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### **WALKING DOWN THE CEG MEMORY LANE**



**RAMANATHAN, HARIHARAN, MANNAR  
JAWAHAR AND SEKAR LEADING THE  
PARTICIPANTS**

Alumni Association organized a heritage walk at the College of Engineering on August 21, 2011 as part of Madras Week Celebrations. For the small group of alumni who participated in the walk it was a time of fond memories and revision of college history. The walk started at 6.30 AM on Sunday morning at the majestic main red building and the group was entranced by the history of the tower clock. Then the alumni visited the departments of highway engineering, Mechanical engineering and electrical engineering. They were impressed with the modern renovations of the class rooms in the buildings. The history of the swimming pool - the students took part in the construction - evoked a lot of questions. After visiting the defunct powerhouse at the Cartwright Memorial Centre the walkers made a beeline for the canteen for a well earned break fast. AACEG had also arranged a talk on Indo-Saracenic Architecture by eminent historian V.Sriram at Alumni Centre at 5.00 PM on August 20, 2011. The efforts of Sridharan in initiating the program deserve appreciation.

### **TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**



**HARIHARAN ADDRESSING THE GATHERING.  
(SEATED ON THE DAIS FROM LEFT)  
JAIPRAKASH NARAIN, ANANTHARAJAN,  
RAMAMURTHY, CHIDAMBARAM AND SEKAR**

AACEG felicitated two former Professors of College of Engineering, Guindy, Anna University, Dr. T. Anantharajan, Professor of Civil Engineering and Dr. V.P. Ramamurthy, Professor of Electrical Engineering on the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2011.

Chidambaram welcomed the gathering. Sekar, Dean, College of Engineering, Guindy gave a brief introduction of the two eminent teachers. Jagadesan, former Director, CEG and Jaiprakash Narain felicitated the chief guests. Prof. Anantharajan and Prof Ramamurthy responded speaking about their experiences as teachers highlighting their association with students and the college. The presentation of mementoes to the honored guests marked the end of a very pleasant function. Hariharan proposed the vote of thanks.

### **Dr. N.V. ARUNACHALAM MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Dr. Krishnaveni Arunachalam, has donated a sum of Rs..50,000/- which will be utilized to organize Annual Lectures in memory of her husband Dr. N.V. Arunachalam (1959 C). The first lecture titled "Sustainability - Challenges and Solutions" was delivered by

by Dr. N. Subramanian (1974 ME), Consulting Structural Engineer, Maryland, USA on September 12, 2011.

### **CEG 1961 BATCH GOLDEN JUBILEE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**



### **CEG 1961 BATCH HANDING OVER A CHEQUE FOR Rs. 12.5 LAKHS TO MANNAR JAWAHAR**

The 1961 batch students of College of Engineering, Guindy presented a cheque for Rs. 12.5/- lakhs to Mannar Jawahar, Vice Chancellor, Anna University at a pleasant function held at TAG Center on September 20, 2011. The amount will be utilized to create CEG 1961 Batch Golden Jubilee Endowment Scholarship. Four students of CEG will be awarded annual scholarships of about Rs. 20000/- from the interest accrued.

R.T.Chari welcomed the gathering of about sixty 1961 batch alumni and their spouses. Mannar Jawahar and Sekar addressed the gathering appreciating the generosity of 61 batch. Krishnaswamy conducted the proceedings. The enjoyable video program of popular Tamil film songs was followed by a delicious dinner.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

The Annual general Body Meeting of Alumni Association, College of Engineering Guindy was conducted on Saturday, September 24, 2011. The function started with Registration at 4.00 PM. It was followed by Games ably conducted by Saravanan and his team of volunteers. The AGM started at 6.00 PM with the welcome address of President, Natarajan. The Minutes of the last AGM, Audit Report and the Secretary's Report were approved after brief discussions. The function concluded with vote of thanks by the Secretary Sakthinathan.

The number of persons who attended the meeting was about one hundred. The large attendance and the enthusiastic participation of members in the program deserve our appreciation

### **ENDOWMENT FOR NEEDY STUDENTS**

Alumni Association, CEG has created a new endowment to help the students who are in need of financial help for Continuing their studies. The gesture of N.T. Swaminathan (1955 M) who has contributed Rs.10000/- as the first donor towards this fund is to be appreciated

### **PROF. SUNDARRAJAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Prof. K.S. Babai (1966 C) has donated a sum of Rs 50000/- which will be utilized to arrange Annual Lectures in memory of her father Prof. K.R. Sundararajan

### **INDIAN AMERICANS SHOULD SEEK POLITICAL POWER**



### **ADDRESS BY UPENDRA CHIVKULA**

Upendra Chivukula, Deputy Speaker and Chairman, Telecommunications and Utilities Committee, New Jersey General Assembly, USA addressed an audience of Alumni, Faculty and Students of CEG at Alumni Center on August 30 2011. Upendra, an Alumnus of CEG, 1972 EEE branch spoke for over an hour on a wide range of topics. A shy day scholar from Saidapet, he became an active participant in the politics in New Jersey since the Indian community realized that political power is essential to put forth their views and implement their programs in view of the isolated incidents of hostility towards Indians in his state. There was an interesting discussion session and Upendra was of

the firm opinion that there is no alternative to nuclear power in the future.