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Late. Dr. K. C. G. Verghese

Founder - Chairman, Hindustan Group Institutions
(1940 - 2006)

***“To make every man a success
and no man a failure.”***



*Message from
Deputy Director*

Dear Alumni,

It gives me great joy to connect with you through this newsletter. You will always remain an important part of the KCG Tech family, no matter where life has taken you. Your achievements bring us pride, and the memories you carry remind us of the bonds that began on our campuses.

We continue to be guided by the vision of our founder, Dr. K.C.G. Verghese: "To make every man a success and no man a failure." This spirit lives on in the journeys of our alumni, who inspire our students every day.

I encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater. Share your stories, mentor students, or simply visit and relive old memories. Your presence strengthens our community and ensures that the legacy of Hindustan grows brighter with every passing year.

- Mr Enid Verghese Jacob

Hindustan Group of Institutions



AWARDS & ACCOLADES



Excellence in Education Award

Our Chairman, **Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese**, received the Excellence in Education Award from the World Malayalee Council, London. This recognition highlights his strategic leadership and pioneering contributions in advancing top-quality education, positioning our institutions at the forefront of academic excellence.

Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Chairman-HGI was also honoured by the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission for his extraordinary commitment to environmental stewardship. His efforts in reducing the carbon footprint across campuses, implementing sustainable practices and fostering environmental consciousness among students earned this prestigious recognition.



Young Edupreneur

Mr. Enid Verghese Jacob, Deputy Director of Hindustan Group of Institutions, was conferred the prestigious Young Edupreneur Award at the 63rd edition of BRIDGE, India's leading Industry-Institute Interaction Event, held on 26th June 2025.

Golden Icon of Inspiration

Hindustan Group of Institutions received The Golden Icon of Inspiration – Excellence in Science & Technology, presented by **Thiru. Mano Thangaraj**, Hon'ble Minister of Milk & Dairy Development, Tamil Nadu.



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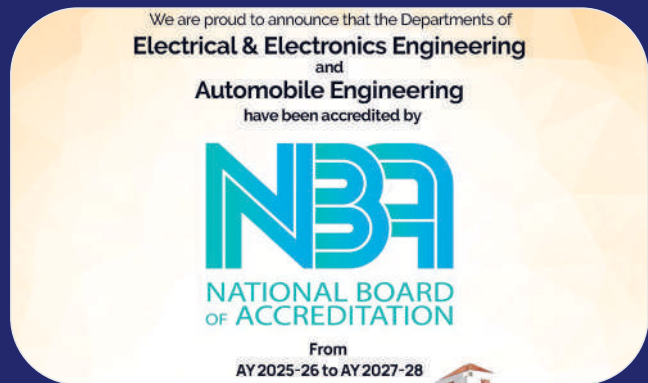


QS Diamond Badge

The College earned the prestigious QS I-Gauge Diamond Rating, affirming our commitment to academic excellence and holistic student development.

NBA Accreditation

The Departments of Automobile Engineering and Electrical & Electronics Engineering received NBA Accreditation for three years (AY 2025-26 to 2027-28).



NIRF Ranking 2024

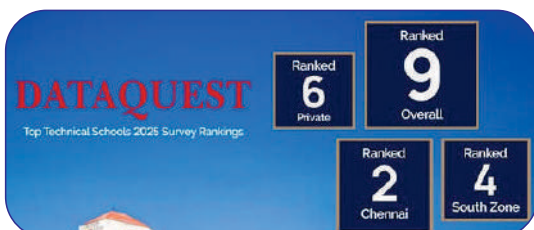
The College secured a place in the 201–300 band under the Engineering category in the NIRF Rankings 2024.

Platinum Band – Academic Excellence

Recognized in the Platinum Band under Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Rankings 2025 by R World Institutional Ranking.



