**Be an outstanding Manager**

Ashok was an academically excellent youth who went to apply for a managerial position in a big company. He got through the first interview. The Director who made the final decision did the last interview. The Director discovered from the CV that Ashok’s academic achievements were excellent all the way, from the secondary school until the postgraduate research.

The Director asked, “Did you get any scholarships in school?” Ashok answered, “None.”

The Director asked, “Was it your father who paid for your school fees?” Ashok answered, “My father passed away when I was one year old, it was my mother who paid for my school fees.”

The Director asked, “Where did your mother work?” Ashok answered, “My mother worked as clothes cleaner.” The Director requested the youth to show his hands. Ashok showed a pair of hands that were smooth and perfect.

The Director asked, “Have you ever helped your mother to wash the clothes before?” Ashok answered, “Never, my mother always wanted me to study and read more books. Furthermore, my mother can wash clothes faster than me.”

The Director said, “I have a request. When you go back today, go and clean your mother’s hands, and then see me tomorrow.”

Ashok felt that his chance of landing the job was high. When he went back, he happily requested his mother to let him clean her hands. His mother felt strange and happy but with mixed feelings, she showed her hands to the kid. The son cleaned his mother’s hands slowly. His tear fell as he did that. It was the first time he noticed that his mother’s hands were so wrinkled, and there were so many bruises in her hands. Some bruises were so painful that his mother shivered when they were cleaned with water.

This was the first time he realised that it was this pair of hands that washed the clothes every day to enable him to pay the school fee. The bruises in the mother’s hands were the price that the mother had to pay for his graduation, academic excellence and his future. After finishing the cleaning of his mother’s hands, he quietly washed all the remaining clothes for his mother. That night, mother and son talked for a very long time. Next morning, Ashok went to the Director’s office.

The Director who noticed the tears in the youth’s eyes, asked, “Can you tell me what have you done and learned yesterday in your house?” Ashok answered, “I cleaned my mother’s hands, and also finished cleaning all the remaining clothes.”

The Director asked, “Please tell me your feelings.” Ashok said, “Number 1: I know now what appreciation is. Without my mother’s hard work, I could not have achieved the excellence in my studies. Number 2: Only by working together and helping my mother, I now realise how difficult and tough it is to get something done. Number 3: I have come to appreciate the importance and value of family relationship.”

The Director said, “This is what I am looking for to be my manager. I want to recruit a person who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the sufferings of others to get things done, and a person who would not put money as his only goal in life. You are hired.”

Later on, this young person worked very hard, and received the respect of his subordinates. Every employee worked diligently and as a team. The company’s performance improved enormously.

To our young managers! Learn the value of work and to work hard at everything you do. Your ability to understand the virtue of compassion and the value of appreciation of the hard work that others do makes you an outstanding Manager.

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**Lecture of Eminence**

**This is the best time to be an educated young Indian - Ambassador Deepak Vohra**

As we have got the world’s largest educated youth population proficient in the new technology, can anybody stop India? India is unstoppable because of the strength of the 500 million Gen Z, born after 1995. They are headed to write the success story of India. So, this is the best time to be an educated young Indian, said Ambassador (Retd.) Deepak Vohra, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Lesotho and Guinea-Bissau. He was making a scintillating presentation to the PGDM and MBA students of SCMS on the topic ‘Global Megatrends,’ on November 28.

The developed nations are aging. In the Western nations the median age is 44 years. Europe is elderly and haggard. French historian, Alfred Sauvy predicted that Europe would become “a society of old people living in old houses, ruminating about old ideas.” No
new innovations have come out of Europe in last 30 years. US is the number one in innovation. China is number two. Japan number three and India number four. These are the four largest countries in the field of innovation. Where is Europe, the continent with 15 percent of world’s population that ruled 85 percent of the rest for 200 years? You want it to happen again?

The median age in Russia is 40. Japan is 47. By 2020, India is going to become world’s youngest country with median age 29 years and 2/3rd of our population will be in the working age group (15-64 years). This is the demographic window of opportunity for India, he asserted.

Economic power is shifting. China is the world’s largest economy with a GDP (PPP) of $25 trillion. US is only the second largest with $20 trillion. India is the third with $11 trillion. Japan is the fourth with $5 trillion. As economic power shifts military power is also shifting. Three of the world’s four strong military, namely Russia, China and India are in Asia, he pointed out.

Another megatrend is the exploding technology. The big data and the powerful technology that you have are to be used for what purpose? It is up to you to decide how it should be used for the benefit of the mankind.

