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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR & CEO



Dr. Anand Jacob Verghe
Director & CEO
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The campus community of KCG College of Technology is a rich mixture of lifestyles and personalities. Likewise, the KCG Connect Alumni Association has also been successfully progressing by providing an intellectually invigorating environment to

Hindustan Group of Institution Invigorating environment t develop your academic, professional and social network.

It is heartening to see your enthusiasm to stay connected with your Alma Mater. Once you leave the college, besides an education, what you could take away with you are the memories you shared and the friendships that would last for many years to come. Now through your Alumni Association you get the opportunity to grow personally and professionally.

You have had a successful Alumni meet virtually in January 2021. I also congratulate all the achievers who were recognized and awarded. Action speaks louder than words and so when your achievements are highlighted, this will motivate and encourage students who aspire to achieve marked progress in similar career paths.



Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Director & CEO, HGI has been elected to serve as Y's Men International Council Member Elect from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 and thereafter as Y's Men International Council Member from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2024.

The KCG Alumni network continues to grow steadily—help it to continue growing by inviting your other batch-mates to join and make use of this forum to engage and celebrate the achievements of both the College and Alumni.

KCG College remains steadfast in our aim to impart inclusive knowledge about principles of engineering and management skills with a multi-disciplinary approach to develop proficient human resources who will push boundaries and rise above expectations.

We continue to set new benchmarks by winning prestigious awards in our teaching learning process, industry interaction, placement, accreditation status and advanced technical infrastructure. We have been conducting various industry connect programmes for students to stay attuned with the latest cutting edge technology and thus bridge the gap between industry and academics and also to inculcate the entrepreneurial mindset for insightful leadership.

In today's challenging world, only academic excellence is not sufficient for students to become successful professionals who can work productively under difficult business and economic conditions. To overcome this, we conduct enriching seminars, have individual counselling sessions and organize enlightening and inspirational lectures from distinguished dignitaries to inculcate students with self-governance and human values.

I hope and pray the pandemic is controlled and you can continue to connect and contribute in your own ways to your Alumni Association. Sometimes you have to just hang on and trust that life's storms are carrying you to better shores.

I congratulate the editorial team for bringing out yet another engrossing edition of the Newsletter "Alumni Connect".

Stay safe and stay blessed.

All the very best in all your endeavours.

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.

Ms. Archa Iijo

Secretary KCG Connect Alumni Association

KCGCAA –Activities

A prayer meeting was conducted in the month of May when the second wave unexpectedly bought in a lot of commotion & uncertainty. Praise and worship was led by alumna Beryl Natasha (2008 - 2012) to bring hope and strength among students and faculty. Many were able to join and be a part of this.

The event Toppers Talk is especially designed for civil service aspirants and invites successful IAS and IPS officers. It was kick started with a talk by alumnus BS Backia Goutham (2012-16, Mech), Asst. Commandant on 21st February.

More than 50 alumni have volunteered to mentor current students and mentoring is going on.

We had alumni as jury members of IET Project Challenge (10th April 2021)

- 1. Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Principal Software Engineer, Chargebee (2012-2016,
- 2. Mr. Abhilash Subash, IT Manager, Toyota India (2010-2014, CSE)
- 3. Mr. Vignesh S, Project Associate, CTS (2010-2014, IT)
- 4. Mr. Arun Raj, Embedded Engineer, Chiptest Engineering Ltd (2013-2017,
- 5. Ms. Divya, Founder, Consulpreneur (2012-2016, EIE)
- 6. Mr. Anandraj N L, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer III, Air India (2012-2016,
- 7. Mr. Ramkumar V, Associate Consultant, Chainsys India Pvt. Ltd. (2011-2015,
- 8. Mr. Vijayaraghavan K, Deputy Manager, Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (2008-2012, EEE)

Alumni were also part of the jury panel for Ideathon, along with other experts from the industry that was held in May 2021

- 1. Mr R Divakaran Test Engineer, Infosys (2012-2016, Aero)
- 2.Mr S Sudhakar Rocket Propulsion Engineer, SHAR ISRO. (2010-14, Aero)
- 3. Mr R Vigneshram, Data Engineer, COGITO SRL, Italy. (2010-2014, CSE)
- 4. Mr Dinesh Kanna, Head Centre of Excellence, Senior Stewardship Consultant, ERM (Environment Resource Management) (2004-2008, EEE)
- 5. Mr Vignesh G, Founder Four Pointo. (2012-2016, EEE)
- 6. Mr G Yadava Prasath, Founder SIEORA. (2012-2016, EEE)

