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### **GENESIS DAY CELEBRATION**



Er. Sundaravadivelu delivering the genesis Day Address

Genesis Day, a popular annual function of Alumni Association, College of Engineering, Guindy was celebrated on May 17, 2009. The Chief Guest was Er. P.R. Sundaravadivelu, 1958 Mechanical batch of CEG.

The function started with High Tea at 5.30 PM. Er. T. Adhiraj, Vice President, AACEG welcomed the gathering. In his Presidential Address Dr. G.B. Jaiprakash Narain, President, AACEG spoke about the manifold activities of AACEG. Dr. M. Sekar, Dean, CEG and Vice President, AACEG then introduced the chief guest. The contributions of Er. Sundaravadivelu to the industrial development of Tamil Nadu and his close association with CEG were highlighted. Er. P.R. Sundaravadivelu then delivered the Genesis Day Address. He spoke of the prominent role of Guindy Engineers in developing irrigation and road networks in the country before independence and their contribution to the infrastructure development all over the country after independence. He praised the efforts of the Alumni Association in encouraging interaction between the Alumni and the students. Er. G. Sakthinathan, Secretary, AACEG proposed the vote of thanks.

### **BIMONTHLY GET-TOGETHER OF FIFTYY NINERS**

The bimonthly get-together of 1959 batch of CEG (fiftyniners) will be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Sterling Club, Sterling Road, Nungambakkam.

The fiftyniners are requested confirm their participation to S.V. Ramaswamy (ph: 24411961, E Mail [prof.svramaswamy@gmail.com](mailto:prof.svramaswamy@gmail.com)) /R. Moorthy (ph: 26289702).

## **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AT ALUMNI CENTRE , CEG**

At present there is one hall (non a/c) and an office room which also houses the library in the ground floor of Alumni Centre. An air conditioned hall with a partition (so as to have a small and a comparatively bigger one) is available in the first floor with podium and public address system. LCD projector is also available for conducting seminars and Conferences.

As many of the Executive Committee members are senior citizens, they find it difficult to climb the stairs to reach the first floor to attend the monthly Executive Committee meetings. Hence some time back it was decided to construct a lift and lobby adjacent to the existing stair case. In a phased manner it was also decided to construct a guest house comprising of four rooms and one deluxe room in the second floor. The third floor will have an open terrace.

A lift meant for three floors has been contemplated at a cost of Rupees Ten Lakhs and connected lobby and Civil works at a cost of Rupees Fifteen Lakhs. The Bhoomi Pooja was conducted in July 2008 and the connected Civil works are likely to be completed by the end of June 2009. An advance of Rupees Three Lakhs has already been paid to M/s Kone Elevators for the supply and erection of an 8 passenger capacity lift. The entire work is expected to be completed by the end of August 2009.

The construction of the Guest House costing about Rs.45.00 Lakhs (including interior decoration, furniture etc.) will be taken up in the next phase. Alumni have always supported the projects of Alumni Association and it is expected that the Guest House will be ready in the near future with the generous funding by the alumni.

Er.S.Chidambaram  
Convener, Building Committee

## **INCREASE IN ENGINEERING SEATS IN TAMILNADU**

One hundred and forty four engineering colleges in Tamilnadu are awaiting recognition. AICTE will take a decision regarding their status by June 15. There are already 350 recognized engineering colleges in the state. Hence there will be a total of around 1.6 lakh engineering seats available in the state taking into account the additional seats provided by new engineering colleges. This year the number of applications sold is also about 1.6 lakhs. Hence every applicant is likely to get a seat during counseling.

## **GET-TOGETHER OF GEASON 63**

The nineteen sixty three batch of CEG (GEASON 63) celebrated their fiftieth year of joining CEG on January 10 and 11, 2009.

About sixty classmates along with a significant number of spouses, wards and grand children assembled at Alumni Centre on January 10. The morning session started with the introduction of class mates and discussion on the Get-Together held on 2008. It was followed by a scintillating dance performance by Selvi Nivedita (grand daughter of a class mate) and party games. Enthusiastic participation of the ladies in the games made the programme extremely interesting.

Afternoon session was spent on discussions of socially productive activities/projects by some of the members. Valuable ideas were generated and exchanged for improving performances. It was also a revelation that some members are actively working for rural uplift - improving panchayat schools for better results, providing smokeless kitchen for Angan wadies and Introduction of smokeless and fuel efficient choolas.

