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2006-2010, B.E. ECE

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON



Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese
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For the last 20 plus years, KCG College of Technology has been growing from strength to strength, winning several accolades and National awards.

It will be of interest to you, to know that KCG Tech has been accredited by NBA and NAAC with A+ Grade and is listed in the 201-250 band among the engineering institutions in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). The college has been listed in the Platinum Category as the Best Industry linked technical institute for the past four consecutive years (2017-2020).

In recent years, KCG Tech has steadily been building its capacity to create a truly great Institution with our Alumni, as the pillars of this Institution. In this journey, we have always been proud of each and every alumnus of ours,

especially when we know that many of them are faring extremely well in their life, both professionally and personally.

I congratulate all the winners of the alumni awards for both Distinguished and Young Achiever Alumni Award in the recent "Alumni KCG Connect". It gives me immense happiness to know their achievements. I appreciate the many ways that our alumni have engaged and contributed to their Alma Mater. As Alumni, you should not miss an opportunity to visit the campus, to connect with your alma mater, and your batch mates who are globally distributed. The alumni newsletter "Alumni KCG Connect" is a great way for you to know the whereabouts and achievements of all the KCGians.

I wish you all the very best and a wonderful and a blessed future.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF KCGCAA

I am profoundly honored for being given the opportunity to serve as the President of the KCG Connect Alumni Association (KCGCAA). I'm as intrigued and excited as you all are to discover what I would be bringing to the table as the President of the gradually growing association. The best way to lead the initiative is to collaborate, network and engage with the 8000+ alumni of KCG College of Technology. As an alumna/alumnus you can choose to engage with us in the following initiatives

1. Register to mentor a student
2. Sponsor a Student
3. Conduct webinars, seminars, mock sessions, placement and internship activities for the current students of KCG
4. Participate or Contribute towards social outreach activities
5. Apply for membership with the Alumni Association and become a committee member
6. Develop written content based on the Alumni activities and Achievements

The current generation faces a lot more challenges than what we would have known in the past. As alumni we believe that it is also our responsibility to empower them by sharing our Knowledge through establishing a substantial Connection and thus ensuring mutual intellectual and societal Growth.

Stay connected with the alumni network through the official KCG website and the social media page/group. We will be glad to promote your successes and will ensure your participation in every event. We also welcome your feedback and guidance as we plan our engagement strategy for the years ahead.

Looking forward to connecting with you all.



S.D. Kishore Kumar
President
KCG Connect Alumni Association

Report from Secretary of KCGCAA

KCG Connect Alumni Association (KCGCAA) was registered in 2016 as a Society under the Tamil Nadu Act 27 of 1975. The primary objective is to strengthen alumni connections with their Alma Mater and its community, as well as enhance interaction among alumni on a common platform. The Office bearers regularly meet to plan activities of the Association.

In the 6 years after its inception the Association, with the support of KCG Alumni Cell, has facilitated 100 plus activities including seminars, mock interviews, and social outreach. Five general alumni reunions have been held.



Mr. Gowri Shankar
Secretary
KCG Connect Alumni Association

KCGCAA –Mile Stones

- 15th August 2014 - 1st Alumni Reunion organized by KCG Connect
- 15th August 2015 - 2nd Alumni Reunion and the First edition of KCG Alumni Awards
- 12th September 2016 - KCG Connect Society Registration
- 2nd December 2017 - 3rd KCG Connect Alumni Reunion (Golden Convergence)
- 14th December 2019 - 4th KCG Connect Alumni Reunion
- 24th Jan 2021 - 5th KCG Connect Alumni Reunion - 1st Virtual reunion and Second edition of the Alumni Awards