Alumni were also active in other campus events:

Ms. Sharaniya Swaminathan delivered Career Guidance Meeting for Trimble Inc, (IT, 2013-2017)

Mr. Nikeshkumar. B.K, prepared students for Zoho Interview. (IT, 2013-2017)

In the month of March 2021, the start-up Sandbird founded by alumni Ajith Kannan and Balasurya was recognised as one of the Top 500 Startups of Kuberan's House - India's biggest Startup Show. Balasurya and Ajith are also mentoring student members of the e-cell.

Scholarships enable deserving students to realize their educational aspirations. We are proud to announce the first recipient of the KCG Connect Alumni Scholarship - Ms. S. Rajakumari, II yr Dept of IT. Congratulating her and wishing her the very best in all future endeavours. Mr Sivasekaran from II yr Mechatronics, also received Rs 10,000 from alumnus Kishore Kumar.

In Tech-Quake 2021 organised by XR-AI club, Alumnus Mr. V. R Pratheep (2014-2018) & Alumnus Mr. R. Rajkumar (2006-2010) were the speakers.

Hats off

To sensitize the students on a broad range of techniques for Java, alumni of IT Dept Roshan Shahul N (2016-2020) Associate Engineer at Virtusa and Nikesh kumar. B. K (2013-2017), Member Technical Staff, Zoho corporation has developed for KCG students, a progressively designed module from elementary to advanced concepts of Basic Java, Object Oriented Programming and Data Structures. A big thanks from KCG students!











Happy Memories



















GLIMPSES OF PITCHFEST - LIFT OFF '21

The culture of entrepreneurship has been nurtured at KCG College for a long time. In this spirit, it was decided to conduct a Pitch Fest Lift Off '21 for alumni and fourth year students. A grant of one lakh each was offered for the winners by Director & CEO, Dr Anand Jacob Verghese. After three rounds held over several days, seven teams, including two student teams were selected. The alumni teams were: CDL SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PVT LTD (Aero Batch 2011), SANDBIRD (Mechanical Batch - 2018, 2019), SPACE ZEE (EIE Batch 2017), MANDEC (Mechanical Batch 2020), SNAG MOZHI SOLUTIONS PVT LTD (Mechanical Batch 2017).

The final round of Pitch Fest LIFT OFF '21 was held on 9th April 2021 at 3 pm. It was adjudged by Mr Srinivasan Viswanathan, Co-Founder of Ultimate Business Advisors LLP, India; Mr Narayanan Hariharan, Growth Consultant and Co founder of NFN Labs; and alumnus Nithish Sairam Co-founder Illumine i.

Director & CEO of Hindustan Group, Dr Anand Jacob Verghese felicitated the jurors and finalists. He spoke of the establishment of TBI, the many start ups nurtured by the KCG TBI and saw the Pitch Fest as a natural escalation of the mentoring of start ups through the years. After the felicitation the presentations began. The teams presented their pitch deck and answered the questions put to them by various jurors. At the end of the presentation at 6 pm, the jurors had arrived at a unanimous decision. It was clear from the score sheet that the Jurors had reached similar conclusions on their own.

The three winners were

SANDBIRD: Sand Bird is a smart electric semiautomated power tiller that offers 10x lower operational cost with minimum manual intervention. This will be a boon to Indian farmers. Team Members: Mr. Bala Surya S (CEO- Sand Bird), (Mechanical Batch – 2018), Mr. Ajith Kannan R (CPO- Sand Bird), (Mechanical Batch – 2019).

SPACE ZEE: This is an edtech start up. Instead of the video based model used by others in the field, this start up offers to connect each student to a mentor and proposes a Build 2 Learn model of learning. Team Members: Hariharan, (EIE Batch 2017), Arun Raj, (EIE Batch 2017), Aishwaryaa, (EIE Batch 2017), Meghna Surana, (EIE Batch 2017).