A major progress we have seen in India is in the field of education as a means to advancement. Today we have around 50,000 universities and colleges while we had only around 500 in 1950. Here we are in one of the best institutions in India by name SCMS. In addition, we have around 1.5 million schools in India. In 1947 our national literacy rate was 7 percent. Today it is over 80 percent and by 2025 we will be a fully literate nation.

96 percent of total consumption expenditure in India is for eating better, looking better, living better, connecting better, enjoying better, feeling better and for luxury. What does it indicate?

The sheer size of India’s youth combined with improved education will pave the way for sustained growth. So, as an Indian have faith and confidence in yourself, don’t allow cynicism to affect you.

Before he concluded Ambassador Vohra urged the students to be brave men and women who work when others sleep.

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**Finance Forum activities kick started**

The activities of the Finance Forum for the year 2019-20 were inaugurated by Mr. Venugopal C. Govind, Managing Partner, Varma & Varma Chartered Accountants and Patron of the Forum on November 21.

The function started with a presentation by the students on ‘the past, the present and the future of the economy.’ “I must record my highest sense of appreciation for the beautiful presentation made by the students, well prepared covering the whole gamut of Indian economy with absolute clarity and well delivered,” Mr. Venugopal C. Govind commented. “All that I wanted to tell you can be summarised that the world is changing now. The very nature of the financial world is changing very fast. Under such a circumstance all the management students need to develop the ability to be very flexible to make it possible for them to adapt to the changes,” he said in his address.

He also released the Finance/Business Newsletter, produced by the students as a new initiative, by presenting the first copy to Dr. Filomena P. George, Director-Academic Compliances.

**HR Forum activities inaugurated**

Dr. Manoj Varghese, Former Director- Business Operations, Facebook India and Head-HR, Google Asia Pacific inaugurated the activities for the year 2019-20 of the HR Forum on November 29. He spoke on Restructuring HR for the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

He said that there is an overload of information taking place today. At the same time there is also a lot of memory power available. As a result of that it is easier to store information. Simultaneously, the computational power of computers is also increasing. Today machines are able to do more complex calculations much faster. It will help to make intelligent decisions.

The relevance of analytics or artificial intelligence is in this context. Since we have lot of information available that can be stored, computers can be trained to read data, visualise data, talk to people, get information from them and understand it and make intelligent decisions similar to how people are able to do.
Chips and Nuts activities inaugurated

The activities of the Systems and Operations Forum, Chips and Nuts, were inaugurated by Mr. Anesh Paul, Vice President of Jacsons Veneers and Panels Private Limited on December 4.

He shared his past industrial experiences in his talk. He spoke on various management challenges faced and the steps taken to overcome the challenges. The strategies adopted by him for improving the quality by controlling cost, improving efficiency, optimal utilisation of resources, improving manpower productivity and investing more on capitals were really enlightening.

Mr. Anesh Paul started his career with OEN India Ltd. and later moved to food processing. He has also worked with VKL Seasonings, India’s largest seasoning manufacturing company as Vice President.

Student quality circle inaugurated

A Student Quality Circle was inaugurated by Dr. K. P. Ouseph IFS (Retd.), Former Principal Conservator of Forests and President, Staff Selection Commission, Government of India, on November 28.

Dr. K. P. Ouseph highlighted the contributions, the SQCs can bring into the campus lives of the students. It could improve communication, personal growth and development, enhanced decision making skill, opportunities for recognition of individual improvement and so on.

Prof. Gopakumar S., Group Director emphasised the role of Quality Circles in bringing in many positive changes like improving self-confidence, attitudinal change and sense of accomplishment leading to adding overall value to the organisation and better competitive edge.

Alumni corner

Homecoming

Mr. Surya Narayan Rai, Area Manager (AP & Telangana), C & S Electric Ltd. visited the campus and addressed the PGDM students on November 18. He is an alumnus of PGDM batch 19.

Panel discussion on $ 5 trillion economy

The Finance Forum organised a panel discussion on ‘$ 5 trillion economy and current state of affairs – a match or mismatch’ on December 6. Mr. Vivek Krishna Govind, Senior Partner, Varma and Varma Chartered Accountants, Mr. Abraham Thariyan, Former Executive Director, South Indian Bank and Director V-Star and UAE Exchange India, Mr. Alex K. Babu, Founder Chairman & Managing Director, Hedge Group of Companies, and Dr. Santha Kumar, Managing Partner at SKV & Associates in India and SJV & Associates, UAE were the key speakers in the panel discussion.