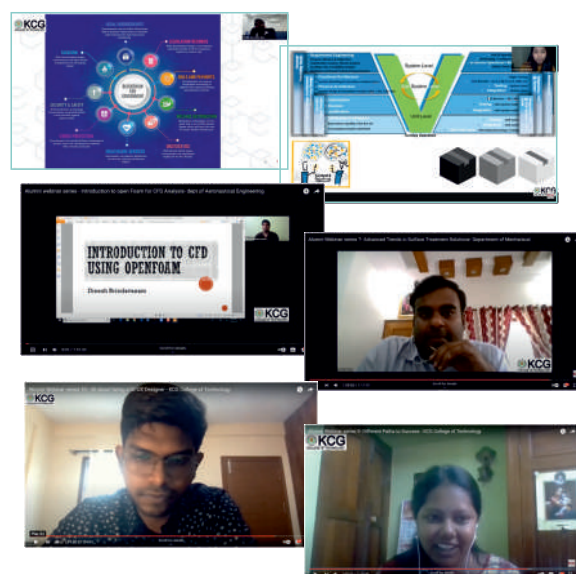
KCGCAA –Activities 2020

To enrich the knowledge of students during the lock down period, Alumni Digital Webinar Series was launched on 16th April 2020 and following webinars on cutting edge technologies were given by our alumni.

- **Aeronautical and Mechanical CAD** by Mr. Gowri Shankar S (2006-2010, B.E Mech.) on 16th April 2020.
- **AI for IoT Applications** by Mr. Raj Kumar R (2006-2010, B.E CSE) on 24th April 2020.
- **Introduction to Open Foam for CFD Analysis** by Mr. Dinesh B (2012-2016, B.E Aero.) on 03rd May 2020.
- **Big Data and Text Analytics** by Ms. Hemamalini (2006 – 2010, B.Tech. IT) on 06th May 2020.
- **Emerging Trends in Aerospace Engineering** by Ms. Viswa Vijayakumar (2013-2017, B.E Aero.) on 08th May 2020.
- **AI in Engineering Applications** by Mr. Adam Gilchrist (2007-2011, B.E Aero.) on 09th May 2020.
- **Advanced Trends in Surface Treatment Solutions** by Mr Johnson Mathew (2005-2009, B.E Mech.) on 12th May 2020.
- **Newbies Approach to Blockchain Technology** by Dr. Ferdin Joe John Joseph (2005-2009, B.E CSE) 23rd May 2020.
- **Different Paths to Success** by Mr. Prem Shankar (2004-2008, B.E CSE), Ms. Gayathri D (2005-2009, B.Tech. IT), Mr. Gowri Shankar S (2006-2010, B.E Mech.), Mr. Arunan (2007-2011, B.E Mech.) and Mr. Aravind (2007-2011, B.E Mech.) on 24th May 2020.
- **All about being a UI/ UX Designer** by Mr. Maharaj M A (2008-2012, B.E Mech.) on 25th May 2020.
- **Wind Basics and Overview of Wind Resource Assessment** by Ms. Suba Deve S (2014-2018, B.E EEE) and Mr. Naveen Kumar (2015-2019, B.E EEE) on 30th May 2020.
- **Quick guide to Masters** by Ms. Maria Valentina (2011-2015, B.E EEE) on 04th June 2020.
- **Virtual Reality** by Mr. Raj Kumar R (2006-2010, B.E CSE) 04th June 2020.
- **Cities are Opportunities** by Ms. R. Reyshma (2012- 2016, B.E Civil) on 05th June 2020
- **Challenges and Opportunities of Emerging Technology** for VLSI by Dr. Pandiarasan (2004-2008, B.E ECE) on 08th June 2020.
- **Key Organizational activities - Explanation through TQM** by Mr. Dilip Kumar (2008-2012, B.E Mech.) on 08th June 2020.
- **Computational Fluid Dynamics** by Ms. Somasree Roy Choudary (2007-2011 B.E Mech.) on 10th June 2020.
- **Biomedical Prospectus and Opportunities** by Dr. Thirugnanam (1999-2003 B.E Mech.) on 11th June 2020.
- **Importance of Management Principles** by Mrs. Soupa Soundararajan (2006-2010, B.E ECE) on 13th June 2020.
- **Introduction to programming concepts and Current trends in IT** by Mr. Joshua (2014-2018, B.E EEE) on 13th June 2020.
- **Panel Discussion on “Career Opportunities”** by Mr. Sakthivel Velumani (2009-2013, B.E ECE), Ms. Sheelapriya Thiyagarajan (2009-2013, B.E ECE) and Mr. Subhashrahul Shekhar (2009-2013, B.E ECE) on 27th June 2020.
- **Waste Water Reclamation** by Ms. Nandhini S (2012-2016, B.E Civil) on 29th June 2020.

