When you’re sure of yourself!

Balachandran was a frequent flyer. One day he had been on a long flight. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: “Fasten your seat belts.”

Then, after a while, a calm voice said, “We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened.”

As Balachandran looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, “We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us.”

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

Balachandran was feeling terribly upset and noticed the anxiety and fear of those around him. As he looked around the plane, he could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying.

The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm. And then, he suddenly noticed a girl to whom the storm meant nothing. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat and was deeply immersed reading a book.

Everything within her small world was calm and quiet. Sometimes she closed her eyes thinking or imagining, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were nowhere in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid.

Balachandran could hardly believe his eyes. It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally landed at its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, he lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time.

Having commented about the storm and behaviour of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The sweet child replied, “Sir, my Dad is the pilot and he is taking me home.”

When you are sure of yourself, and have total faith in someone who is guiding you, your confidence level is steady and you are never shaky; you do the things calmly and successfully.

Dr. G.P.C. Nayar

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Learning leadership skills and teamwork through OBT

PGDM and MBA students recently went on their Out Bound Training programme, which turned out to be an experience of a lifetime for them. The three-day training session comprised a number of activities that were designed carefully to benefit the students. Through the programme the students learnt a lot about management concepts, team work, crisis management, interpersonal skills, communication skills and facing challenges.

The OBT programme was conducted to nurture team spirit and leadership skills among the students. The programme was organised in Suryanelli, Munnar where the faculty and students camped and engaged in adventure games. The training was held in collaboration with Kalypso Adventures. A variety of team games and competitive activities interspersed with discussions and deliberations on team dynamics and processes marked the programme. The events included a fun-filled exploration of various aspects of planning, collaboration, competition, creativity, communication, strategy and leadership in teams.

All activities were designed in such a way that the students could understand the importance of leadership skills, team work and communication, decision making, integrity, ability to follow orders properly and utilisation of resources effectively. Another objective of the training programme was making the students good listeners.
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Dr. Abha Rishi, CEO, Atal Incubation Centre and Dr. Rishi Tiwari, Proctor & Head Librarian from Birla Institute of Management Technology, Greater Noida visited Dr. G. P. C. Nayar, Chairman, SCMS Group on February 18. Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Group Director and Dr. C. N. Narayana, Director, SCMS COCHIN School of Business are also in the picture.

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Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor speaks at Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Group Director was a panelist at the inaugural session of workshop on ‘The Last Mile – Eligibility to Employability’ organised by Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Hotel Abad Plaza, Kochi on February 15. The topic for discussion in the inaugural session was ‘Careers 2020 and Beyond – Your Way Forward.’

Participated in Manorama Horizon expo in Dubai

SCMS Group participated in the Manorama Horizon Education Exhibition held at the Grand Excelsior Hotel in Bur Dubai on January 25 and 26. Mr. Abdulla Salem Humaid Al Suwaidi, Member, Dubai Economic Council inaugurated the exhibition. The event offered students in UAE a golden opportunity to explore and understand advanced possibilities in the fast-growing education sector.

Institute industry interaction

Mr. Anoop Joseph, Multi Property Director-Sales & Marketing, Marriott Hotels, Kochi interacted with the PGDM and MBA students to give a glimpse of the hospitality industry in India and abroad, on January 31.

PGDM students shine at TocH and Rajagiri fests

A team of PGDM students participated in the management fest organised by TocH Institute of Science and Technology on February 8 and won the laurels by becoming the overall runner up team. They scored in the following games.

Finance Game – First - Kannan, Tozen, Kurian and Jishnu.
HR Game – Second - Kritarth, Junide, Alena and Somakshi.
Strategy Game – Second - Tom, Renjith, Celestine and Jerin.
Marketing Game – Third - Rahul, Vignesh, Freddie and Anoop.
Business Quiz – third - George Bosco and Vishnu.

The team at TocH.

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Leaders Speak

Leaders Speak, an initiative of Dr. C. N. Narayana, Director, SCMS COCHIN School of Business, is a platform to interview HR Heads of leading industrial houses in Kerala, with an aim to understand the current best practices, and to update the PGDM HR curriculum, if required. The first in the series is an interview with Mr. Johnson Mathew, Vice President-HR of Popular Vehicles and Services.

