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Dr. Anita Manuel
Professor & Dean (Student Affairs)

Farewell Message from Dean (Student Affairs)

Dear Alumni

As I get ready to retire, I just want to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to nurture alumni relations since 2014 when we had a gala alumni meet and formed the alumni association. Since then, there have been many milestones like the registration of KCG Connect Alumni Association (KCGC) in 2016, the various Alumni Meets, the first online Meet during Covid, and the Pitch Fest for alumni start-ups. And of course, the publication of this biannual newsletter in 2021! We have proudly awarded Alumni Excellence Awards, as well as Young Alumni Achiever Awards for alumni in various sectors in 2015 and 2021. In these intervening years, not only has the alumni network grown steadily, but you have given back to your alma mater in so many ways, through seminars,

workshops, mock interviews, as part of jury panels, as members of the DAB, helping with internships and placements, the list goes on and on. It has been a wonderful journey.

As the college stands on the cusp of becoming autonomous, we look forward to your continued valuable support and inputs. This is crucial to ensure that your alma mater powers ahead and grows from strength to strength. An educational institution is only as good as its students and alumni. You are the corner stone, you are our legacy. One unrealised dream has been the establishment of an alumni scholarship fund, but I hope that as our college completes 25 years this too will become a reality. You know only too well, how many students struggle financially every year.

My journey of 20 years at KCG is drawing to a close. Personally, I have cherished every moment I spent with all of you when you were students, and later when you interacted with me as alumni. I am proud of each and every one of you, and wish you all many happy and successful years ahead both in your personal and professional lives. Last but not least, special thanks to all the various office bearers with whom I worked through these years.

Thank You



Congratulations

Dr Anand Jacob Verghese

on assuming office as **CHAIRMAN**
of Hindustan Group of Institutions
and **CHANCELLOR** of Hindustan
Institute of Technology & Science

Report from Secretary of KCGCAA



Mr. Vignesh S
Secretary
KCG Connect Alumni Association

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.

Mr. Sudhakar (Aero, 2010- 2014), **Mr. Safar Rahman** (Mech 2006-2010) and **Mr. Gowrishankar** (Mech 2006-2010) spoke at a webinar on IoT in Space-Nano Satellites and Cubesats on 22nd May 2022.

Ms. Mercy Ramya IAS (CSE, 2005-2009) participated as an expert in Panel Discussion on Profession Driven by Passion, on 27th August 2022.



The 4th edition of Alumni News Letter was released in the presence of our alumni by **Mr. Rajan** Asian Games Athletics Gold Medalist on 15th August 2022 during the Independence Day celebration.



Mr. Vigneshram (CSE, 2010-2014) delivered a talk on **Cyber Security**, on 13th October 2022.



Mr. O V Prasanth (Aero, 2013-2017) delivered a talk on **Overview of Short Film Making** in the KCG Film Appreciation Club on 6th January 2022.



Ms. Stephy Anna Varughese (2016-2020,IT), conducted a session on **Software Testing Tools and Job Opportunities** on 24th September 2022.

Mr. M Shamin Anwar (2015-2019, Civil) delivered a talk on **Digitization of CRIP Industry** on 12th November 2022.

Mr. Hari Haran, Space Zee (2013-2017, EIE) is guiding three projects named AR E commerce, Laptop Troubleshooting Assistive Learning using Digital Twin and AR based Monument Visualisation Application.

Ms. T. Sneha (2016-2020, ECE) is guiding business plan for two major projects named **Design and Development of ML based Onion Storage System** and **Inferno Racing Team**.

Mr. Sabesh Kumar (2017-2021, CSE) is supporting AR/VR club as resource person.

Mr. Subadeve (2014-2018, EEE) arranged placement drive by GX India private limited on 24th September 2022. Three students got placement.

Ms. Debanjali Dey, Software Engineer, Dassault Systems (Aero 2018) gave a talk on **Gate Examination: A Life Changer** on 17th September 2022.

Dr. Anandhan Dhanasingh, Manager MED – EL, Innsbruck Austria (Mech 2002) gave a talk on **Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implant** on 3rd Sept 2022

Mr. Agasthaya Raghavan, R D Mechanical Eng at Haliburton, National University of Singapore (Mech 2018) spoke on **Bright Opportunities in Mechanical Engineering** on 20th August 2022

Ms. Swetha Karthik Babu, Security Engineer, Morgan Stanley, Washington USA (ECE 2009) gave a seminar on **Cloud Security** on 18th March 2023.