DataQuest Top Technical Schools 2025 Survey



The College has been recognized among the top engineering institutions in the DataQuest Top Technical Schools 2025 Survey, ranking 9th overall, 6th among private colleges, 4th in the South Zone and 2nd in Chennai.

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Innovation Cell Rating

The College received a 4-star rating from the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell for impactful innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives (IIC Calendar 2023-24).

International Achievements

Seven Student Teams advanced to the Prototype Level at the Technology Infusion Grand Challenge Asia conducted by La Trobe University, Australia, with grant support to develop their innovative solutions.

Optimystic: Vision For Blind
Amount Received: 500 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Vishal M 4 th year - Automobile	Prithiyanga 4 th year - CSE

Design and Development of DL-CNN Based Smart NICU
Amount Received: 500 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Sudarshan K 4 th year - AI&DS	Shandon Samuel S 4 th year - AI&DS	Kumar E 4 th year - AI&DS
Venkat Raman B 4 th year - AI&DS	Angeline Sylvia D 3 rd year - CSE	

Hybrid Kinetic Tile
Amount Received: 400 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Sheik Althaf 4 th year - EEE	Nafise B 4 th year - Aerospace
Mathin Sarani 4 th year - CSE	

Luna: The Women's Health Band
Amount Received: 300 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Vakkalagadda Divithi Rao 4 th year - CSE	Nandini N K 2 nd year - ECE
Mishal Ahmed 2 nd year - CSE	Iyad Luqman 2 nd year - CSE

AIoT Smart EyeWear for Law Enforcement
Amount Received: 300 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Nithin T S 4 th year - CSE	Shyamli R 4 th year - CSE
Abhishek J A 4 th year - ECE	

AirCloud: A Mobile Atmospheric Purification System
Amount Received: 400 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Rangith Kumar G 4 th year - ECE	Nishab Murthi K 4 th year - ECE
Nisha B 4 th year - ECE	Mohamed Razeetha M 4 th year - ECE

AQUASAVEX: Waterless Washing Machine
Amount Received: 800 AUD

TEAM MEMBERS:

Mohamed Shuhail G 3 rd year - ECE	Mudhasir Haseeb KM 3 rd year - ECE	Harish Aditya GK 3 rd year - ECE
Mohamed Mubeen H 3 rd year - ECE	Rithika SK 2 nd year - CSE	



National Honour

CSUO Swanand Kasar, Final Year Aeronautical Engineering, was selected for the Overseas Deployment of 1TS Autumn Term-24 Camp. He is the sole representative from Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate.

Trailblazing Achievements

Our students continue to make the institution proud through their remarkable performances:

mBAJA SAEINDIA 2024 – INFERNO Racing Team of the college has made an impressive debut at the mBAJA SAEINDIA 2025 and secured - All India Rank –26, Tamil Nadu Rank –5 and Chennai Rank –2



Anna University Rank Holders

Fifteen students who secured ranks in the Anna University April/May 2023 Examinations were honored on 6th July 2024 by our esteemed Chairman, **Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese**. He congratulated the rank holders for their determination, consistency and hard work.

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SIH2024 Champions



Team Pac_Bot – Solved the critical problem of water surface cleaning proposed by Autodesk and emerged as winners among 300+ participating teams, with only six advancing to the finals. Their innovation and technical expertise stood out on the national stage.



Team Windtech - Crowned Joint Winner in the SIH 2024 (Hardware Edition), securing a cash prize

Campus Celebrations

Moments of joy, unity and tradition lit up the year, strengthening the bond between students, faculty, alumni and well-wishers.

Annual Alumni Meet 2024

The Annual Alumni Meet 2024, held on 15th August 2024, was a vibrant and heartwarming event that brought together alumni from various batches to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate their college memories. The gathering recognized alumni who have excelled in diverse fields, from technological innovation to business leadership and societal contributions. Their remarkable achievements continue to inspire the entire KCG Tech community.