It was through sheer perseverance, hard work and a clear vision that the firm Popular Vehicles and Services which had humble beginnings in 1939 metamorphosed into the well diversified group that it is today. During the interview, he emphasised the importance of hiring professionals to run an organisation. According to him, the company could survive in the highly competitive environment because it changed with the times. He talked about a novel concept called ‘Stay Interview,’ in which, as opposed to an exit interview, the employees who stay with the organisation are interviewed to ascertain the reasons for continuing. It gives an opportunity to the employer to nip frustrations in the bud and thereby prevent a possible exit.

According to Mr. Johnson Mathew, if the Manager thinks like the owner, wonders can happen, and it is the organisation’s responsibility to ensure that the Manager feels as he is the owner of the company. He added that it is not the compensation package, but interesting and challenging job content and opportunities to excel that are the key factors which determine whether the higher level employees stay or quit. He believes that, in the Kerala context, an HR professional should have 50 percent HR orientation and another 50 percent IR orientation. He added that, though there are no trade unions at Popular Automobiles, he still has to tackle many employee-related issues.

Mr. Johnson Mathew believes that HR people should connect with business and that HR should add value to the bottom line of the organisation. He uses the time that he saves as a result of digitalisation initiative that Popular Automobiles has undertaken, to move from normal operational level activities to strategic initiatives. His advice to Management students is not to lose any opportunity to learn and network, especially if they get a chance to listen to talks by eminent personalities.

Dr. Lishin M.J. Associate Professor, HR Department (PGDM) and Vignesh Varma of PGDM Batch 26 assisted Dr. C.N. Narayana during the interview.

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Lakshya: certificates distributed

Lakshya, a socially relevant extension activity of SSTM, aims at imparting training for school students in the form of enrichment courses. Every year a course is identified in consultation with the schools and we impart the course to the students.

Lakshya 2018 was designed as a training to Plus 2 students of Government VHSS Kalamassery and the topic was ‘Training on Libreoffice-Calc.’ This year the highlight of the programme was that the training was given by two of our DDMCA students - Rohith and Anandhu. The students and teachers at Government VHSS were very happy and appreciative of their skill in handling the sessions.

The course completion certificates for the successful students were distributed by Dr. G. Sashi Kumar, Principal, SSTM on January 30 at Government VHSS, Kalamassery.

Dr. G. Sashi Kumar, Principal distributing certificates to the students after training. Dr. K. Praveena, Associate Professor and coordinator of the programme is also in the picture.

Dr. Mohankumar addressed students at State Motivation Camp

Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala organised a State Motivation Camp named ‘Walk with a scholar’ for the undergraduate students of colleges of Kerala at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi on January 29 to 31. Around 60 students from government and aided colleges were selected for the camp. Dr. C. Mohankumar, Director, SCMS Institute for Bioscience and Biotech Research and Development addressed the students at the valedictory function. He distributed awards and certificates for the best students.

MBA students win at Quest

A group of MBA Batch 16 students participated in “Quest,” the festival conducted by XIME, Kochi on February 7 and 8. The following students secured 2nd position in Marketing Game: Gowri Suresh, Rijoe George Thomas, Abhirami S. and Abhilash Baby.
Dr. Mohankumar inaugurates golden jubilee celebrations

Dr. C. Mohankumar, Director, SCMS Institute for Bioscience and Biotech Research and Development was the chief guest to inaugurate the golden jubilee celebration of K.E. College, Mannanam under M.G. University Kottayam on February 19.

Visit to old age home

The members of Swara, women’s cell, visited an old age home at Aluva and spent time with the inmates. They helped in cooking and serving lunch for the inmates. The students also supplied some essential items for the home like tea, sugar, rice powder, biscuits and the like.

Participated in budget analysis

Twenty students from MBA batch 16 participated in the live budget analysis on February 1 at Manorama News channel studio. The programme included sessions on pre-budget analysis, budget presentation, and post budget sessions with a general analysis and an analysis from business perspective. The eminent panelists who led the discussions were former parliamentarians, economists, academicians and business leaders. Students interacted with them with questions related to business, opportunities in unorganised sector and high unemployment.

Resource person for workshop

Ms. Devi S. Nair was the Resource Person for the one day workshop on ‘Digital Marketing’ conducted by Department of Computer Science, Al Ameen College, Edathala on January 30.