Mr. Dhanush S, Associate Software Engineer Virtusa (IT 2022) and

Ms Ellora Jeya Suji Associate Software Engineer Virtusa (IT 2022) conducted a Build to Learn workshop on 18th March 2023.

Mr. Muzzamil Zait, Associate Software Engineer Virtusa (IT 2022) conducted a workshop on **Cybercratz 1.0** on 18th March 2023



Ms. Harshal Rajesh, Data Analyst, Swiss Learning Exchange (CSE, 2016-2020) installed the office bearers of IET KCG on 13th October 2022.

Alumni Support in Ethereal



Surendar
Mech (2013 to 2017)



Vineeth Sreenivasan
Mech (2002 to 2006)



Arjun
ECE (2016 to 2020)



Arun & Aravind
Mech (2007 to 2011)



Arjun Ganesh
Mech (2017 to 2021)



Karthik Guru
E&I (2012 to 2016)



Dipak Hariharan
Mech (2017 to 2021)



Vigneshwaran Sugumar
EEE (2012 to 2016)



Jahnvi K
IT (2018 to 2022)

Alumni Achievements



Mr. Aravind (2014-2018, Mech.) completed his Msc. (Laurea Magistrale) in Mechanical Engineering from Politecnico di Torino



Ms. Kavitha, Ms. Shobana and Ms. Suganya (2010-2014, Aero) received Creative Entrepreneur of the Year award from WBN India for their start-up Kavin Accessories.

KCG Alumni in Armed Forces

Mr. Andrew Thomas Fuller (2009-2013, CSE) Major, Indian Army.

Mr. Vivek T J (2011-2015, Mech) Major, Indian Army.

Ms. Heena Perveen (2011-2015, CSE) Assistant Commandant, Coast Guard.

Mr. Arvind Yogesh T M S (2012-2016, ECE) Captain, Major, Indian Army.

Mr. Yuvaraj R (2012-2016, Aero) Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Officer, Indian Army.

Ms. Backia Goutham (2012-2016, Mechanical) Assistant Commandant, CRPF.

Mr. Ashutosh Yadav (2013-2017, EEE) Captain, Army.

Ms. Sai Akshaya (2013-2017, EEE) Flying Officer, Air Force.

Mr. Sandeep Menon (2000-2004, Mechanical), Air Force.

Mr. Abiraj (2015-2019, EEE), Lieutenant Indian Army.

Congrats!

“Humbled and equally proud to become the Top financial service professional across the world by achieving MDRT! thanks to TATA group! Celebrations continuing and business trips to Singapore, Azerbaijan, USA and across India for the next many days.”

Mr. Jeby Verghese, ECE 2002.

We were thrilled to get a surprise visit from CSE 2006 Alumni!



They even did a “then and now” photo shoot!

Nostalgia Overload: Glimpses of the First Batch



Hope all of you remember these fun moments. It's been 25 years since you first met. Time to Celebrate with us at the Silver Connect reunion on 15th July 2023.

Snapshots from Singapore



KCG alumnus **Mr. Agasthya Raghavan** (Mech 2018) with founder chairperson **Dr. Elizabeth Verghese** on her 80th birthday celebration in Singapore



Dr. Linu Sam, Professor of Physics with KCG alumni at the Singapore Alumni Meet

MoU with Alumnus Start-up



We are proud to announce that KCG College of Technology signed a MoU with Konma, a Global th Community for Food, Art and Lifestyle based on Blockchain Technology on 7th October 2022. The MoU was signed by **Mr. Enid Verghese**, Deputy Director, Hindustan Group of Institutions and representatives from Konma including **Mr. Vinay Devabhaktuni**, an alumnus of KCG College of Technology and Founder of Konma. **Ms. Advitha Ashok**, Co-founder of Konma, as well as Members of Senior Management. **Mr. Sathya Vijayan**, an alumnus of the Hindustan College of Arts & Science and **Mr. Prithvi Vignesh J**, an alumnus of Hindustan University were present. This crucial partnership will in due course lead to collaborative research projects and internships for our students in the emerging held of Blockchain Technology.