Virtual mock interview conducted by the following alumni members on 10th October 2020, to enhance the interview facing skills of final year students.

- Mr. Chidambaram M (2011-2015, B.E CSE)
- Mr. Akshay R (2013-2017, B.E CSE)
- Mr. Harish Murali (2010-2014, B.E CSE)
- Mr. Varun Subramanian (2011-2015, B.E CSE)
- Mr. Akshaya Arun (2013-2017, B.E CSE)
- Mr. Jai Balaji (2015-2019, B.E EIE)
- Mr. Srinivasa Raghava (2015-2019, B.E EIE)
- Ms. Tamizhi (2015-2019, B.E EIE)
- Mr. Anirudh (2015-2019, B.E EIE)
- Mr. Hemanth Kumar R (2007-2011, B.E Mech.)
- Mr. Ajay P Kumar (2010-2014 B.E Mech.)
- Mr. Aravindan S (2007-2011, B.E Mech.)
- Mr. Dinesh R (2007-2011, B.E Mech.)
- Mr. Christeena Kunjummen (2013-2017, B.E EEE)
- Mr. Naveen A N (2010-2014, B.E EEE)
- Mr. Goutham J (2009-2013, B.E EEE)
- Mr. Ishwarya R (2011-2015, B.E EEE)
- Mr. Rethish R (2010-2014, B.E EEE)
- Mr. Arun Kumar V (2014-2018, B.E EEE)
- Mr. Sakthivel Velumani (2009 – 2013, B.E ECE)
- Ms. Sanjana R (2009 – 2013, B.E ECE)
- Ms. Soupa Soundararajan (2006-2010, B.E ECE)



Any institutions' alumni are key to its growth. We are focused on giving a global experience to our students.

