One night four college students were out partying late night. They didn't study for the test which was scheduled for the next day. In the morning, they did not know how to appear for the test. They all put their heads together and finally thought of a plan. They made themselves look dirty applying grease and dirt.

Then they went to the Dean and said that they had gone out to a wedding last night and on their way back one of the tyres of their car burst and they had to push the car all the way back. So they were in no condition to take the test. "We request you to kindly postpone the test for the next day or so," they pleaded to the Dean.

The Dean thought for a minute and said they can have the re-test after three days. They were immensely happy and thanked the Dean profusely. They said they would prepare well and be ready as scheduled.

Promptly on the third day, they appeared before the Dean and said that they were ready to take the test. The Dean said that as it was a Special Condition Test, all four were required to sit in separate classrooms for the test. They all agreed as they had prepared well in the last three days.

Accordingly, the test began in four separate rooms. When the question paper was distributed it was noticed that the test consisted of only two questions with the total of 100 points.

1) Your Name? ______ (1 point)
2) Which tyre was burst? ______ (99 points)
   Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right

The answers revealed the truth and the Dean took the opportunity to advise the students: You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

Success requires accepting responsibility. In the final analysis the one quality that all successful people have, is the ability to take on responsibility.

Let your actions not beg for happiness. When you beg for happiness, you position happiness in the future. Life happens in the present. Treat the present as a present and then you will be total in what you do. When you are total in what you do, then the ‘totality’ brings ‘fullness’ in what you are doing.

Dr.G.P.C.Nayar

**Dr.Pradeep P.Thevannoor Innovation Awards 2018 presented**

Dr.Pradeep P.Thevannoor Innovation Awards 2018 were presented to the winners by Dr.K.S.Radakrishnan, former Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission at a function held at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology on November 17. Speaking on the occasion Dr.Radakrishnan called upon the young engineers to become good leaders and not just winners.

The team from Kongu Engineering College, Erode was the winner, in the college category, for their innovation named 'Construction blocks from C and D Debris Using the Innovative CO2 Sequestration Technique' and team from Velammal College of Engineering was the runner-up with their innovation 'Beet Harvester'. In the school category, Bhavan's Varuna Vidyalaya, Kochi claimed the winner for their innovation 'Bio Purifica – Bio-Nanomaterial Water Purifier' and National Public School, Koramangala claimed the runner up for their project 'Bio Enzymes - The Chemical Antidote.' The Woman Innovator award was won by Rakhi Elizabeth of St. Joseph's Engineering College, Palai for her work on 'Hypar Shell Foundation For Low Rise Buildings Rest' with a cash prize of Rs.20,000 and the In-house competition winner for a cash prize of Rs.10,000 was the team consisting K.S. Adityan, K.V. Sreehari, Lijomon George and Nandhu P. S. of seventh semester.

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Dr.K.S.Radakrishnan, Former Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission presenting the first prize of Rs. 1 lakh to the winners in the college category, representing Kongu Engineering College, Erode.

Dr.T.Asokan, Professor and Head of Design Engineering, IIT Madras, Dr.Praveensal C. J., Principal, Dr.Radha P.Thevannoor, Group Director, Mr.Prasad D.Madraju, Head-Vodafone Idea, Kerala, Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director and Dr.Saira Joseph, Convener, PPTIA 2018 are also in the picture.

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Mechanical Engineering Department for their project ‘Automated System For Fertigation Using SSET Canteen Waste.’

Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director presided. Dr. T. Asokan, Professor and Head of Design Engineering, IIT Madras explained the evaluation process, detailing how the teams were evaluated based on parameters such as innovative idea, creativity, visual display, social relevance and presentation. Mr.Prasad D. Madiraju, Head of Vodafone Idea Ltd., Kerala gave the keynote address.
Dr.Praveen Sal C. J., Principal, Dr.Anitha G. Pillai, Dean–Academic Affairs and Dr.Saira Joseph, Convener, PPTIA 2018 also spoke.