SNAGMOZHI SOLUTIONS: Snag Mozhi Solutions Pvt. Ltd is a service-based language and digital solution start-up. It offers wide range of services like contextual subtitling, translation, video editing, voice over and various content and digital marketing services. Team Members: Nandhakumar - Executive Head, (Mechanical Batch 2017), Sathish Babu - Operation Head, (Mechanical Batch 2017), Anbumani - Creative Head, (Mechanical Batch 2017), Gokul Raj – CTO, (Mechanical Batch 2017).

In a simple award ceremony held on campus, Director and CEO Dr Anand Jacob Verghese presented a cheque of 1 lakh to each of the winners. As recommended by the jurors, the student team PALFTECH was awarded fifty thousand to encourage them in their journey.

It was indeed a tremendous opportunity for aspiring alumni entrepreneurs. Congratulations to all the winners.









News from Alma Mater

MoUs

- School of Fashion Technology has signed an MoU with FLEXOL Packaging (India) Limited, a subsidiary of TVS Logistics Services Limited, Chennai.
- Worean language class was inaugurated and MoU was signed with Korean Cultural Center in India.
- Ÿ Russian language class was inaugurated and MoU was signed with Russian House.
- NSDC CoE on Renewable Energy at KCG College of Technology, and Department of EEE signed an MoU with Inforce Engineering Solutions.
- U Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering signed an MoU with Tesla Minds Chennai, a core company specialised in RF and Antenna design.
- "School of Fashion Technology signed a MoU with M/s. Thanuja's Exim, Chennai.
- Department of Aeronautical & Aerospace signed a MoU with GMR Aerotech Limited, the largest MRO in India.

Toycathon and Interaction by PM

KCG College of Technology was approved as one of the Nodal Centers to conduct TOYCATHON 2021. In addition, KCG College was the only Nodal Center in Chennai, selected by the Government of India to host the interactive session with the Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. He interacted with our students on 24th June 2021 at 11.00 am.



Awards and Recognitions

- KCG listed top in the category of Quality of Campus Life and Second in the category of Best Academia-Industry Cooperation in Grand Jury Award by Education world.
- ⁱⁱ KCG ranked 10th in TN and 21st among all India Private Engineering Colleges by Education World.
- ii KCG College of Technology has been ranked 8th among All India Level Engineering Colleges including Government & Private, 18th among Private Engineering Colleges and 10th among the Engineering Colleges in South Zone, by Data Quest.
- ⁱⁱ KCG College of Technology is recognised as "The Emerging College for Fashion Technology Studies" in Fashion and Business Awards 2020 - 2021.
- ii KCG College of Technology has been recognized as Host Institute to setup and establish Business Incubator for implementation of the scheme "Support for Entrepreneurial and Managerial development of MSMEs through Incubator" by MSME, New Delhi.









Orientation Day

Alumna Srividya Jayaram (1998-2002) - Principal Product Manager, Siemens Digital Industries Software felicitated the gathering during the orientation programme for the Foundation Course held on 17th July 2021. In her address she shared happy memories, magical moments and the hard work done while she was a student and

how all that helped her to be a successful person.

Inauguration of Zuvi

Zuvi, a five feet tall humanoid robot is the latest member of the KCG campus. Designed and developed by the Indian startup Invento Robotics, it was inaugurated by Dr.Anand Jacob Verghese, Director and CEO, HGI on 17th June 2021. One of the most interesting features is that Zuvi has three degrees of freedom with respect to shoulder, elbow and finger movement on each hand, thus



allowing it to welcome guests with a 'Namaste' and also demonstrate other hand gestures like beckoning people! All in all, Zuvi is a fine example of Indian innovation and KCG College of Technology is proud to have this technological marvel on campus!

CSR Activities

Dr KCG Verghese Charitable foundation has bought oxygen concentrators with 5 Lt flow and O2 cylinders which are kept at Smart Vision Clinic, Adyar to help those in need.

As a CSR initiative, groceries, and provisions

for the month of May was supplied to ARK Orphanage.

On behalf of Dr. KCG Verghese Charitable Trust donated Covid Relief Kits including an oxygen concentrator to Ys Service Club of Chennai Karapakkam.



ALUMNI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

To help students align with the industry, it was decided to connect interested students with alumni mentors in various industries. We appreciate all the alumni who readily stepped forward for this. We knew we could count on you!