Snapshots from Alumni Archives

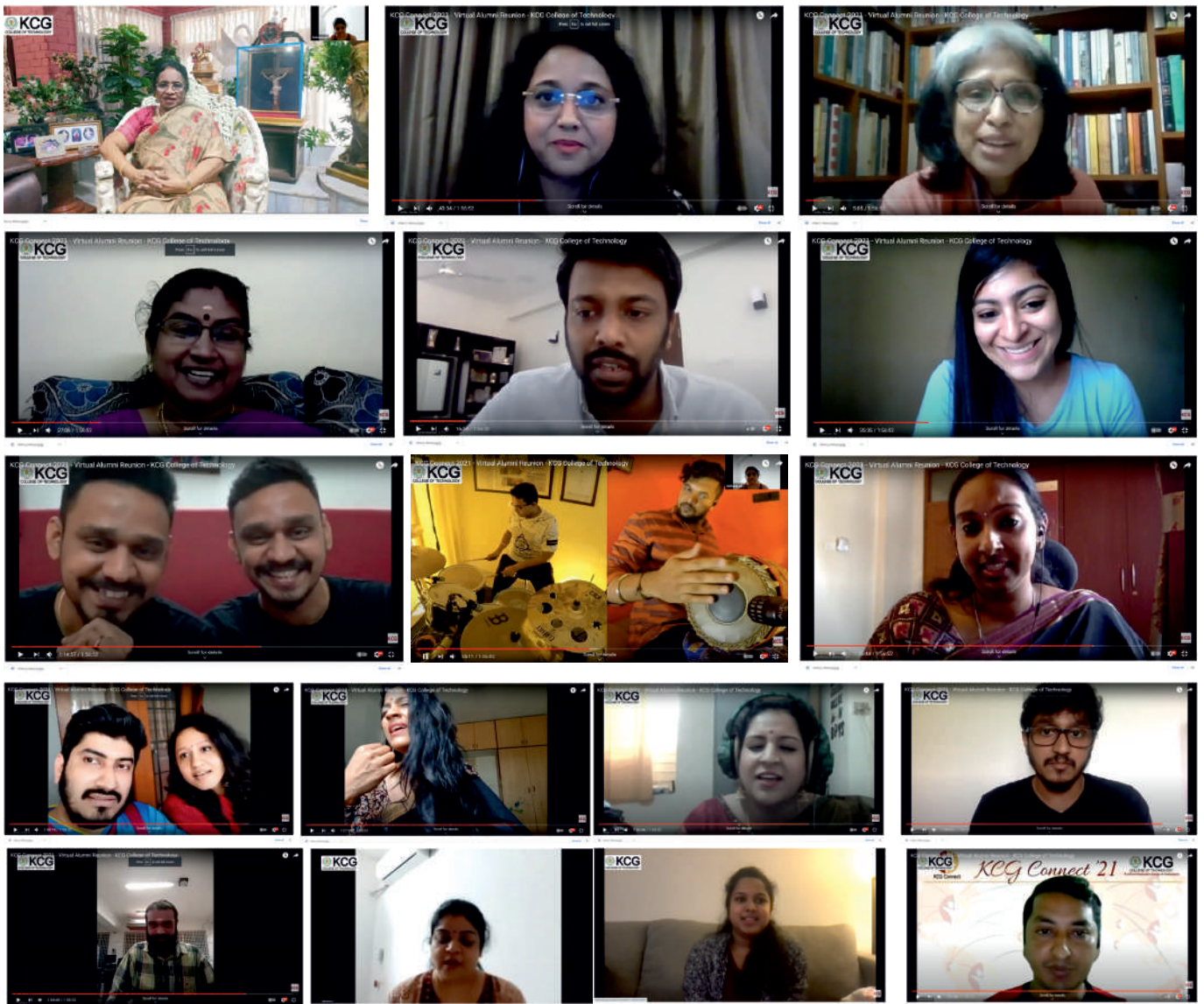


Glimpses of KCG Connect Virtual Alumni Reunion 2021

KCG's first-ever Virtual Alumni Reunion was held on 24th January 2021 at 10 am. The virtual nature of the Meet made it a wonderful opportunity for alumni abroad to come together with alumni at home in India. Alumni from different walks of life and alumni from different parts of the world like US, Australia, and Singapore were part of the event. For the first time, there was a comparative large presence of alumni from the first batch that passed out in 2002. All in all, 378 alumni registered for the event. This Meet saw alumni reconnect, reminisce, and have fun.

Highlights

- A fund of ten lakh rupees as pre seed money for aspiring entrepreneurs was announced by Director Dr Annie Jacob on behalf of the Management of KCG Tech. A matching contribution of ten lakh rupees was announced for the same cause by Alumnus Nithish S Sairam (alumnus 2012, and recipient of Distinguished Alumni Award). A Pitch Fest inviting applications from alumni eager to start their own venture will be invited soon.
 - The participants were regaled with alumni performances.
- There was Nalin and Ramkumar (alumni 2015) on the mridangam and drums respectively. It brought back memories of the days when the KMC auditorium used to reverberate as they jammed together. Jyothsana, Ranjini and Janani (Alumni 2006) gave a mesmerizing Carnatic rendition. The celebrity twins Arun & Aravind (Alumni 2011) also entertained the gathering.
- The Special Guest Ms MB Bindu (HoD S&H) who has been with the institution from its inception, and a favourite faculty of many, interacted with alumni to their great delight



Alumni Relations Students Cell

In order to support KCG Connect Alumni Association in their many activities, Alumni Relations Students Cell is being launched. Applications to be a member of the cell have been invited from the student body.