An annual feature
Dr.Pradeep P.Thevannoor Innovation Awards have been instituted as an annual global competition honouring outstanding socially relevant and commercially viable innovative thoughts from students of schools and colleges all over the world. The purpose of these awards is to encourage the generation of novel products, services and technologies from students of schools and colleges. These awards can lead to new developments and best practices.

The prize money for the college category competition is Rs. 1 lakh for the winner and Rs. 50,000 for the runner-up. In the school category Rs. 50,000 for the winner and Rs. 25,000 for the runner-up. An assured prize money of Rs. 10,000 each is presented to the rest of the finalists.

Inauguration of the PPTIA 2018

A total of 30 selected teams from school and college categories of external institutions presented their ideas and innovations at the exhibition in the auditorium on November 16. A group of 3 judges evaluated each category to shortlist 5 teams for the final judging on the next day. As part of the in-house competition ‘Creativo,’ eight teams from SSET presented their ideas. Mr.S.D.Shibulal, Chairman, ICT Academy of Kerala and former CEO and MD of Infosys was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function.

The state has all the potential to become a digital economy in the future, said Mr.S.D.Shibulal in his inaugural speech. “Today entrepreneurship has become a completely acceptable practice in our country. It was not so when I started. It was extremely difficult for me to go to my father and say that I was going to leave my job to start something on which I had no idea as to what will be the outcome,” he explained.

“Execution is like a long marathon and people should be willing to run the marathon. We need innovation which is leaner, durable, scalable and affordable,” he continued.

Dr.Radha P.Thevannoor, Group Director, Group Director, Group Director, Group Director, Mr.S.D.Shibulal, Chairman, ICT Academy of Kerala inaugurating the PPTIA 2018. Seated beside are: L-R: Dr.Saira Joseph, Convener, PPTIA 2018, Dr.Praveen Sal C. J., Principal, Dr.Radha P.Thevannoor, Group Director, Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director and Dr.P.Venu, Dean-Student Affairs.

My hearty congratulations to GPC

Establishing an educational institution in the private sector in those days, when SCMS was established, was considered to be a crime in our state, said Dr.K.S.Radhakrishnan, Former Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission. That was the mindset of the Malayalies. Every Malayali possibly thought that private sector was a crime and such institutions should not be promoted. But GPC took the initiative to establish an institution in the private sector and it became the seed for establishment of SCMS Group of Institutions.

“The important quality I noticed in GPC is his professionalism. He would like to keep the professional dignity and professional integrity in establishing and running an institution. That is why he could make it a success. This is a very rare opportunity for me to congratulate him and I extend my hearty congratulations to you GPC for your audacity, hard work, commitment and what not,” said Dr.K.S.Radhakrishnan.

Mr.S.D.Shibulal, Chairman, ICT Academy of Kerala is in conversation with Dr.G.P.C.Nayar, Chairman, SCMS Group and Dr.Radha P.Thevannoor, Group Director. The photo in the background is that of the late Dr.Pradeep P.Thevannoor.

Dr.K.S.Radhakrishnan presenting the first prize of Rs.50,000 to the winners, Bhavan’s Varuna Vidyalaya, Kochi, in the school category.
Fossil fuels are unlikely to run out – Mr.P.Raghavendran

Fossil fuels are unlikely to run out because new resources are being developed and they will be taking over, said Mr.P.Raghavendran, President, Refinery Operations, Reliance Industries Ltd. while speaking as the Chief Guest at the seminar on Future of Energy and Sustainability at SCMS COCHIN School of Business on November 12. He gave a broad canvas approach to the key issues confronting humanity presently, in the context of energy and climate change. He said that huge amount of misconceptions are prevailing in the media and at public discussions. There is a dearth of good material which gives a balanced view of the pros and cons.