We all wanted India to become a $ 5 trillion economy by 2024, but for it to happen our required growth will have to be around 12 percent. Is it possible to multiply the growth rate from 4.5 to 12 percent? I think it is something very difficult because it would necessitate India to attract huge capital investment over next one or two years in order to sustain such a growth rate for 4-5 years, said Mr. Vivek Krishna Govind initiating the discussion.

On the other side, there are a lot of social issues such as should we be worried about 5 trillion or should we be bothered about poverty eradication. Should we be concerned about uplifting people below the poverty line? If that is going to be the priority why should we be worried about 5 or 4 trillion? Mr. Vivek set a platform for discussion.

Ms Nirmala Sitaraman in her last budget speech said that we are a $ 2.72 trillion economy and we will become a $ 3 trillion economy by the end of this year. The growth will continue to 5 trillion in 2024 and 10 trillion by 2030. But, immediately after the budget speech the market went down and the economy was slowing down. Six months after the budget speech the situation does not give any kind of hope to grow as predicted, explained Mr. Abraham Thariyan. In the present situation the industrial sector has suffered a lot of fall in growth. Whether it is the automobile sector, textile sector, financial sector or agrarian sector everywhere there are only bad indications coming in during the last six months. Our export is also performing very badly.

As per the Oxfam survey in 2017 around 73 percent of India’s wealth belonged to 1 percent of its 130 crore people. It was an increase from 58 percent a year ago indicating that economic inequality is widening. So a rethinking is required in deciding our priority, reasoned Mr. Abraham Thariyan.

Dr. Santha Kumar was optimistic about our country becoming a $ 5 trillion economy without fails because ours is a growing economy and what is happening is a natural growth. But how soon we will be able achieve it can’t be predicted now. He stressed on the advantage of our demographic dividend which is in our favour.

Mr. Alex K. Babu suggested that the way business is being conducted today has completely been transformed with the advent of high end technology. Business by behemoths like Amazon, Alibaba and the like adopt the present model of business and the rest of the economic segments have to be banking on the trickles from such behemoths.
Workshop on preparing effective course plans

A full day workshop in Preparing Effective Course Plans for Outcome Based Teaching and Learning was organised jointly by SCMS COCHIN School of Business and SCMS School of Technology and Management at SCMS Prathp Nagar Campus on December 10. The objective of the workshop was to enable the participants to write an effective course plan which meets all the requirements according to the standards set by the University and other regulatory bodies.

The resource persons were Dr. Filomina P. George, Director - Academic Compliance – Business Schools and Dr. Praveena K., Associate Professor, Department of MBA. Faculty from Amity Global Business School, Kochi, MACFAST, Thiruvalla; Girideepam Institute of Advanced Learning, Stella Maris College (Autonomous) Chennai, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad, SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, SCMS COCHIN School of Business, SSTM and SIBB R&D attended the workshop.

Dr. Anil Kumar K., Associate Dean -Academics and HoD, HR Department welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. Sashikumar, Principal, SSTM gave the inaugural address. Designing and structuring a course plan, stating outcomes and choosing appropriate assessment tools and practical course designing sessions formed part of the workshop. Ms. Devi S. Nair, Assistant Professor, Department of MBA proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Devi S Nair, Assistant Professor, Department of MBA and Ms. S. Priya, Assistant Professor-PGDM were the coordinators of the programme.

The Hindu in School Chess Competition 2019 held at SCMS

The Hindu in School Chess Competition 2019 named ‘Clash of Blacks and Whites’ was held in SCMS on November 23. District Collector S.Suhas IAS was the Chief Guest. “Winners of chess contests must give a shot at civil services examinations, considering their good analytical skills,” said the Collector speaking on the occasion. “Chess is my favourite sport. In sports there is no winner or loser. A good amount of credit must go to the parents who prepared their children for the event,” he added.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation by over 310 children who battled it out across the 64 squares of the chess board. The competition was conducted under the aegis of Chess Kerala and SCMS Group of Institutions was both the regional and venue partner.

Parivarthana, the compelling campaign against drugs

The compelling campaign against drugs named Privarthana which was later presented to the school students in and around Kochi, organised by PGDM batch 28 students of SCMS, was launched by Ms.G.Pooguzhali IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police-Law & Order &Traffic, Kochi City on December 3. The function was organised under the auspices of Swara, the Women’s Forum at SCMS. The Guest of Honour spoke on the theme ‘Women – The Haunted Lot.’

The campaign in the form of a skit was directed by Mr.Sanal Potty, Public Relations Manager. The campaign was presented in 12 schools in Ernakulam district.