Faculty development programme

Ms. Devi S. Nair and Mr. Vignesh S. Karthik, Assistant Professors, attended a two-week Faculty Development Programme on Entrepreneurship held at SCMS from December 28, 2018 to January 8, 2019. Both of them were also facilitators for this programme on behalf of KITCO who conducted the programme. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India and National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India were sponsors of this programme.

Participated in curriculum restructuring

Dr. Shobha Menon and Dr. George K. Mathew, Associate Professors, participated in the workshop on curriculum/ syllabus restructuring of PG CSS programme 2019 (Master of Business Administration) held at School of Management and Business Studies, MG University, Kottayam, on January 29 and 30.

Seminar on future of accounting & finance profession

There was a seminar on ‘Future of Accounting and Finance Profession in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics’ held on February 7. Mr. Arjun Passi, Head-Learning Partner Relationship, ACCA and Mr. Narayanan Nambar, Director, Globalfti Pvt. Ltd. were the speakers. They spoke on how the world is changing from the digital point of view and in an era marked by rapid advances in automation and artificial intelligence how artificial intelligence will transform the need and relevance of professionally qualified people to take over the accounting jobs.

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B.Com students win prizes

A team from B Com at SSTM participated in the competitions conducted at SH College, Thevara on January 17 and 18 and bagged the second prize in the item Ad Selfie and third prize in Treasure Hunt. The participants were Binil K. V., Harshit Sarda, Rakesh P. V., Aravind M.K. and Anirudh K. S. of sixth sem Taxation, Department of Commerce.

Annual sports

The annual sports event of the UG students was held at FACT Grounds, Udyogamandal on January 21 and 22. Around 600 students from four streams – B Com, IMCA, BA (Economics) and Biotechnology – participated.
**Paper publications**

An article by Dr. Varun G. Menon, Associate Professor-CSE, titled ‘Hijacked Journals’ was published by *Publons and Clarivate Analytics*. Clarivate Analytics maintains the Web of Science including the SCIE indexed Impact Factor Journals.

A paper titled ‘Modeling dopant population growth in premier technology institutions in India’ by Dr. Balagopal G. Menon, Associate Professor-AL, in collaboration with Mr. Supriya Ghatak and Prof. Biswajit Mahanty (IIT Kharagpur) and Prof. Sunil Sahadev (Salford Business School, University of Salford, Manchester, UK), has been accepted and published in *Wiley Interscience Journal Systems Research and Behavioral Science* which is the official publication of the International Federation for Systems Research and indexed in both SSCI and ABS index.

The paper titled ‘A long-term growth model with endogenous biophysical and economic states’ by Dr. Balagopal G. Menon in collaboration with Prof. Carey W. King (Assistant Director, Energy Institute, The University of Texas at Austin, USA) has been accepted and published in 36th USAEE/AEIE North American Conference on Evolving Energy Realities: Adapting to What’s Next, organised by United States Association for Energy Economics, Washington DC, USA.

Mr. Ajith Kumar R., Assistant Professor-ME published a paper titled ‘Parametric Study of Heat Transfer and Pressure Drop Characteristics of a Rectangular Offset Strip Fin Compact Heat Exchanger’ in the SCOPUS Indexed Journal *Chemical Engineering Transactions*.

Mr. Sandeep T.N., Assistant Professor-CE published a paper titled ‘Experimental study on circular CFST short columns with intermittently welded stiffeners’ in the SCOPUS indexed International Journal, *Steel and Composite Structures*.

Dr. Sunil Jacob, Professor and Director-Centre for Robotics, Mr. Jibin Lukose, Research Assistant, Assistant Professors Mr. Vinc P. G. (Dept. of CSE) and Ms. Sreeja Rajesh (Dept. of CSE) and final year students George A.N. (Dept. of CSE) and George M. Thottan (Dept. of CSE) have jointly published the paper ‘EXOTON- An Exoskeleton For Paralysed’ in the Proceedings of 8th PIC 2019 (A sister concern activity of 15th ICOGIT) under the stream Project Innovations In Distributed Computing and Internet Technology.