Alumni Meet 2025

The Alumni Meet 2025 organised on 23rd August 2025 was a remarkable celebration of connections, memories and shared accomplishments. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from alumni across batches, who returned to their alma mater to reconnect with peers and faculty while reliving the spirit of campus life. Adding a special dimension to the occasion were the heartfelt testimonials shared by our alumni. Their reflections on personal journeys, professional growth and the lasting impact of KCG Tech were both inspiring and deeply moving, reaffirming the strong bond between the institution and its graduates.



Ethereal 2025

The two-day cultural extravaganza, Ethereal 2025, held on 21st & 22nd March 2025, transformed the campus into a lively hub of creativity and talent. Students from across Chennai showcased their skills in music, dance, literature, gaming and sports. Highlights included performances by rapper Asal Kolaar, Kannada actor Kayadu Lohar and musician Premgi Amaren, while the grand valedictory featured DJ Lash and singer Sarah Black, culminating in an exhilarating prize distribution ceremony.



27th College Day

The 27th College Day celebration, held on 29th March 2025, marked a momentous occasion filled with recognition and inspiration. The event featured the Welcome Address and Annual Report presentation by Principal **Dr. M. Muthukannan**, a Special Address by Director **Dr. Annie Jacob** and insights from Chief Guest **Md Shakeel Akhter**, IPS (Retd). The induction of the Student Advisory Council for 2025-26 and prize distribution for academic toppers highlighted the achievements of students and faculty alike.



23rd Graduation Day

The College marked its 23rd Graduation Day on 30th March 2025, as 915 graduands received their degrees on campus. Fifteen rank holders from the 2023 batch and 19 from the 2024 batch were awarded medals and cash prizes totaling Rs.7 lakhs. The ceremony also saw the inauguration of DASHAGRIV Aerospace Pvt. Ltd., an alumni start-up dedicated to advancing aerospace technology, led by **Mr. Logeshwaran.M** and **Mr. Hariharan R.** of the Class of 2024. The event was graced by **Shri C.V. Deepak**, Chief Guest and **Shri Sivarajah Ramanathan**, Guest of Honor, along with institutional leaders, culminating in an inspirational address encouraging lifelong learning, entrepreneurship and value-driven leadership.



Annual Retreat of KCG Christian Fellowship

The Annual Retreat, held on 5th April 2025, was a soul-stirring day that brought together students and alumni for heartfelt worship, meaningful fellowship and spiritual renewal. **Bro. Issac Joe**, renowned evangelist and musician, inspired participants with uplifting songs and messages, fostering a strong sense of faith, unity and purpose among all attendees. The presence of alumni added warmth and inspiration, strengthening the bond between past and present KCGians.



TATA IPL Fan Park 2025 at KCG College of Technology

The TATA IPL Fan Park 2025, held on 24th & 25th May 2025, transformed the Pele Football Ground into a vibrant cricketing arena. Fans enjoyed live match screenings, exhilarating contests & a festive atmosphere as Chennai Super Kings & Delhi Capitals engaged in thrilling encounters. The two-day event brought cricket enthusiasts together for an unforgettable experience of sport, community & celebration.



New Additions

KCG Tech continues to expand its academic & research frontiers, keeping pace with the evolving demands of education, technology & industry.

Inauguration of Cyber Security & AI/ML Labs



On 30th October 2024, the state-of-the-art Kaspersky-Norton Cyber Security Lab and Dabbala Rajagopal AI/ML Lab were inaugurated by our Founder Chairperson **Dr. Elizabeth Verghese**, alongside **Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese**, Chairman of HGI and the management. These cutting-edge labs will provide students with hands-on training, foster research in emerging technologies and strengthen the college's technical ecosystem to address the challenges of Industry 4.0.