Mr. Barath Murali Technology Analyst Infosys

2009 -2013, Aero



Mr. Sudhakar Scientist ISRO-SHAR

2010 -2014, Aero



Mr. Vignesh R Loads Engineer Vestas R&D

2014 -2018, Aero



Mr. Lawrenzi Samuel R&D Engineer Ansys inc., Pune

2011 -2015, Aero



Ms. P. Nandhini Senior Engineer M/s. L&T Construction

2012 -2016, Civil



Ms. S.Suganya Forester TN Forest Department

2014 -2018, Civil



Mohamad Ibrahim AFire Protection Engineer
M/s. Sherwin Williams

2015 -2019, Civil



Ms. Akshaya Arun Product Developer Intellect Design Arena

2013 -2017, CSE



Mr. Arun C Risk Reporting Analyst Mr.Cooper

2011 -2015, CSE



Mr. Abhilash IT Manager Toyota India

2006 -2010, CSE



Mr. Dinesh Kumar Principal Software Engineer Chargebee

2012 -2016, CSE



Mr. Siddarth Member of Technical Staff

2014 -2018, CSE



Mr. Chidambaram M Technology Analyst Infosys Limited

2011 -2015, CSE



Mr. Subarna Panda Cyber Security Advisor Price water house Coopers

2011 -2015 C



Mr. Vignesh Ram Data Engineer Cogito Srl

2010 -2014, CSI



Mr. Siddhu Kolappan Territory Manager Amazon Web Services

2006 -2010, CSE



Mr. Vishal Mohan Engineer Tata Communications

2015 -2019, CSE



Abdullah SAP Consultant Kaar Technologies

2013 -2017, ECE



Jenolin Jenisha RPA Automation Developer Philips India Ltd,

2013 -2017, ECE



Ms. Kamaleeshwari National Youth Volunteer Ministry of Youth Affair & Sports Govt of India

2014 -2018, ECE



Mr. Karthik Junior Associate Sanmina SCI Pvt Ltd

2014 -2018, ECE



Mr. Madhanraj Team Lead Accenture

2011 -2015, ECE



Ms. Sanjana Ravikumar Data Scientist PRA Health Sciences Phoenix, USA

2009 -2013, ECE



Mr. Mutnuru Muralidhar Senior data Analyst Trip Advisor, USA

2010 -2014, ECE



Ms. G. Pooja Graduate Student, MS-EEE, Portland State University US Internship @ INTEL Corporation

2012 -2016, ECE



Rovin Senior Engineer GAVS Technologies

2014 -2018, ECE



Mr. Sanjay S Senior Software Engineer VVDN Technologies

2014 -2018, ECE

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Mr. Shravan Senior System Engineer Infosys

2014 -2018, ECE



Mr. SomeshwaranBusiness Development Lead
Zoho Corporation

2014 -2018, ECE



Mr. SoupaDigital Marketing Manager
MNC Bank

2006 -2010, ECE



Balaji V DevOps Engineer HCL Technologies

2014 -2018, ECE



Mr. Sunil Kumar IOT developer-lead Alstom Transport

2012 -2016, EEE



Ms. Christeena Senior Systems Engineer

2013 -2017 FFF



Mr. Sabari Eswaran Senior Engineer-Design BGR Energy Systems

2007 -2011, EEE



Mr. Dinesh Kanna Senior product Stewardship - consultant, ERM

2004 -2008, EEE



Mr. R. Rethish Lead Architect Wipro Ltd.

2010 -2014, EE



Mr. J. Goutham Accenture

2009 -2013, EEE



Mr. Muralidharan Senior Engineer, Legrand

2011 -2015, EEE



Mr. Venkatesan Project Lead Engineer Hitachi ABB

2011 -2015, EEE



Mr. Suman Manivannan Senior Engineer - MES / MOM L&T

2013 **-**2017, E**I**E



Mr. Hariharan Founder / Director Space Zee

2013 -2017 FIF



Mr. Grandin Major Technical lead TCS

2010 -2014, IT



Mr. Nikesh Kumar B.K MTS, Zoho Corporation

2013 -2017, IT



Mr. Vignesh. S Associate.CTS

2010 -2014, IT



Mr. Ashwin Kumar.S Senior Security Consultant Ernst & Young (EY)