Dr. Sunil Jacob and Mr. Jibin Lukose in collaboration with Dr. Abraham Varghese of Higher College of Technology, Sultanate of Oman and Dr. Ali Al Musawi of Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman have published a paper titled ‘Concentration level monitoring in education and healthcare’ in 2018 Americas Conference on Medical Imaging and Clinical Research 23-25 December, 2018, Panama under the stream Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology.

**Ascendio 4.0**

Ascendio 4.0 was hosted from February 1 to 3. There were a number of programmes such as workshops, fun sessions, talks by eminent personalities, treasure hunt and more. There were almost 90 delegates from various Engineering Colleges to attend the same. Workshops conducted were Crafts Workshop by Sana Khader, Drone workshop by Team DRK and Illustrator Workshop by Aiswarya Baiju and Nandhu PS.

The speakers included Mr. Renjit Ravi Keshav, MD, Insight JobGuru, Life Skills Trainer and Traveller, Prof. Jyothis Mohan IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai, Mr. Vinay Menon, Software Engineer- turned Stand-up Comedian and Professor, Prof. B. Unnikrishnan, SCMS COCHIN School of Business, Dr. Varun G. Menon, Associate Professor and Head of International Relations, SSET and Dr. Sheeja Janardhanan, Professor-Mechanical Engineering, SSET. Apart from workshops and talks, there were also cultural programmes by the volunteers as well as the participants, treasure hunt, group activities, team building tasks and so on.

**Varna 2019**

Tarang, the cultural club at SCMS, celebrated their annual event, Varna 2019, on February 12. Group song, duet song, folk song, instrumental music, mime, pencil sketching, face painting, spot painting, mehendi, poetry writing, photography, group dance, spot dance, best buddy, Mr. and Ms Varna and the like were some of the important competitions.

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**Programmes attended**

Ms. Sonal Ayyappan, Associate Professor and Dr. Varun G. Menon, Associate Professor, Department of CSE, attended the Infosys Summit at Infosys Mysore DC on February 16 for the launch of infyTQ, a new training programme initiated by Infosys.

Ms. Drina F.G. Percy, Assistant Professor and Ms. Deepasree Varma, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, attended a five-day Faculty Enablement Programme on ‘LEX based foundation programme’ conducted by Infosys at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, from February 4 to 8.

We deeply mourn

We the management, faculty, staff and students of SCMS Group deeply mourn the sad demise of Doyal Sabu, S8 CSE student in a road accident on February 11. The entire SCMS family joins the bereaved family of the deceased in their hour of grief. May his departed soul rest in peace!
College achievements

The project titled ‘SMART MIRROR’ guided by Asha S., Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, has received KSCSTE funding. The team members include Pranav Prakash, Sidharth K., Raja Thomas and Mohammed Falah Yusuf (Students of S6 CSE).

Team MEDICOS (Students of S8 ECE), reached the national finals of AICTE Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards held at AICTE head quarters, New Delhi on January 20 & 21. Dr.Sunil Jacob, Director, SCMS Centre for Robotics was also invited to give a presentation before the esteemed guests and audience on last year’s winning project.

Staff achievements

Dr. Balagopal G. Menon, Associate Professor, Department of Automobile Engineering was an invited resource person for a session on Continuous Simulation in Simulation Workshop for faculty, researchers and master’s students conducted by Department of Statistics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi on January 30.

American Welding Society (AWS) International Seminar in SCMS

American Welding Society International Seminar on ‘Welding with Tubular Wires,’ jointly organised by Indian Institute of Welding, Cochin and SCMS Group took place at Prathap Nagar Campus on February 6. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Prasad K. Panicker, Executive Director, BPCL Kochi Refineries at a meeting presided over by Mr. R. Srinivasan, Chairman, Indian Institute of Welding Foundation, Mumbai. Mr. Brian Gaal, AWS official and Technical Director, ARCOS Industries LLC gave the keynote address.

Around 150 delegates, from industry and academia hailing from different parts of India attended the seminar. The presence of officials from industries like Cochin Shipyard Limited, L&T Coimbatore, BPCL and the like provided a platform for participant students to interact with industry experts.

Student achievements

Aaron Joseph, Anson Pinhero, Ajay K.S., Adarsh Viswanath and Abdul Adil, students from S6 CSE, secured third prize amongst 24 teams, in a Hackathon conducted by Vidya Academy of Science and Technology on February 9.