New Academic Programs – Academic Year 2025-26

To equip students with skills in high-demand domains, KCG Tech has introduced new programs for the academic year 2025-26:

- B.Tech in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning – preparing undergraduates with advanced expertise in AI, data science and intelligent systems.
- MCA (Master of Computer Applications) – designed to produce industry-ready professionals in software development, cloud computing and enterprise technologies.
- Ph.D. in Automobile Engineering – opening avenues for pioneering research in sustainable mobility and next-generation vehicles.
- Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering – advancing scholarly inquiry in aviation, aerodynamics and aerospace technology.

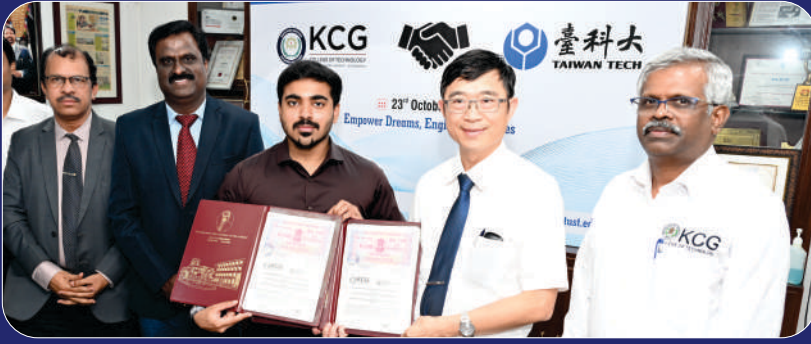
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

University of Evansville, USA

On 25th April 2025, KCG College of Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the esteemed University of Evansville, USA. The MoU was formally exchanged between **Mr. Enid Verghese**, Deputy Director of Hindustan Group of Institutions and **Dr. Suresh Immanuel**, Associate Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Evansville. This collaboration will facilitate enriched academic engagement, faculty and student exchange programs and collaborative research initiatives, fostering a global perspective for our students and faculty.



National Taiwan University of Science & Technology (NTUST)



On 23rd October 2024, KCG Tech signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NTUST, Taiwan. This partnership aims to promote international academic exchange, joint research initiatives and provide students with global exposure in science and technology fields.

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), UK

On 11th December 2024, KCG Tech formalized a MoU with The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), UK. This collaboration enables students and faculty to access IET's resources, certifications and global network, enhancing professional development and academic growth.



Innovation & Industry Partnerships Wadhvani Foundation

On 6th August 2025, the College entered into a strategic partnership with the Wadhvani Foundation to strengthen entrepreneurial capabilities among students. This collaboration will empower the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) and create a dynamic ecosystem for student-led innovation and start-ups.



TANSAM

On 18th November 2024, KCG Tech signed a MoU with TANSAM, aimed at advancing research and development in advanced manufacturing. The collaboration provides students with hands-on industry experience, practical exposure and the opportunity to apply classroom learning to real-world challenges.



Alumni Interactions

KCG Tech actively engaged its alumni throughout the year 2024–25, fostering mentorship, knowledge sharing & professional guidance for current students:

Date	Name of Alumni	Nature of Interaction
March 23	Mr Jacob Paul, Zilogic Systems	Talk on Robo Framework in Automative Testing
August 3	Mr Dhanush, Mr Sabesh & Mr Kiridharan	Innothon-Jury
August 31	Mr Gladwin Antony	Talk-Sculpt your Future
September 13	Ms M Varsha Sundar	Talk-Cyber Security in Industry
September 24	Mr Sudharshaun M	Talk-Python Webdevelopment
October 24	Mr Allen Geofferey Raj	Talk-Applications of AI in Industry
December 11-12	Ms Varsha Sundar	SIH-JURY
December 12	Mr Kuhan Madan	SIH-Chief Guest
February 22	Ms N Hema Malini	Panel Discussion
	Mr Renuga Devi	
	Mr Jonadab Theodre	
	Dr R Rajkumar	
April 11& 12	Members of Alumni	Mock Interview

Panel discussion

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Panel Discussion on We have Miles to Go