Alumni Mentorship Programme

Mentoring has long been recognized as a powerful tool in career development. Alumni Mentorship is a new initiative, where alumni have come forward to mentor their juniors, the current students at KCG. Through this initiative students will be able to benefit from the expertise of the alumni and enhance their social, technical and intellectual capital.

Alumni Excellence Awards

The Alumni Meet honoured achievements of select alumni. Nominations had been invited for achievements in different categories like Professional (Private & Govt sectors), Academia & Research, Arts & Media, Community Service, Defence, Entrepreneurship and Sports. 111 nominations were received. The shortlisted nominations in each category were sent to distinguished members in various fields. The jury panel comprised General Bobby Mathews (decorated Army General), Mr. Kirthivasan, (Campus Hiring Head, Virtusa), Mr. Dorai Thodla (serial entrepreneur), Mrs. Sumithra Prasad (Founder, Dorai Foundation), Dr. Parvathy and Dr. Muthkumar (Professors & Heads, Hindustan University). Twenty seven alumni achievers were awarded Distinguished Alumni Award and Young Alumni Achiever Award. Five alumni were honoured for their year-long engagement with their Alma Mater and for their efforts to make the alumni meet a success.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Alumni Awards acknowledge outstanding alumni who have attained extraordinary distinction and success in their chosen profession and accomplishment in any field of human endeavor that brings honor to the recipient.



Academia & Research

Dr. Govindarajan Sreemathveeravalli,
Assistant Professor,
University of Massachusetts Amherst

1998 -2002, Mech.



Academia & Research

Mr. Sudhakar S
Propulsion Engineer
(Rocket Engines), Indian Space
Research Organisation (ISRO)

2010 -2014, Aero



Arts & Media

Mr. Arjun Krishna S
Executive Head
Paadhai Productions

2008 -2012, EEE



Arts & Media

Mr. Ramkumar Kanakarajan
Musician

2011 -2015, Mech.



Community Services

Ms. Divya S
CSR Head and Employee
Success Manager,
Agilisium Consulting Pvt. Ltd

2012 -2016, EIE



Defence Services

Mr. Vivek T J
Major, Indian Army

2010 -2014, Mech



Entrepreneurship

Mr. Nitish S Sairam
Illumine-I

2008 -2012, Mech



Entrepreneurship

Mr. Amrith Raja C A
Amvotronics

2008 -2012, EEE



Professional (Private Sector)

Mr. Madhanraj Dharanikumar
Team Lead, Accenture

2011 -2015, ECE

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVER AWARDS



Arts & Media

Mr. Vigneshwaran S
Co Founder,
Craftsman Studios

2012 -2016, EEE



Arts & Media

Mr. Reuben Kishore Kannan
Founder and CEO,
Craftsman Studios

2012 -2016, EEE



Arts & Media

Mr. Surendar B
Choreographer

2013 -2017, Mech



Community Services

Ms. Kamaleeswari R
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
National Youth Volunteer

2014 -2018, ECE



Defence Services

Mr. Ashutosh Yadav
Captain, Indian Army

2013 -2017, EEE



Defence Services

Ms. Heena Perveen
Assistant Commandant,
Indian Coast Guard

2010 -2014, CSE



Defence Services

Mr. Andrew Thomas Fuller
Major, Indian Army

2009 -2013, CSE



Entrepreneurship

Ms. Shivananthita T
Soshier Dronecrafts (OPC) Ltd

2013 -2017, Aero



Entrepreneurship

Mr. Balavannan
National Chemicals

2013 -2017, ECE



Entrepreneurship

Ms. Bala Surya
Sand Bird Research & Development

2014 -2018, Mech



Entrepreneurship

Mr. Ajith Kannan
Sand Bird Research &
Development

2015 -2019, Mech



Professional (Private Sector)