Creating a Vibrant Campus: KCG Clubs

KCG campus is vibrant with 20plus clubs, thriving with activities, events and competitions, immersing the members in a dynamic world of learning and fun. KCG Clubs are all about exploring your talent and interests, finding your special space and making great friends.



Campus News

AICTE-CII Survey of Industry Linked Technical Institutes 2021

The Legacy of Excellence Continues



KCG Tech has been awarded the Best Industry Linked Institute Award for Computer & Allied Engineering Category (CSE, IT & AI&DS), Electrical & Allied Engineering Category (EEE) and Electronics & Allied Engineering Category (ECE) at the prestigious AICTE-CII Survey of Industry Linked Technical Institutes 2021. KCG Tech is one amongst the 2 institutes from Tamil Nadu to win the award for the year 2021. Electrical & Allied Engineering Category having won the award for the third time, the Department of EEE has been recognised as a Mentor from this academic year onwards.

Global Event IEEE YESIST12 2022

A Global Recognition for Innovation



Team: **Ms. A, Doreen Belinta (ECE) | Ms. M. Kavipriya (ECE) | Ms. T. Kavya (ECE)**

This prestigious event saw teams from 13 countries participating to win the top prize, from which our outstanding students emerged victorious.

National IP Awards 2021 & 2022



Special Citation for Institution's Innovation Council

KCG College of Technology has been awarded National Intellectual Property Awards 2021-22 under the category Special Citation for Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The award was conferred recognizing the institution's contribution towards IP and Commercialization as well as the IIC activities supporting innovation ecosystem. The institution had led 178 patent applications and conducted 89 innovation and entrepreneurship activities under Institution's Innovation Council. The award was received from **Shri. Piyush Goyal**, the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Kalam Best College Award 2022



Dr. Kalam Best College Award 2022 was awarded to KCG College of Technology by the World Youth Federation at ACTech Campus, Anna University. The award was given recognising the institution's excellence in innovation, collaboration and education through experiential and multidisciplinary learning.

Dr. P. Deiva Sundari, Principal, KCG College of Technology was recognized as Outstanding Leader in Higher Education in 14th Elets Higher Education Summit on 7th October 2022 organised by Elets Technomedia Pvt. Ltd.

We are proud to announce that KCG College of Technology- Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) has been conferred the coveted 4-star rating by the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell (MIC) for the year 2021-22. This prestigious rating is the highest for any IIC across the country. With state-of-the-art lab infrastructure, exible curricula and a keen focus on innovation and collaborations with industry leaders, we offer our students an exciting opportunity to be at the forefront of the next technological revolution. We are honoured to receive this rating in recognition of our legacy of innovation, collaborative culture and educational excellence.

Centre for Transformational Leadership



With the vision that leadership skills can and should be taught, the Centre was established in February 2022. Sessions by leaders, like **Dr Annie Jacob**, Director KCG; **Mr George Koshi**, Director Learning & Development @ Sify Technologies Ltd; **Mr Ram Srinivasan**, Co-founder ZASTI; **Mr Sengu Paal**, Director Ezone Learning, have ensured interactive learning from leaders themselves. Workshops on Design Thinking, innovation challenges, opportunities to organize events are some of the other ways that ensure experiential inculcation of leadership skills among students. It has been an exciting journey for the members.

Ethereal



The mega intercollegiate cultural extravaganza, Ethereal 2022 was held on 14th & 15th October on the campus. It saw students from 67 institutions across the country, pitting their talents against each other. The events were judged by experts who were KCG Tech alumni, corporate connects and celebrities from the fashion and cine industry.

Special Guests:

Mr Vineeth Sreenivasan,
Film Director/ Singer
Ms. Athulya Ravi,
Cine Actress

Mr Dhruv Vikram,
Actor / Singer
Ms Nithyashree,
Indian Idol Singer
Ms. Anukreethy Vas,
Miss India 2018

Mr. Vijay Varma,
Choreographer
Ms. Deepika,
Disc Jockey

Student Achievements

Celebrating Excellence: Smart India Hackathon 2022 An exceptional achievement on The National Stage



Redwing Team

Immersive Techies Team



East India Company Team

Sparkle Fiddle Team

Four student teams have won FIRST PRIZE with a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000 each for their projects demonstrated in the nationwide event, Smart India Hackathon 2022.