Panel Discussion on We have Miles to Go was conducted on 22nd February 2025 for the students. The discussion aimed at giving an insight into industry expectations, facing competitive exams and building confidence for the current students. The panelists **Ms Hemamalini Nithyanandam** (IT 2010), Software Designer VI, HP Inc, **Dr R Raj Kumar** (CSE 2010), Associate Professor, SRMIST, **Ms Ramya Manickavel** (ECE 2013), Assistant Professor, KCG Tech, **Mr Jonadab Theodore**(ECE 2020), Senior Research Analyst, CRISIL Global Research & Risk Solutions and **Ms Renu Ravindran**(ECE 2021), Founder, The SEL Academy encouraged the students to ideate, improve technical and communication skill and build on their confidence. The discussion was thought provoking, enterprising and invigorating. The students interacted with the panelists on and off stage.

Office of Alumni Affairs
Organizes a

Panel Discussion on
We have Miles to Travel...

Panelists

Ms N.Hemamalini (IT 2010), Software Designer VI, HP Inc	Dr R Rajkumar (CSE 2010), Associate Professor, SRMIST	Ms Ramya (ECE 2013), Assistant Professor, KCG Tech
Ms Renu Ravindran (ECE 2021), Founder, The SEL Academy	Mr Jonadab Theodore (ECE 2020), Senior Research Analyst, CRISIL Global Research & Risk Solutions	

Moderator
Ms Jennifer
Final year-ECE



KCG Alumnus a Hero in Operation Sindoor



We are proud to share that our Ex CSUO (2014 batch) and **Major Vivek**, (Mechanical 2014) was one of the war warrior of OPERATION SINDOOR fought against the terrorist for the justice of women and recently he returned to his native and village people appreciated and celebrated him.

A Big Salute to Major Vivek.

Message from our Alumna Ms Kavitha Saran

"A Proud KCGian Giving Back!

KCG College will always be close to my heart. Back in 2000, when my brothers were studying at HCE, my parents chose NITS (now KCG College of Technology) for me. I became part of the third batch and graduated with a B.E. in Electronics and Communication Engineering in 2004.

In 2005, I moved to Sydney, Australia, carrying with me big dreams and aspirations. Life gave me the chance to work with some of the most respected organizations there-Woolworths, American Express and Employers Mutual. While my career grew and I experienced many milestones, a part of me always stayed connected to where it all began. After more than a decade abroad, I decided to return to my roots in 2017.

Today, I work in the HR space and every time I come across a résumé from KCG, it fills me with pride and joy.

At the recent Alumni Meet, I had the privilege of reconnecting with the placement officer and discussing ways I could contribute to supporting placements for current students. For me, this is more than just giving back-it is about honouring the foundation that shaped me, both academically and personally.

KCG was not just a college; it was a support system that prepared me for the world and I will always be grateful for that.



Alumni Interview



Interviewer
Ms Jennifer V,
ECE 2025

Featuring **Dr. Raj Kumar,**
Associate Professor,
Department of Computer Science,
SRMIST



You have authored the book *India 2030* and contributed essays in Tamil to popular yearbooks. What motivates your passion for writing and sharing knowledge with a wider audience?

The passing of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam deeply moved me and became the driving force behind my book *India 2030*. I had received my postgraduate degree from his hands and had even planned to meet him to discuss my PhD ideas. When he passed away, I felt a strong desire to keep his vision alive through my writing.

I spent two years working on *India 2030*, which imagines how India would look if Dr.Kalam's dreams and ideas were fully realized - a nation driven by innovation, sustainability, and futuristic thinking. The book was released in 2018 by then ISRO Chairman **Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar** and his family, who graciously read it in its entirety on stage. His remark, "If Dr. Kalam were alive, he would be completely satisfied reading this book," remains one of my most cherished moments.

Through this book, I aimed to inspire readers to think futuristically, understand the importance of patents and innovation, and uphold the values of nature conservation that Dr. Kalam so strongly believed in.