Question everything

The younger minds need to keep an open mind in regard to questions: what are the different issues involved, is it appropriate for me, is it appropriate for my community, is it appropriate for a country like India and the like. The younger generation should not be accepting things at the face value. They should be questioning everything that is told by technologists, the so called energy experts or the media. It is important for you to keep an open mind and to keep absorbing different viewpoints. As citizens of the future you need to have your informed views and judgments which will keep the society as a whole to move forward in the right direction. Today, powerful lobbies are in operation and the opposite side of the story is not voiced powerful enough. In the absence of a dialogue on these issues we take things for granted.

One of the energy perspectives we see in the media from time to time is: fossil fuels are running out. It is an age-old story. It is all simple mathematics. If you have finite resources and if you are increasing consumption, then ultimately the resources have to die out. The fossil fuels are built underground over millions of years by decaying plant and animal matter. Obviously it will run out over a period of time. But when will it run out? Will it run out before you find out alternatives? Will it run out because you are physically exhausting them? How will it run out when other sources of energy have become cheaper? These are the real issues confronting us.

Speaking on global warming Mr.Raghavendran pointed out that the solar and other renewable energy resources are available in plenty. It should be tapped. He referred to the right practical application of solar energy in the Cochin International Airport in Kerala as an example.

The only airport

Mr.Jose Thomas, General Manager, CIAL was the Guest of Honour and he spoke on how CIAL became the first and the only airport in the world to be fully powered by solar energy. The entire requirement of power by the airport is met from the 12 MW solar power plant commissioned in 2015. The plant produces 52,000 units a day which is more than the average use of electricity by the airport. Further the capacity has been increased to 29 MW in order to meet the increasing requirement due to expansion of facilities. Plan for further expansion to 40 MW is in progress.

Dr.C.N.Narayana, Director, SCMS COCHIN School of Business welcomed the gathering and Dr.Filomina P.George, Director, Academic Compliances-Business Schools proposed the vote of thanks.

A seminar on Technological Advancement in the Process of Wealth Management was held at SCMS COCHIN School of Business on November 22. Experts like Mr.C.J.George, MD, Geojit Financial Services, Mr.Alex K.Babu, Founder Chairman and Managing Director, Hedge Group of Companies, Mr.Roel Vlemmings, MD, RedBlack Software, and Mr.Akshay Agarwal, MD, Acumen Capital Market shared their experiences.

Globally technology will play a very important role in wealth management, said Mr.C.J.George. From a global study it has been noticed that across the world people work extremely hard to make money and they save money. But when it comes to investing that savings they are not prepared to spend one tenth of a time and effort that they take to make money. Basically it is the mindset of the

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Mr.M.D.Varghese in his inaugural address. "Prior to my starting of HR today has come to stay after a long journey of evolution," said Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director and Dr.Madhu P., HoD-HR. Administration, Cochin Shipyard on October 25 in the presence of The activities of the HR Forum – Humane – for the current year were inaugurated by Mr.M.D.Varghese, Chief General Manager-HR and Administration, Cochin Shipyard on October 25 in the presence of Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director and Dr.Madhru P., HoD-HR.

"HR today has come to stay after a long journey of evolution," said Mr.M.D.Varghese in his inaugural address. "Prior to my starting of HR as a career it was not known as HR at all. It was known as Personnel Management or Labour Welfare Management. It was more of a routine job of transactional nature and not as we see it today," he clarified. He went on to describe the evolutionary story of development of HR as a profession we see it today. "I was really caught up with your concept of humane factor along with human management," he opined. "If you ask me what is the panacea or solution in the field of HR practice I would say that you should be more humane than human," he commented.

Quintessence, the Marketing Grid inaugurated

Mr.Reghu Ramachandran, Senior Vice President & Business Head, Asianet Communications inaugurating the Marketing Grid. Prof.Cherian Peter is also in the picture along with the students.

The activities of Quintessence, the Marketing Grid were inaugurated by Mr.Reghu Ramachandran, Senior Vice President & Business Head, Asianet Communications, on October 27.

