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GENESIS DAY CELEBRATIONS



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, GUINDY EMBLEM

Genesis Day was celebrated on Monday, May 17, 2010 at Alumni Centre. Jai Prakash Narain, President, AACEG presided over the function. S. Chidambaram, Vice President, AACEG introduced the chief guest. C.G. Swaminathan (1944 H), former Director, Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi who had been a popular faculty member in CEG during late forties and early fifties was the chief guest. In his address Swaminathan mentioned that the top engineering positions in Central and State Governments, Railways, Armed Forces and other organizations were manned by Alumni of CEG immediately after independence and they were largely responsible for the major constructions and industrialization of India. M. Sekar Dean, CEG briefly outlined the various activities of the students of CEG. The vote of thanks was proposed by G. Sakthinathan, Secretary AACEG. The function concluded with a delectable dosa dinner at Ladies' Hostel Mess.

TWO LAKH APPLICANTS FOR ENGINEERING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS



Students looking at the Results

A total of 201184 application forms have been sold for about 1 lakh engineering seats currently available under the counseling process in Tamil Nadu. Anna University which will be conducting the Counseling Program at CEG Campus received about 42000 applications on the first day. The last date for receipt of applications is May 31, 2010

The exact number of seats available is not known immediately. Addition of a number of seats to the counseling process will be known only after the legal issues are sorted out. There may be a reduction in seats also since Anna University has issued "show cause" notices to 67 out of 153 colleges affiliated to it for not adhering to norms. If satisfactory replies are not received, the concerned courses may not be offered in the respective colleges.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The election of office bearers of Alumni Association, College of Engineering, Guindy for the period 2010-2012 will be conducted during June-August 2010. A committee consisting of following members has been constituted to conduct the elections: Er. S. Ponnusamy (Convener), Prof.C.T.Sriramulu, Er.N.T.Swaminathan,Dr.K.P.Subramanian and Dr. Madhavi Ganesan

DETERMINATION DEFEATS DISABILITY

Kartick Manickam, son of a driver in the agriculture department of the State Government, is a shining example of an individual who was determined to succeed fighting against odds. A lorry driven by a drunken driver ran over his legs near Kundrathur bus stand when he was eight years old. In spite of his physical disability Karhick went on to obtain his BE degree from College of Engineering, Guindy, Anna University. He has now cleared the UPSC examinations and interview in his third attempt having secured a rank of 280.

He felt that working of government departments is not satisfactory based on his extensive experience with government hospitals and judiciary. It prompted him to initiate efforts to get into IAS to become part of government machinery so that it can be improved.

He acknowledges the help of Sibi Chakravarty, his senior at CEG, who joined the service last year under Madhya Pradesh Cadre and D. Shanker and his coaching academy who guided him in his preparations.

REPORT ON THE CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

B. Natarajan presented a brief report on the Career Guidance Program for the sixth semester students conducted on April 11 and 18, 2010 at the last EC meeting. He said that 609 students attended the program on the first day and that only 309 were present on the next day. He acknowledged the help of the Alumni Members, C.R. Sasi, S. Ramaseshan, R. Raghupathy, M. Shanmugha, S. Ponnusamy, T.R. Balaraman, Madhavi Ganesan and others who conducted the sessions in an excellent manner. However he expressed his opinion that more EC members and faculty members of CEG could have participated in the program and their comments would have been valuable. He also expressed his thanks to G. Sakthinathan Secretary, student volunteers, S. Vaidyanathan, Office Manager and other office staff for their untiring efforts

BACK TO SQUARE ONE



CEG Main Building with statue of Anna

Anna University will revert to its original status as Unitary University from the next academic year according to latest proposals by the Government of Tamil Nadu. One more affiliating university will be created at Taramani to oversee the 160 and odd colleges that were under the control of Anna University.

The technical education scenario in the state had been rapidly changing during the past few years. From one unitary university in 2000, the number would have increased to five affiliating technical universities and one unitary university by the next academic year. There are also more than a dozen private universities offering engineering courses in addition to IIT at Chennai and NIT at Tiruchi. It is a mind boggling task to coordinate the programs of such a large number of large and small diverse institutions.

There are other interesting developments also. A number of private universities have expanded their academic programs by starting new faculties such as medicine, law etc. IIT, Madras, in the near future may have a faculty of medicine. It is too early to predict whether Anna Unitary University will also launch such a program of expansion in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS

D. Rajamohan (1960) has been named in the 110 year old Marquis Who is Who in the world. His paper, "Hyperstatic Method of Photoelasticity" was published in the journal experimental Mechanics as a technical note in October 2008 issue.