Amal T. of S4 ECE and Rizwana F. of S4 CE secured 1st and 2nd prizes respectively in Voice of Advay- ‘19 held at ToCIT Institute of Science and Technology as part of Advay ‘19 on February 15.

Anjali K. and Aswathy Gopalakrishnan of S4 ECE won 2nd prize in the Design Review competition conducted as part of KTI Tech-Fest 2019 held at Government Engineering College, Thrissur on February 16.

As part of the Phase 2 events of SAE India, conducted at RIT, Pampady on February 16, SSET teams won two prizes. For Benchmarking: Arjun V. Pillai, Basil John and Joemon C. of S4 AU and for OBD Diagnostics: Mohammed Shahinja and Stevin Shaji of S8 AU.

SCMS Water Institute’s design workshop at ISOLA

As per the invitation from Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA), New Delhi, SCMS Water Institute led a three-session workshop titled ‘Flow of Nature’ at the International Conference of Landscape Architects held at Grand Hyatt, Bolgatty, Kochi on February 15 and 16.

On the first day, Dr.Sunny George followed by Dr.Ratish Menon of SCMS Water Institute introduced the Urban Natural Canal Live Project outlining the existing scenario along the Thevara Perandoor canal, primarily on the stretch along Panampilly Nagar, as a case study of Urban Hydrology. It was concluded with the design priorities that must be taken into consideration for the oncoming group discussion exercises.

On the second day, the participants were grouped into three for landscape design group work. First group worked on the improvement of the relationship of people with water by providing a front door accessible waterfront. The second group focused on the restoration of biodiversity along the waste watershed of the canal. And the topic of discussion for third group was the effects that a ‘do nothing’ scenario could bring about in the canal. There were also discussions on improvement of collection and cleaning of the storm water and wastewater in the watershed as well as establishment of an active water way through the canal. The group discussions were carried out under the guidance of SWI along with Ar. Jelly Therry (UK) and Prof. Ramachandra (IISc, Bangalore).

The recommendations of the workshop will be submitted by ISOLA, New Delhi to Government of Kerala.
Work on water audit at Kochi Metro begins

The water audit at KMRL stations started on February 6 with the work of basic data collection at the various metro stations by the MTech Environmental Engineering students. KMRL management had informed all the Station Controllers about visit of the audit group and they were kind enough to provide the necessary data, diagrams, bills, and the like. As you are aware, water auditing is an important topic in the KTU curriculum of M Tech Environmental Engineering students and this work provided immense opportunity for students to have field level experience about the same. Detailed interviews and data collection from Station Controller, technicians, housekeeping staff and so on of each of the 16 metro stations were done by our students. The initial training for data collection was done as a model at Muttom station and then two students each were sent to all the stations. It was a whole day exercise which proved to be very useful for our report. The team of students will meticulously analyse the water demand, supply and consumption patterns at each of the stations and provide recommendations for efficient usage of available water.

Dr. Sunny George inaugurates seminar

Dr. Sunny George, Director, SCMS Water Institute was invited to inaugurate and deliver the keynote address at the seminar on ‘Wetlands and Climate Change’ at St. Thomas College, Thrissur on February 2. He spoke on the contributions made by SCMS Water Institute for efficient usage of available water.

The students posing with their creations.

Faculty enablement programme

Faculty enablement programme on ‘Lex based foundation programme’ for the benefit of the faculty at SSET was organised by Infosys at SSET inaugurated by Mr. S. Hari, Head of Education Training Assessment Centre of Infosys at Thiruvananthapuram. Dr.C.J. Praveensal, Principal presided. Ms. Sahana Kumaraswami, Director, Training Centre, Infosys, Bengaluru, Dr. Varun G. Menon, Associate Professor and Head of International Relations and Dr. Vinod P., HoD-Computer Science & Engineering spoke.

Five-day faculty development programme

A five-day faculty development programme on ‘Documentation and Beyond’ was conducted from January 28, 2018 to February 1, 2019. The programme was organised in collaboration with Council of Architecture Training and Research Centre. Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Group Director and Registrar inaugurated the programme. Ms. Binumol Tom, HoD, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology and Ms. Keratin Frick, Principal, SCMS School of Architecture participated in the inaugural session. Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Group Director and Registrar inaugurating the FDP.