Parivarthana is an annual feature planned and executed by PGDM students for the last --- years to effectively communicate and caution the younger generation on the harmful effects of various social evils spreading in the society.
As the world shrinks and businesses grow …

Having just a PGDM is no longer cool. As the world shrinks and businesses grow and expand to new regions and countries, SCMS has come around to the realisation that people who speak multiple languages have a major competitive advantage. Multilingualism adds another weapon to the students’ arsenal as they considerably improve their chance of getting placed in a multinational company with cross-border operations. Successful business managers say that there was a time when English was the lingua franca for sealing international business deals. Today things are changing. For those who wish to go global and excel at their work places English alone is not sufficient.

It is in this context that SCMS has introduced foreign languages like French, German, Spanish and Japanese as add on courses. Foreign language experts have been hired for giving training to management students. Ms. Aiswarya Mohan who has a degree in French literature is teaching French. Mr. Jose Luis Perez Datas who had a long stint in language training at Atlanta International School, America, Wales University, UK, many campuses in Spain, and International School at Kodaikanal is now teaching Spanish in SCMS. Ms. Mamiko Sako who is an expert in Japanese language is teaching Japanese. Ms. Deepthi S. Nair who was a German language teacher at Kendriya Vidyalaya is handling German classes for the students.

The add-on programme is of six months’ duration. Certificates will be issued to the students who complete the courses successfully.

CEO talk

The Business Standard’s CEO talk was held on November 27. Mr. C.K. Kumaravel, Co-Founder and CEO, Naturals Spa & Salon, the number 1 Hair & Beauty Salon chain in India, was the speaker. He spoke to the PGDM and MBA students on the importance of entrepreneurship and his philosophy of making more people, particularly women, self-sufficient by giving them opportunities to become entrepreneurs. With that in view he is running a training academy which offers professional training courses on Skin & Beauty, Hair, Make-up & Makeover, Grooming and a range of courses from foundation … hands-on training along with an opportunity to work at Naturals chain of salons.

Prof. Biju Radhakrishnan, Group Director welcomed the gathering and Dr. K Anil Kumar, Dean-Academics proposed the vote of thanks.

Out Bound Training

Students of PGDM batch 28 and MBA batch 17 recently participated in the Out Bound Training in Suryanelli, Munnar where the faculty and students camped and engaged in adventure games. The programme was conducted to nurture team spirit and leadership skills among the students. 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. The programme was from December 12 to 16 for the PGDM students and from December 16 to 20 for the MBA students.

Management fest winners

Students of PGDM batch 17 had won second prize in two items – Marketing Game and the Best Management Team - in the management fest organised by Naipunnya Business School. The winning team members were: Marketing Game Winners: Tom Bruce, Jerin Jose, Renjith Abraham and Celestine Timmy. Best Management Team Winners: Manjith Vijayan Nair, Henna Rasheed, Albin Biju and Merin V Anil.

Institute industry interaction

Mr. Joe Varkey, Senior General Manager, Personnel and Administration, Malayala Manorama, addressed Batch 16 students on the challenges facing HR and the printing industry on December 13. He took the students through a short history of Malayala Manorama and its functioning. He dwelt upon the unique challenges faced by the printing industry in the face of rapid digitalisation. He talked of the motto of the print industry as ‘New things are made familiar and familiar things are made new.’ The talk ended with a lively interaction with students.
**Faculty achievements**

Ms. Devi S. Nair, Assistant professor, attended ‘National level Workshop on NIRF India Ranking’ organised by IQAC Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous) in association with the Institute for Academic Excellence, Hyderabad on November 21.

Ms. Devi S. Nair also attended ‘International conference on Alzheimer’s disease: in Science & Society’ organised by Udbodh, Department of Bio-Technology,CUSAT from November 1 to 3.

Dr. Deepa Pillai and Dr. Rajeswari.R, Associate Professors published a book (publishers Notion Press) titled ‘DEERA: A cluster of case-lets in OB and HR.’ The areas covered in the book are leadership, motivation, mentoring, conflict, power and politics, and related fields.

**Samvidhan divas observed**

Samvidhan divas was observed under the auspices of the NSS unit as part of the 70th anniversary of our constitution on November 26. A live telecast of the Lok Sabha session was held in the class room. The President and the Prime Minister spoke on our constitution describing it as one of the best written constitutions in the world. Advocate N.Jagath enlightened the students on the history and various aspects of the constitution.