Ms. Suba Deve S
Engineer, Vestas Technology
R & D Pvt Ltd

2014 -2018, EEE



Professional (Private Sector)

Ms. Jayapradha S
Project Engineer, KEC
International Ltd, Bangladesh

2013 -2017, EEE



Professional (Private Sector)

Ms. Reyshma R
Urban planner, Lea Associates
South Asia pvt.ltd

2012 -2016, CIVIL



Professional (Private Sector)

Mr. Dibakar Paul
Data scientist, Genpact
Bangalore

2010 -2014, IT



Professional (Government Sector)

Ms. Gayathri D
Young Professional, Ministry of
Labour and Employment
Govt. of India

2005 -2009, IT



Professional (Government Sector)

Ms. Suganya S
Forester,
Tamil Nadu Forest Department

2014 -2018, CIVIL



Sports

Mr. Vijaya Srihari
Renewables and Sustainability
Consultant, McKinsey & Company

2014 -2018, ECE



SPECIAL AWARDS

Mr. Gowri Shankar
Founder, SpaceNXT

2006 - 2010, Mech.



SPECIAL AWARDS

Mr. Sudhakar S
Propulsion Engineer
(Rocket Engines), Indian Space
Research Organisation (ISRO)

2010 - 2014, Aero



SPECIAL AWARDS

Mr. Arunan & Mr. Aravind
Digital Marketing Manager

2007 - 2011, Mech



SPECIAL AWARDS

Mr. Ramkumar Kanakarajan
Musician

2011 - 2015, Mech

SPECIAL AWARDS

Voice of Alumni



Mercy Ramya, IAS
2005-2009, CSE

The Road Not Taken

I am Mercy Ramya, IAS, currently serving as Additional Collector in Kanyakumari and this is my story.

Even as a school student, I always wanted a job in governance. After grueling 12th exams which was said to decide my life, I arrived at KCG College of Technology convinced that engineering was my future. I was a good student with an impeccable attendance record in school. I was also a book worm. When I joined KCG, I thought it would be more of the same. But the exposure I got here, in terms of real-world experiences helped me transform from a school student to a functioning member of society. I learned to step out of my comfort zone, prepare for the workforce, all the while having fun and bunked a few classes too! I met many wonderful people and made friends and managed to clear all my papers on time.

In my third year, when all of us were busy preparing for campus interviews, the global recession hit. I got placed at a multinational company in the only interview I attended. I felt like my career was beginning and I idly wondered if I should try to prepare for the civil services exams that I had been dreaming about all the while.

After recession hit, the company I was placed at was the first to go under. Disappointed, I decided to use the opportunity to prepare for civil services exams and began half-hearted preparations, still anxious about my shelf life as an engineer. This is what no one

teaches you about finishing college. My days were completely free after 20 years of constant education and I was hearing about my batchmates, some successful, some struggling. My anxiety prompted me to look for another job within engineering just to have a safety net. To my relief, I got in at the next place that I applied to. I started work. But I always felt like I didn't belong there. I decided to take the plunge and begin to chase my dream. So, when most people around me said not to, I resigned and began to prepare for UPSC.

I joined classes for optionals and decided to prepare for the rest on my own. I cleared preliminary and main examination. My first interview question was why I had wanted to shift from engineering to governance. I was allotted the Indian Railway Personnel Service. Elated from the first success I had, I gave my second attempt and promptly failed prelims!! Such is life. The Indian Railways gave me a chance to travel all over the country. In my third attempt, I cleared the exams with an All India Rank 32 and got placed into the IAS and had enough marks to secure home cadre. My training district was Erode. I subsequently worked as Sub collector at Tindivanam and am currently at Kanyakumari as Additional Collector. I leave you with this. Every person has a calling in life. Find yours. My faith in God and the support of my family saw me through some tough times. Find your anchor. Hold on to your dream, however different it might seem from those around you. I wish the administration, the faculty and the students the very best. May you find your path to success.

