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STUDENTS OPT FOR MECHANICAL AND CIVIL

In the Tamil Nadu Engineering Admissions this year there was a significant shift towards the core engineering options of Mechanical and Civil streams by the students and a clear fall from grace for computer oriented subjects. There was a perceptible dip in the number of students opting for Computer Science and a much larger fall in the number of students opting for Information Technology. However Electronics and Communications stream continued to be popular since the students perceived it as subject with wide scope.

Electronic and Communications stream topped the list with about 18000 students while the number opting for Mechanical and Civil were respectively about 13000 and 8000. It is to be noted that 85 % and 80 % of the seats available in these streams were filled up. In contrast only 50 % of the seats in Computer Science were allotted, about 11000 students, while only 30 % of the available seats in Information Technology were filled, about 6000 students.

The students and the parents have responded to the recession by a clear change in the choice of subjects. The placement freeze among large software companies last year was also a major factor in the selection of subjects by the students. There are a large number of vacant seats this year, about 36000 compared to about 8000 last year. Engineering as a career option is still the popular choice among the students. The prospects of employment of engineering graduates should increase in the coming months if the engineering studies are to retain their popularity.

CONGRATULATIONS

It is a real pleasure to offer our congratulations to the Member of the Executive Committee, Dr. N.V.Pundarikanthan (1959 Civil) who has been elected as a member of the Academic Council of Anna University for the period 2009 -2012.

CEG 1979-84 ENDOWMENT FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED



M.Saravanan (CEG 1984 Batch) presenting cheque for Rs 2 lakhs to M. Sekhar, Dean CEG in the presence of G.B. Jai Prakash Narain, V.C. Kulandaiswamy and Mannar Jawahar

The alumni of the College of Engineering, Guindy - Anna University who graduated in May 1984 celebrated their silver jubilee reunion at the college campus on Saturday, June 27, 2009. This batch was the last to go through a five year engineering course offered by the College and the first batch to graduate under the banner of Anna University.

Over one hundred alumni and their families, totaling nearly 300 persons congregated from as far away as the US, Sweden, the Gulf, Singapore and Japan to felicitate their faculty members and members of management, many of whom have since retired. The former Vice Chancellor of Anna University - Dr. V. C. Kulandaiswamy gave an inspiring speech that was well received by the audience. The distinguished guests included Dr. P. Mannar Jawahar, Vice Chancellor; Dr. S. Shanmugavel, Registrar; Dr. M. Sekar, Dean and Prof. G.B. Jayaprakash Narain, President - AACEG. The formal function was held between 10 am and 1 pm, culminating in a networking lunch in the college premises. The alumni and their families subsequently proceeded to a beach resort for some informal time together.

The batch of 1984 made a donation of Rs. 2,00,000/- as the opening contribution to the **CEG 1979-84 Endowment Fund for Physically Challenged**. The endowment fund will be managed by the Alumni Association, College of Engineering, Guindy. During the Executive Committee meeting of AACEG on August 5, 2009, Alumni 79-84 made an additional donation of Rs. 1,25,000/- towards the endowment. The interest accruing from the fund will be utilized to recognize and reward the best performing physically challenged student in the College of Engineering, Guindy every year.

M.Saravanan (1984 CEG)

OPEN HOUSE FOR INDUSTRY

An open house for Industries will be organized by Anna University on Saturday, September 12, 2009. All the Departments and Research Centers located in the, College of Engineering, Guindy, Alagappa College of Technology and School of Architecture and Planning will keep open their facilities. As part of the Open House the departments will organize Seminars at 9.30 AM to identify areas of mutual interest and cooperation. After the Seminar arrangements are made for the delegates to attend the laboratories and Centers.

Anna University has active collaboration with industries all over India through Consultancy and Research and Development programs. The Open House is an attempt to expand the present activities and to take up inter-disciplinary activities.

GATEWAY AWARDS

A National Level Short Film Festival for Students will be organized by the Department of Media Studies, Anna University during October 2009. Entry is open to college students. There are attractive prizes and the winners of the film contest will be awarded the prestigious Gateway Awards. The film festival is organized for the fifth consecutive year. Apart from the short film contest other events include an ad film contest and a design contest. A Gateway Conference will also be organized.