Mr. S. Hari, Head of Education Training Assessment Centre of Infosys at Thiruvananthapuram inaugurating the Faculty enablement programme. Sitting beside L-R: Dr. Varun G. Menon, Associate Professor and Head of International Relations, Ms. Sahana Kumaraswami, Director, Training Centre, Infosys, Bengaluru, Dr. C. J. Praveensal, Principal and Dr. Vinod P., HoD-Computer Science & Engineering.

Veiling Lumos

To understand and perceive good architecture, there is a considerable analytic thought behind the balanced perception of the basic principles and elements of design. The syllabus of the First Year aims to introduce a creative stimulus and provide a starting point towards visual design, basic elements and principles in design. It is a comprehensive approach through observation, expression of thoughts and memories in visual forms and multiple attempts of capturing the end product in its full attire.

‘Veiling Lumos’ was given as the culminating assignment for the first year students Batch B, to execute ones understanding of the past semester learning into a three dimensional form. The objectives of the assignment included integrating an element and two principles of design of one’s choice, covering partially or completely a light source, considering the need and ambience of the room in which the lampshade/table lamp was being designed for. Creative freedom was completely left to the student from choosing the type of material to choose from to positioning the light source.

The result came out remarkably well as the students put up an honest effort to achieve something different on their own. Products out of curled paper, ice cream sticks, feathers, jute cover, cardboard box, straw and the like were produced in varied permutations. Composing a source of light and the multiple patterns thus created and was also a learning outcome. Each product being unique on its own, it also helped the student to identify with the various options and possibilities of an ideology. The studio was guided by Ar. Ajay Abey, Ar. Meera Jeeson, Ar. Anjali Sujat and Ar. Varsha Vivek.

The students posing with their creations.
Session on ‘Living Infrastructure’

A lecture on ‘Living Infrastructure’ by Ms.Gina Wirth, Design Principal of Scope, the Landscape Architecture and Urban Design Studio, New York was held under the auspices of SCMS School of Architecture on February 18. Ms.Kerstin Frick, Principal presided.

Faculty development programme

A faculty development programme titled ‘Pride, Attachment, Despair’ on ‘sociological understanding of thesis and how to manage’ was conducted on February 16. Dr.Soumini Raja, Architect Co-founder, Studio Commune, Thiruvananthapuram was the resource person.

This full day programme focused on the way thesis is perceived by students and academicians and the various parameters involved in the whole thesis journey of an individual.

The programme gave an opportunity to the participants to clearly understand the role of the various stakeholders involved such as the university, thesis coordinator, mentors, students, peers and parents in one’s thesis journey. The FDP summarised the aspects relating to the conveying of the expected outcome of the thesis to the students, analysing parameters for rubrics for thesis review and finally framing the objectives along with the parameters into an assessment chart for assessing students’ work stage wise.

The FDP was attended by all the faculty members of the Architecture Department.

National Voters’ Day observed

National Voters’ Day was observed in the college on January 25. All the first year students participated enthusiastically. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. C.I. Abdul Rahiman, Director. He spoke on the purpose of celebrating this day and the students took the voters day pledge. The day was also utilised to spread awareness among young voters regarding effective participation in the electoral process.

Faculty development programme on automation

A faculty development programme on Automation using hydraulics systems, pneumatic systems and PLC was conducted for the benefit of faculty and staff of various departments on February 12. Mr. Uday Kumar V., Chief Executive, Mac N Horn Systems, Kochi conducted demonstration and hands on training for the participants on hydraulics systems and pneumatic systems installed in the Hydraulics Lab.

Seminar on CNC programming

The association of innovative mechanical engineers of SCMS College of Polytechnics conducted a seminar on CNC programming and MEP systems for the benefit of mechanical, civil and electrical & electronics engineering students on January 8. Mr. P.V. Varghese and a faculty team from CMAS Technologies (Australian-based Engineering Finishing School), Ernakulam were the resource persons.

Workshop on Arduino programming

The activities of IEDC Cell for the academic year 2018-2019 were inaugurated by Prof. C.I. Abdul Rahiman, Director on January 17. In order to introduce basic automation ideas to students a two-day workshop on Arduino programming was conducted in association with SMEC Lab Automations, Kochi. The classes were handled by Mr. Paul Xavier, Project Manager, SMEC Lab Automations. At the end of the workshop the student participants were able to make their own working models.