He began his inaugural address tracing the history of development of television industry in India. Today television in India is a huge industry which has thousands of programmes in many languages. As on today there are at least 900 channels of which less than 200 are pay channels. In India the TV reach is around 675 million, close to 70 crore. On any given reach average 62 crore of people are watching television. Out of 24 hours you get in a day minus 7-8 hours you go to sleep, you are watching TV for close to four hours. There are about 183 households in India which is expected to touch 200 million by 2020. The industry is looking to achieve 90 percent coverage by 2020. In Kerala the coverage is almost 95 percent now. The states of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu put together accounts for 90 percent connectivity. An interesting feature is that the rural coverage in India has gone up substantially reaching almost 50 percent. The rural India market is so huge that the increasing trend of rural coverage will be beneficial to the retail business.

Mr.Thompson Skariah spoke on the pains and joys of starting a company on his own. As an entrepreneur, or an employee, he asserted the need for building the right skill-set to add value in whichever role we are in. In the process he also stressed the need to avoid the distractions of modern technology to fulfill our dreams.

Chips & Nuts – Systems & Operations Forum inaugurated

The activities of the Systems & Operations forum for the academic year 2018-19 was inaugurated by Mr.Thompson Skariah Thayil, Chief Evangelist at Rapidor, a powerful B2B platform, on November 2.

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SCMS Spectrum

Mr.M.D.Varghese, Chief General Manager-HR and Administration, Cochin Shipyard inaugurating the HR Forum. Others in the picture are L-R: Dr.Madhu P., HoD-HR, Prof.B.Umkrishnan, Prof.Cherian Peter and Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director.

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Dr. Indu Nair, the guest of honour

‘Roshni’ is a programme initiated by the District Collector Mr. Mohammed Safirulla IAS, for educating the children of migrant labourers in Ernakulam District, since last two years. It is a unique initiative which is running in 20 Government schools in Ernakulam.

Dr. Indu Nair, Group Director was a guest of honour along with Dr. PK. Jayaraj, consultant in pedagogy and English, SSA Kerala for the social audit of the programme at Government UPS, Kuttikattukara on November 3. Dr. Praveena K., Associate Professor- MBA also participated in the programme.

A strategy to improve your memory

A good memory is a powerful asset in everyone’s life, whether you are a student, an executive, a professional, or a businessman. The better your memory, the better your chances of excelling in your respective fields.

Unlocking the potential

Is it really possible to improve your memory? If you have ever found yourself forgetting where you left your keys or blanking out information on important occasions like an interview or a test, then you have probably wished that your memory was a bit better. Fortunately, there is a lot that you can do to improve your memory dramatically, emphasizes Prof. B.Unnikrishnan, SCMS COCHIN School of Business while conducting a live demo of how his students have gained tenfold increase in their memory power in ten days.

The demo conducted in SCMS seminar hall went on like this. Two PGDM batch 27 students - Daya Vijayan and Manjit Vijayan Nair - who were trained by Prof.B.Unnikrishnan to acquire awesome memory skill by strategic memory enhancement technique, sat blindfolded on the stage facing the audience. The audience was asked to propose hundred objects of their choice one by one. These objects were written on the white board in the background. Now, Prof.B.Unnikrishnan reads out these hundred objects from one to hundred for the students to memorise with full concentration. Then the students are ready to recall all the hundred items on the board in the ascending order, one to hundred, and in the descending order, hundred to one, without any mistake. Now it is time for the crowd to further probe into the memory of the two students by mentioning random numbers from here and there, the students come out instantly with corresponding objects. Finally the objects are mentioned at random from the crowd and they come out with corresponding numbers.

SCMS Alumni meet at Dubai

PGDM students Manjit Vijayan Nair and Daya Vijayan recalling the hundred objects written on the board. Prof.B.Unnikrishnan is standing beside.

It was a standing ovation from the entire crowd consisting of Group Directors and Directors of SCMS, faculty members and staff and above all the entire batch of PGDM students.

Simply amazing

The programme was “simply amazing and the performance of the students was incredible” said Prof.S.Gopakumar, Group Director while complimenting on the show.