Our student team has won 2nd runner up position with a cash prize of Rs. 10,000. in the I- DAPT HUB PITCH CHALLENGE competition conducted by IIT VARANASI under the theme Telecommunication.

Our student team is ranked 1st in TN and 10th at All India in the SUPRA SAEINDIA 2022.

Our student team is ranked 1st in Tamil Nadu and 5th in India at the prestigious ISNEE Go Kart Design Challenge (GKDC) 2022.

Mr. Surya Barath (Batch 2018- 2022 of Fashion Technology), the best outgoing student, has secured All India Rank 4 in National Institute of Design M.Des. Universal Design and All India Category Rank 9 in NIFT Masters in Fashion Management.

Our student team has won the Best Designer Award at Naanmudhalvan fusion 360 boot camp cum competition conducted by SSN College of Engineering and **Autodesk. B**



KCG Tech continued its legacy of excellence at the prestigious Industry Institution Summit 4.0 held on 15th October 2022 with 4 teams from our college winning top prizes at the IET Smart City Challenge and the IET Pentathon-Makeathon.



Mr. Vinay Devakbhakthuni

Founder, Head R &D, KONMA

My name is Vinay and I'm a mechanical engineering graduate from KCG College of Technology. I have always been drawn to entrepreneurship and began my journey by manufacturing aluminum alloys and auto components, and later moving on to export and import in the same field.

However, I have a curious mind and am always looking for new opportunities to learn and grow. That's why I decided to put the aluminum business on hold for a bit and focus on Konma, a venture based on blockchain technology.

My time at KCG College of Technology was not only instrumental in developing my technical skills and knowledge, but it also provided me with valuable insights into the world of business. Through my coursework and practical experiences, I learned about the various challenges and opportunities that entrepreneurs face, and I developed the ability to think strategically and make sound decisions. Additionally, My time at KCG exposed me to a diverse community of students, faculty, and industry professionals who helped me to broaden my perspective and learn from others. This diversity of

experiences and perspectives undoubtedly played a key role in shaping my worldview and inspired me to pursue my vision of creating a more decentralized and inclusive world through Konma.

Konma is a consortium of Decentralized Autonomous Organizations, Decentralized Autonomous Enterprises, and Decentralized Applications that aims to build a community deliverance protocol and create a borderless, inclusive world that is decentralized. I am deeply passionate about the potential for blockchain technology to create positive change and am actively learning about and implementing it in my work.

As the founder of Konma, and I play a key role in shaping the overall vision and direction of the organization, as well as overseeing its operations and managing its team. My responsibilities at Konma also include business development, fundraising, and marketing, as well as staying up-to-date with the latest developments in blockchain technology and incorporating them into Konma's offerings.

In addition to my work in the tech industry, I am also a reformative farmer who believes in the power of clean farming practices and biotechnology. I believe that biotechnology has the potential to revolutionize the agriculture industry and am committed to promoting clean farming methods.

Aside from blockchain and agriculture, I am also interested in artificial intelligence, machine learning, international business, and social entrepreneurship. I take an interdisciplinary approach to my work and am always seeking new opportunities to learn and grow.

As an entrepreneur, I know firsthand that starting and running a business can be full of challenges. Personally, one of my biggest challenges was my lack of expertise in business management being an Engineering student. I decided to upskill myself in blockchain technology.

Through my education, I learned about the potential for blockchain to create more inclusive and decentralized systems, as opposed to the traditional, fragmented and centralized models. This inspired me to create Konma, an ecosystem that Includes, Involves, and Incentives everyone. An ecosystem Owned by no one and built for everyone.

I am driven by a desire to make a positive impact and am grateful to have the opportunity to work on such a wide range of projects and ventures. I'm excited to see how Konma will grow and evolve, and I hope that it will make a positive impact on the world.

Block your calendar for the mega
SILVER CONNECT REUNION
scheduled on 15th July 2023.

We look forward to your feedback and suggestions. We request you to send us pictures 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 alumniconnect@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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Alumnus Vignesh S, Secretary, KCGCAA | **Alumnus Gowri Shankar**, Member, KCGCAA