology on the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2009.

Dr. Jai Prakash Narain presided over the meeting. The function started with a brief carnatic music performance by Anna University Cultural Group. The audience appreciated the efforts taken by the students. Dr. Sekar, Dean, College of Engineering, Guindy then gave a brief introduction of the two eminent teachers. Prof. Dharmalingam then gave an interesting account of his academic career highlighting his association with student activities. Prof. Sankaranarayanan dwelt on his post retirement activities and his long association with the Ashram of Swami Vedathri. The presentation of mementoes to the honored guests marked the end of a very pleasant function. Sri Sakthinathan proposed a vote of thanks.

NEW NITS TO BE SET UP

Nine new National Institutes of Technology will be set up in Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Goa, Puduchery, Sikkim, Delhi and Uttarakhand. The total number of NITs is now 29. Of the twenty existing NITs 17 were originally started as Regional Engineering Colleges. They were taken over as fully funded Institutions of Central Government, granted deemed University status and rechristened as NITs in 2003.

These new NITs will cover all the States and Union Territories which have not so far been served by NIT network. These new Institutes will meet the demands of engineering in those states to a major extent since 50 % of the seats have to be filled by the students within the state while remaining seats are to be filled on all India merit basis.

The first round of admissions will begin in the next academic year in these institutions. The classes will be held in mentor NITs or leased buildings.

ELEVATOR IN ALUMNI CENTER COMMISSIONED



The newly constructed elevator in the Alumni Center has become operational since September 2009. The elevator has become essential since most of the meetings are held in the first floor and the senior citizens have difficulty in negotiating the stairs.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

The Department of Civil Engineering of Anna University is the oldest in the Country. It dates back to May 17, 1794, when the East India Company established a Survey School to train military personnel and surveyors. This has grown to a Civil Engineering School in 1858 and later a Civil Engineering College in 1859.

Presently the Department of Civil Engineering has six well established disciplines - Structures, Water Resources, Soil Mechanics, Environmental Engineering, Urban Engineering and Remote Sensing. The department functions with three divisions, Structural Engineering, Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, Urban Systems and Development. The three advanced centers are, Centre for Water Resources, Centre for Environmental Studies, Institute for Remote Sensing

These centers and divisions all have fully developed laboratories with classroom facilities and are renowned for their academic and research achievements at national and international levels. The Department of Civil Engineering has been approved for a very long time as a centre for the Quality Improvement Programme at Masters and Doctoral levels.