The picnic at Blue Lagoon Beach Resort on January 11 started at 10.00 am. Members relaxed, remembered their old college days and exchanged many of their experiences in life. Swimming, bath in the fall, out door games and party games engaged every one throughout. The good lunch and evening coffee with snacks enhanced the experience of all.

This is the third annual Get-Together of this kind. It was decided to have such annual reunions every year on second Saturday of January.

Er.Sankararaman  
1963 Batch

## **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR STUDENTS**

In the year 1990 the number of awards given to CEG students for academic proficiency in various subjects and athletic achievements by the alumni Association was twenty four. Generous Alumni and various graduating batches have donated substantial sums and the awards were given out of the interest earned. The awards consisted of cash and a certificate. It was decided in 1995-96 that a gold plated silver medal and a certificate will be awarded to the prize winners. Cash awards were not given.

The number of awards has now increased to sixty five from twenty four. There are awards for general proficiency in all branches for all the four years. In addition there are awards for sports persons, NSS volunteers, project work, proficiency in fine arts and outstanding performance in individual subjects.

In the year 1997, it was decided to have a separate corpus fund for awards known as, Endowment Corpus Fund. At the end of every year 10% of the interest from the corpus is added to the corpus standing at the end of previous year as well as the donations received. Balance 80% of interest is utilized for giving medals and certificates.

There is a steady increase in Endowment Corpus Fund in the past few years.

Endowment corpus at the end of 31-03-1997	Rs.	1,13,950
Endowment corpus at the end of 31-03-2003	Rs.	4,89,769
Endowment corpus at the end of 31-03-2009	Rs.	10,51,132

The generous contributions from different batches celebrating their jubilees and individual alumni members is the reason for this substantial increase in Corpus Fund.

The endowment amount towards an award is fixed at Rs 15000 and it is certain that more endowments will be created by batches celebrating their jubilees and individual alumni.

K,S,Swaminathan  
Convener,Awards Committee

## **EGC 52 ALUMNI CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The batch of 1948-52 comprising of CEG, Chennai and GCT Coimbatore (EGC 52) students who studied together are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee for 5 years from January 2008 to January 2012. The Inaugural Meet of Diamond Jubilee in 2008 was inaugurated on January 6, 2008 by Swami ISWARANANDA GIRI (B.D.Ardhanareeswaran in Poorvashrama) from Mount Abu. Thirty classmates along with spouses attended, the total strength being 51. Three octogenarians were honored with a woolen shawl. AACEG office bearers Er.C.R.Sasi and Dr.P.Hariharan and Dean, CEG Dr.M.Sekar were present

The Second year Diamond Jubilee meet of EGC52 was held for 2 days on January 3 and 4, 2009. It was attended by 31 classmates, 23 spouses and Children (total 54). The following Octogenarians of 1952 batch WERE FELICITATED ON THE OCCASION.

- 1) Dr.M.Anandakrishnan (H), Chennai
- 2) Er.K.S.Balakrishnan (M), Chennai
- 3) Er.K.Balarama Reddi (EG), Hyderabad
- 4) Er.A.S.P.Chetty (TC), Hyderabad
- 5) Er.C.K.Ramachandran (M), Thrissur
- 6) Er.T.V.Ranganathan (CC), Chennai
- 7) Er.C.Somanathan (CG), Chennai
- 8) Er.M.Suviseshamuthu (H), Chennai

A woolen shawl and citation plaque were presented to each of them by Dr.G.B.Jaiprakash Narain, President, AACEG. Dr. M.Sekar, Dean, CEG felicitated the octogenarians.

Another notable feature of the Diamond Jubilee was the publication and release of the EGC52 Diamond Jubilee Address Directory 2009 by Dr.M.Anandakrishnan, Former Vice Chancellor of Anna University. First copy was received by Er.Maddi Lakshmiah (1952-M) who sponsored its publication along with a pocket size phone and email directory. It may be interesting to note that this EGC52 batch which had a strength of 205 on graduation is now having 125 numbers actively present as a family of EGC52 united by love and affection, mutual help and care.

Regular Annual Get together Meets, Newsletters, Birthday Greetings, publication of Address Directories every 3 years and Golden Jubilee Memoirs meets during visit of outstation members, communication with each other, conducting seminars on topical interest etc. are all the special features of EGC52 family which President Er.S.Daivamani and Secretary Er.P.Ramaswamy emphasize the junior batches of Alumni should emulate and implement.

Er.P.Ramaswamy  
Past President, AACEG