“Year after year students used to come and complain about their poor concentration and memory power. That is why I invested some thousand hours to develop a foolproof technique for enhancing these capabilities which are the essence of good learnability,” said Prof.B.Unnikrishnan commenting on how he arrived at a magical memory enhancing technique.
(15 participants), PGDM (32 participants), PR&A (3 participants) and MCA (5 participants) participated along with their family members. A welcome was extended by the Vice Chairman throwing light on various developments that had taken place since they passed out of the institute. This was followed by sharing of experiences by the faculty members. Then came the turn of the alumni who celebrated their success and various achievements. The family members, especially the enthusiastic children, accompanying the alumni on the eventful evening made it very special and memorable one.

Apart from Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor, Vice Chairman, Dr. Indu Nair, Group Director, Dr. C. N. Narayana, Director, SCMS COCHIN School of Business, Prof. K. J. Paulose, Dean, Prof. Mariyakutty Varkey, HoD- Systems & Operations, Dr. Bindu K. Nambiar, Associate Professor, Dr. K. Praveena, Associate Professor and Dr. Mary Fatima Cross, Associate Professor also participated from the headquarters.

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### Session on share trading for B Com students

Dr. G. Sashi Kumar, Principal, SSTM speaking at the session conducted by Angel Broking Co.

The B Com 3rd semester students attended a lecture by Angel Broking Co., a broking company based in Kochi on October 11. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Manu Paulose, Cluster Sales Officer, Mr. Romi Kurian, Sr. Relationship Manager, and Ms. Shikha Jothyis, Relationship Manager. They discussed the importance of share trading and need for mutual funds in our lives. They also briefly discussed the classifications of companies based on their share capital, i.e., small cap, mid cap and blue chip. Also, they mentioned the process of purchase and sale of securities in the market and briefly explained the Demat account and trading account. On a further note they briefly explained commodity and money market. They also showed live market trading procedures. At the end of the session, Dr. G. Sashi Kumar expressed his thanks and gratitude.

### Awareness programme on Breast Cancer

The NSS unit at SSTM in association with ‘Sakhi’ – assemblage of MBBS students at Government Medical College, Kochi – conducted an awareness class at SCMS campus on the topic ‘Breast Cancer, possibilities, symptoms and preventive measures.’ A team of doctors, Dr. Ashitha C. V., Dr. Amritha P., and Dr. Ashina Shajahan conducted the classes.

### National Unity Day

Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor, Vice Chairman flagging off the padayatra.

As part of the observance of National Unity Day, on October 31, the members of the NSS unit at SSTM along with members of the faculty organised a ‘Padayatra,’ which was flagged off by Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor, Vice Chairman. Prof. S. Gopakumar, Group Director, Dr. Filomina P. George, Director, Academic Compliances-Business Schools, Dr. G. Sashi Kumar, Principal, Mr. M. Arunkumar, NSS Programme Officer and Mr. P. M. A. Latheef, Liaison Officer gave leadership to the Padayatra.

### Blood donation camp

NSS unit at SSTM organised a blood donation camp at the campus on October 29 in association with Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences.

### SSET Digest

SCMS School of Engineering and Technology

Prof. Johannes Fritsch from Germany teaching full course at SSET

Prof. Johannes Fritsch from University of Ravensberg-Weingarten, Germany is delivering a full course on Membrane Technology for MTech Environmental Engineering students at SSET during November and December, 2018.

The last time Prof. Fritsch lectured here was two years back. Prof. Fritsch is an internationally renowned expert in Environmental Engineering and has made remarkable contributions in Membrane Technology. He is one of the most dependable companions of SCMS Group and was instrumental in starting SCMS Water Institute as well as our MTech Environmental Engineering programme. His University had a major collaborative project with SCMS Water Institute which provided the platform for research and extensive exchange of visits for both faculty and students from SSET to University of Ravensberg-Weingarten and vice versa.