Looking back at your time as a student at KCG College of Technology, what experiences or lessons have had the most lasting impact on your career?

I've never considered myself highly technical, but I've always been driven by curiosity and the desire to create something new. That mindset led me to pursue my B.Tech at KCG College of Technology, where I developed a project called KeyPod. It was my first real innovation and it opened many doors for me.

The project received initial seed funding of ₹25,000 from our respected Principal, Dr. Annie Jacob, and went on to win the CII Best Project Award as well as recognition from The Times of India. These milestones not only encouraged me to keep innovating but also became the foundation for my career journey.

With your expertise in Generative AI, Metaverse and Brain-Computer Interfaces, what emerging opportunities do you see for young engineers to make a meaningful impact in these fields?

My PhD focused on Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs), which opened a fascinating path for me. During my early research surveys, I noticed that respondents often gave different answers when asked the same question again - making it difficult to rely solely on traditional feedback. This led me to explore BCIs as a way to go deeper: by capturing neural signals through specialized caps, I could better understand a person's thoughts, emotions and even learning styles. It revealed how introverts and extroverts, for example, often process & absorb information differently.

Beyond BCIs, I've also explored other emerging fields. I've used Generative AI for basic image-generation tasks and about five years ago, I implemented a Digital Twin for Chennai Port. This system simulated all port operations in a gamified way, visualizing container movements and enabling better operational oversight. Together, these experiences show how technologies like BCIs, Generative AI, and Metaverse concepts can create meaningful, real-world impact - and offer young engineers exciting opportunities to innovate.

In your view, what key skills & mindset should students and early-career professionals cultivate to stay relevant & excel in the next 5-10 years?

In today's world, many people focus on building applications - but true innovation begins with mastering the fundamentals. Whether it's Elon Musk's engineering breakthroughs or Microsoft's technological achievements, all of it is rooted in a deep understanding of core principles.

For engineering students, developing this foundation is crucial. I believe every student should aim to be skilled enough to clear the GATE exam - not necessarily to pursue it, but to reach that level of technical depth & confidence.

Your mindset should be built for the long term - not just for the next 5 or 10 years, but for the next 20. When your fundamentals are strong, technology trends may change, but your ability to adapt and lead will always remain.

What guidance would you offer to students who aspire to pursue a career in research or academia after completing their engineering degrees?

After completing an engineering degree, I strongly believe students should first gain work experience before pursuing higher studies. At around 21, it's important to get a reality check - to step out of your comfort zone, take up a job and challenge yourself in the real world.

In my own journey, I began working at the age of 19. After completing my 12th grade at 17 and a diploma in two years, I joined HCL, where I worked in the hardware domain. Those early years taught me the value of discipline and perseverance - I often worked 12 to 13 hours a day, learning from every experience. Later, I joined KCG College directly in the second year, shifting from Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) to Computer Science and Engineering (CSE).

That transition, supported by real industry exposure, gave me clarity about my interests and career direction. My advice to students is simple: get your hands dirty early, learn through experience, and let the industry shape your understanding before you specialize further.

You've played a pivotal role in organizing hackathons and innovation challenges aligned with Sustainable Development Goals. What impact have these initiatives had on students, the community & innovation culture at SRMIST?

As the convener of five editions of the SDG Hackathons at SRM, my guiding principle has always been simple - what we take from society, we must also give back. These hackathons are not just competitions; they are platforms for students to apply what they've learned and create real-world impact.

We design challenges that push participants to think beyond theory and innovate for social good. The results have been remarkable-six startups have emerged from these hackathons and four of them are now generating steady revenue in areas such as waste management, food management, and medical equipment innovation.

Through these initiatives, we've not only promoted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) but also helped students turn their ideas into viable careers -proving that engineering and empathy can go hand in hand.

Obituary



Mr Tharun & Ms Rincy, ECE, 2004 batch tragically passed away in a car accident.



Alphy Titus CSE, 2024 batch Passed away tragically on February 18, 2025



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