News from Alma Mater

It is a matter of great pleasure to welcome the new Principal Dr. P. Deiva Sundari who has taken charge from 1st February 2021.



Dr. P. Deiva Sundari has a Doctorate in Power Electronics from College of Engineering, Guindy and Masters in Power Electronics & Drives, with university rank from Anna University, Chennai. She is also a BE (EEE) Gold medalist from Madurai Kamaraj University. Dr. P. Deiva Sundari has over 25 SCI indexed publications with a citation of over 350 and has done various funded research projects & consultancy in the field of Electrical Engineering

from various government organizations like AICTE, DST, CVRDE, NIWE & International organizations like The Royal Academy of Engineering, UK. She has an overall academic & industry experience of 22 years in India and US which she has worked for 9 years with KCG College of Technology in various capacities.

Wishing her great success in her new assignment.

- Mr Karthikeyan, HoD - EIE got a 3.25 lakh Consultancy Project titled 'Power Converter Development for Electro coagulation' from Zero Discharge Technologies, Coimbatore.
- Sandbird, the Start-up by the alumnus of KCG College Technology attracted the attention of the Jury of AWS Grand Challenge 2020, a challenge to promote student Entrepreneurship. Congratulations Mr S Bala Surya and Ajith Kannan.
- A guest lecture was arranged for first year students - Batch 8 on 7th January 2021 on the topic "Expectations of Industry and Empowering with Knowledge" by our alumnus Mr. K Suresh Krishna, 2019 Mechanical Batch,

- Co-Founder - Dot and Dash Engineering, Data Science Intern, Learnbay (IBM).
- KCG College of Technology signed a MoU with My Assessment on 11th January 2021 and Exerter premedia Services on 21st January 2021. Both the MoUs focus on providing training, internships and supporting project development and placement activities to students.
- Department of Civil Engineering signed MoU with National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) on 22nd January 2021. This MoU focuses on providing technical training for both faculty and students, offering internships and supporting project development to students.

Straight from the heart



Dr. Govindarajan Sreemathveeravalli
Recipient of Distinguished Alumni Award
(Academics and Research)

...I am surprised to receive this recognition from college. I want to take this opportunity to share few words. To summarize my story in one word, it is 'belief'. We were the first batch in the college and we believed that though it is a new college we can succeed here. And even though we were the first batch of students, the faculty believed that these students could do good things. And this kind of belief in each other provided a sense of self belief and self-confidence. And many successful achievement in my life was the result of other's belief on me which improved the self confidence. Belief yourselves, believe others, believe God, good things will happen. Thank you.



Mr. Ramkumar Kanakarajan
Recipient of Distinguished Alumni Award
(Arts & Media)

...I am a musician by profession and I take this opportunity to thank KCG College of Technology, the staff, the admin, the students and those who were around me in my four years of study in KCG. I was multitasking, I was performing outside the country, performing with bunch of singers, band and with music directors at that time, Multitasking was little hard, but thanks to staff for being graceful enough to meet me after college hours, giving me notes for the backlogs and for the classed I missed. The staff members took extra efforts to help me through my journey and I am always in debt to the staff and the college for helping me through my journey...I am..who I am ...that is because of the college. Thanks to the college. That was a first time in my life I saw different bunch of people from different walks of life and my confidence level went up. I felt good meeting lot of people with diverse background...I take this opportunity to I thank KCG for molding me into who I am today...

EDITORIAL

No matter which part of the world you go to, your heart always cherishes the memories of your college life. The best way to relive those precious moments is to have "Alumni Connect". This news letter aims to be a snapshot of alumni activities, for increased interaction and integration among alumni.

We look forward to your feedback and suggestions. We request you to send us picture of you with your batch mates, as and when you get together. Please send us details of any joyous occasion in life, a wedding, or a promotion, or if you have a story you would like to share. You may email us at editorconnect@kcgcollege.com

Wish all our alumni hope, confidence and faith in each other on the road ahead.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

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