### Students achievements

Jebbin Joseph and George M. Thottan, seventh semester Computer Science & Engineering students, were invited to join the TCS Blockchain Team as an outcome of the idea they presented and a simulation they demonstrated in the Blockathon Competition at TCS, Infopark, Kakkanad held on October 5.

Arun Sen N., Akshay P.S. and Akash Joseph Antony, 2018 passed out batch Computer Science & Engineering students completed their internships at Shimane University, Japan.

Abhiram T., fifth semester Computer Science & Engineering student, won a prize in a quiz competition conducted as a part of an exhibition ‘Touching Everyone’s Life,’ on November 13 at Renal Kochi.

### Office-bearers of SCMS Alumni Association North Chapter

The following are the office-bearers of SCMS Alumni Association North Chapter at Delhi.

- Ms. Sindhu Pandalai – President
- Mr. Praveen Premkumar – Vice president
- Mr. Naveen Dhirga – Secretary
- Mr. Abhimanyu – Treasurer

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Second anniversary of ASME

During the celebration of the second anniversary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) SSET Chapter by the Mechanical Engineering Department on October 11, Ms. Erin Dolan, Programme Manager - Technical Units, ASME gave a talk.

L-R: Dr. Venu P., Dean-Student Affairs and HoD, Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Praveensal C.J., Principal, SSET, Ms. Erin Dolan, Programme Manager, ASME, USA. Dr. Sheeba Janardhanan, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Anish B. Soman, Semester 5 Mechanical Engineering student, Indrajith Guha, Semester 7 Mechanical Engineering student and Mr. Jose Sherril D'Cotha, Assistant Professor-Mechanical Engineering.

Industry Institute interaction

The Department of Mechanical Engineering organised a talk on October 12 by Mr. Muralidharan Gopi Ramesh, Program Manager, C&D Segment SUV & EV Business Leader, Nissan Motors India on the Theme: ‘How To Be Industry Ready?’

Seen on the occasion

L-R: Mr. Sanju A.C., Assistant Professor-Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Venu P., Dean-Student Affairs and HoD, Mechanical Engineering, Mr. Muralidharan Gopi Ramesh, Programme Manager, C&D SUV & EV Business Leader, Nissan Motors India, Chennai, Dr. Praveensal C.J., Principal, SSET and Mr. Ajith Kumar R., Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering.

Paper publication

‘A Machine Learning Based Approach to Detect Malicious Android Application Using Discriminant System Calls’ by Dr. Vinod P., HoD-Computer Science & Engineering, got accepted in Elsevier Journal Future Generation Computer Systems with an impact factor of 4.639 (Tier 1) in collaboration with Prof. Mauro Conti (University of Padua, Italy) and Prof. AkkaZemmari (University of Bordeaux, France).

Seminars and workshops

Ms. Dhanya K.A., Ms. Nimmi K. and Ms. Deepasree Varma, Assistant Professors-Computer Science and Engineering, attended KDIDSC’s Block Chain Programme TTT at ICT Academy of Kerala, Infopark, Koratty from November 7 to 9.

ASSET UAE meet

UAE Alumni Association of SSET (ASSET - UAE) held its annual meet at Ajman Beach Hotel, UAE on October 26. Over 150 alumni comprising mainly of 2005-2008 batch and recent graduates participated in the event.

They were joined by Prof.Pramod P. Thevannoor, Vice Chairman and Dr., Indu Nair, Group Director Dr.Praveensal C. J., Principal, Dr.Anitha G. Pillai, Dean-Academic Affairs and HoD-Civil, Dr. Vinod P., Dean-Research & Publications and HoD-CSE and Ms. Deepa S., HoD-EEE from head quarters.

Debate competition – Kerala’s flood disaster

As part of the AICTE initiative to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the birthday of the Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhai Patel, a debate competition was held on October 31. The topic was ‘Kerala’s flood disaster, we have ourselves to blame.’ The participants were students of semester 7, two each from the six branches.