2012 -2016, IT



Mr. Rajeev.M Analyst, TCS

2016 -2020, **I**T



Ms. D Gayathri MCC-DE & CGC, Salem Govt. of India

2005 -2009, IT



Mr. GowriShankar Founder SpaceNXT

<mark>2006 -</mark>2010, Mech



Mr. TC Vivek Major, Indian Army

2010 -2014, Mech



Dr. KanmanisubbuAssistant Professor,
Disicipline of Mechanical Engineering
IT Palakkad

<mark>1999 - 2003, Mech</mark>



Mentor Mentee Connect





Multifaceted Alumni



Govind Srimathveeravalli (Mech 1998-2002) currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (MIE) department and an adjunct professor in the Biomedical Engineering (BME) department at UMass Amherst, has received a \$1,366,330 grant over four years from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to develop a revolutionary technique for tissueengineering grafts for bladder reconstruction.



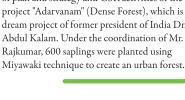
Mr. Vineeth Srinivasan, (Mech, 2002-2006) Alumnus, celebrated director, actor, singer, producer, shot his latest movie Hridayam on KCG campus.



Mr. R. Rajkumar (CSE, 2006-2010) is taking care of plan and strategy and CSR activities of the project "Adarvanam" (Dense Forest), which is a dream project of former president of India Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam. Under the coordination of Mr. R Rajkumar, 600 saplings were planted using



Mr. Balaji (Aero. 2015 -2019) earned the highest recognition as Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) in Toast Master Internationals.





Our enthusiastic young alumni of 2018 & 2019 batch student's start-up SAND BIRD led by Mr. Bala Surya & Mr. Ajith Kannan have bagged the First Silver Award of KPIT Sparkle 2021 by representing our college. They received Award and a cash prize of INR 2.5 Lakhs from Shri. Nitin Gadkari (Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Minister of MSME, Govt. of India).



Dr. Ferdin Joe John Joseph, (CSE,2005-2009), Thai Nichi Institute of Technology, Bangkok, delivered key n ote address in the International Conference on Research and Development in Science, Engineering and Technology (ICRDSET-2021)



Mr. Gnanasekaran founded a charity organization Aram Anbu Ahilam and extended his helping hands to the people in need.



Mr. Ashish Gupta (Mech. 2000-2004) was recognized as 'Covid Hero' by Antattashtriya Agarwal Sammelan, Chennai.



Mr. Ramkumar Kanakarajan played drums for the song "Rock a Bye Baby" for A.R. Rahman's Mimi Album.

Deep **Condolences**



Rajkamal Mech, 2005-09

May his Soul Rest in Peace

KCG Memories Year 2002 - I was super excited after getting admission to KCG College (it was called NITS back then) and was in BE CSE branch. I was happy, also little confused as it was like entering an alien territory because it's all new faces around. I am from Kerala and then later on I met many friends especially from my state. Alan my school friend was also there and I was so happy to see him. Most of us opted for hostel as well. And yes, hostel life. That's something. Our happy place. St. Thomas Hall - The Hostel We are happy and proud to say that we were the first batch of students



Asish Yohan Babu

2002 - 2006, CSE who stayed in St. Thomas Hall. Alan and I stayed in the same room along with one of my other friend Joji. I believe it was 3 people in one room if I am not wrong. We all had a lot of fun in hostel. I got acquainted with many friends from different parts of the country which was so cool. Hostel days was so much fun. I was there till third year and then moved out to an apartment in the city later on. The Campus, well what to say - many beautiful memories come to me when I think about our beautiful campus. So many stories to tell. Nostalgic moments. Literally lived in the KC Tech campus for four years. Got many new and wonderful friends. We were supported by many wonderful teachers without which we couldn't have achieved what we have in our life now. A big thank you to all my lovely teachers from the bottom of my heart. It was convenient to go to the classes as our hostel was within the same campus. The small chit chats that we all had during the breaks were priceless, we had these small seating areas around the campus. There was a cute little tuck shop in the campus were I meet my friends from other batches too. We used to have a chat over coffee and soft drinks. It was super fun days. I worked in Chennai itself post my Engineering college days. Another chapter started in Wipro in the year 2008. By God's grace I was able to work with many wonderful clients in UK, Germany and Mexico. Currently I have quit the corporate world due to health reasons and started my own online food brand called The Bread Lounge by Chino which offers premium artisan homemade breads from around the world especially of Italian and French origin in my hometown of Kottayam, Kerala. Stay safe and be Happy.

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