There were three rounds. In the first round - the participants presented their points of view on the topic. The second round the participants defended their stand points in spite of the arguments presented by the opposing team. The third round each participant was given opportunity to ask a question addressed to any member of the opposing team. Mr. Sujay K., Department of AU was the moderator. During the whole process of preparing, implementing and evaluating the debate the organisers as well as the participants gained a lot of experience. A lot

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of insight into the recent flood that struck the state had been shed through the programme and the participants as well as the audience were greatly benefited by the event. Ashik K. A. of Civil Engineering came out as the best debater while Mr. Sreekanth K. S. of the same department bagged the second place. The winners were given a cash prize of Rs. 1000 by the Principal, Dr. Praveensal C. J.

H₂O activities
On November 14, Team H₂O was at Buds Special School, Karukutty to spend time with some very special children. The school caters to 15 special needs students in the age group of 18-40. The students entertained their guests with some extra ordinary songs, unexpected dance moves and mesmerising mono acts. In turn, team H₂O also entertained the students with songs and dances, cut a black forest cake with them and engaged in fun-filled sessions of passing the ball, musical chair and Anthakshari. The activities ended with a lunch shared by all.

Chekutty doll making workshop
The NSS unit conducted Chekutty making workshop as a part of Rebuild Kerala during October 2018. It is a tiny handmade doll made out of soiled and damaged fabric and has become a symbol of survival and hope for a group of weavers in Chendamangalam, a traditional handloom village in Kerala. The doll is completely made from ravaged looms and bundles of destroyed fabric, which were all ready for Onam sales. About 1000 dolls were made by the NSS volunteers which will be handover to the Chekuttkykoottam.

Placement news (Engineering)
Speridian Technologies conducted their selection process for 2019 batch on October 24 and selected one final year Electronics Engineering student. Saif Salim Essa Al Harasi & Co LLC, Oman conducted on campus recruitment drive for 2018 batch Civil Engineers on October 29 and selected two.
Experion Technologies conducted their selection process for 2019 batch on November 1 and selected two final year Engineering students - one from Computer Science and the other from Electrical.
The final results of SAP Labs, South Indian Bank, IBS Software Services, Mitsosgo Technologies, Gboxz, Nineleaps Technology Solutions, WDN Technologies, Suntec Business Solutions, Hexaware and Wipro are awaited. Robosoft Technologies have lined up for the recruitment drives during November 2018.
Wipro selected SSET as one of their nodal centres for conducting their Elite National Level Hunt Test for 2019 batch Engineering graduates during November 16 to 18. 961 students from various engineering colleges of Kerala attended the test during these days.

Blood donation camp
A blood donation camp was held on October 23, organised in association with IMA and HDFC Bank. Seventh semester students and faculty members participated by donating a total of approximately 50 units of blood.

SSA News SCMS School of Architecture
Visit to Clayfingers
As a part of the subject Visual Arts, the first year students of Batch B (a class of 40 students) were taken on October 27 to Clayfingers Pottery Studio, Urakam, Thrissur, to get a hands on experience on working with clay. The Pottery Studio is famous for its production of unique, client-oriented clay products and remarkable research in ceramic pottery.
Ms Laetitia Edouard from France, Mr. Marcel Karcher from Germany and Artist Sanal Kumar, BFA Graduate from Thrissur Fine Arts College were the team members of the pottery who guided the students. In the beginning, the students were given a tour around the studio, visiting the display areas, research labs, kilns and the like.
The practical workshop began by introducing the students to basic pottery techniques like pinching and rolling. In the process a number of small hollow figures and other objects were created.
After lunch, the workshop continued, exploring the ornamental/relief design on clay tiles. Demonstrations and introduction using the modern electrical potters wheel were given by the instructors and students had the chance to experience the method, realising the complexity of working on the simple looking wheel.
The students were accompanied by Prof. Kerstin Frick, Principal, Artist Smija, Fine Arts Faculty and Ar. Anjili.
The students enjoyed the practical exposure very much.