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**IEDC activities**

Government of Kerala had organised Maker Fest as part of ‘Kochi Design Week’ on December 14 at Bolgatty Palace, Kochi. Maker Fest is the Indian continuation of Maker Faire hosted across globe. It is the amalgamation of festivals celebrating the innovators and an art show with booths for inventors, demonstrations, and workshops for attendees. SCMS had a stall at maker fest showcasing various products fabricated at SSET Fablab, IoT Lab and SCMS Centre for Robotics. Dr. Sunil Jacob, Director, SCMS Centre for Robotics and Professor, Department of ECE, Mr. Vinoj PG., Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, Ms. Parvathi R., Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, Ms. Uma N., Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, Dr. Sheeja Janardhanan, Professor, Department of ME and Dr. Manoj Kumar B. IEDC Nodal Officer nd HoD. Department of AU along with SSET students Anish B. Soman and Sooryanath had coordinated the SCMS stall.

**Seminars and workshops**

Dr. Sunil Jacob, Director, SCMS Centre for Robotics and Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering attended a two day workshop on ‘LoRaWAN for IoT’ by International Centre for Free and Open Source Software (ICFOSS) at Thrivananthapuram from November 9 to11.

Ms. Beena Puthillath, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE, participated in the one day workshop in Preparing Effective Course Plans for Outcome Based Teaching and Learning held at SCMS Campus, Cochin on December 10.

Ms. Prathibha N Pillai, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering attended a three day workshop on “Recent Research and Application Trends in Underwater Sensor Technologies” at Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panagad, Kochi from Dec 11-13.

Ms. Deepa K, Associate Professor and Ms. Nisha S Raj, Assistant Professor of Department of Computer Science and Engineering attended a AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy sponsored FDP on Blockchain Technology at SOE, CUSAT from October 21-25 and received merit certificates from ATAL Academy, New Delhi.

Ms.Deepa K also attended Dell Security Workshop on December 5 at Marriott Hotel, Lulu Kochi.

Ms. Rosebell Paul and Ms. Viji Gopal, Assistant Professors-CSE attended an AICTE sponsored ATAL FDP on Blockchain organised by Adi Shankara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kalady and Kerala State C-APT from December 9-13.

Ms. Sonal Ayyappan, Associate Professor-CSE attended a two-day event at TENCON 2019, Region 10 IEEE technical conference at the Grand Hyatt, Kochi on October 19-20.

Ms. Asha S., Assistant Professor -CSE attended a talk on National Cyber Safety and Security Standards December 4 at Integrated Startup Complex, Kalamassery.

Ms. Nisha S. Raj attended the 10th International Conference on Technology for Education at Goa University, Goa on December 9-11 and presented a paper titled ‘A Rule-based Approach for Adaptive Content Recommendation in a Personalised Learning Environment: An Experimental Analysis.’

Ms. Sreeja K. A., Assistant Professor-ECE attended the 2nd EAI International Conference on Big Data Innovation for Sustainable Cognitive Computing at Coimbatore on December 12 and13 and also presented a paper titled ‘Automated detection of retinal hemorrhage based on supervised classifiers and implementation in hardware.’

**Christmas celebrations**

Christmas was celebrated at the campus in the forenoon session on December 20. As part of the celebrations, a cake baking competition was held, carols were sung, games were organized and each department showcased programs such as dances and skits.
In appreciation of the excellent work done by SCMS Water Institute in studying the problems faced by Thevara Perandur canal, the consultancy team appointed by Government of Kerala for rejuvenating this canal, visited SWI seeking support. This consultancy agency is Andea Unihorn JV based at The Netherlands. The implementation agency which is responsible for rejuvenating this canal is Kochi Metro Water Metro and they also joined this consultancy team to visit SWI. The Andea team was led by Er. Anilkumar Gopinath (formerly Chief Engineer Irrigation and presently Team Leader for this consultancy for Kerala Government) and the Kochi Metro team was led by Mr Nishanth N., Manager, Dr Sunny George of SWI gave a detailed presentation about the Thevara Perandur canal project study. The visitors were highly impressed of the outstanding findings of SWI and requested us to be part of the rejuvenation of this canal for the government. It was a proud moment for SWI that both the consultants from the Government as well as the implementing agency are approaching for technical support as SWI has developed enough expertise in identifying the key aspects for rejuvenation of this canal.

Er. Anilkumar Gopinath opined that he highly appreciated the recommendations made by SWI for rejuvenation of this canal and that the Government of Kerala has already taken steps issuing orders in line with a few recommendations. For example, there is an order issued by the State Government a few weeks back that no more sewage will be allowed into this canal. It was highly appreciated. (1) The sides of canals need to be protected through proper fencing. (2) Sewer lines may be provided on both sides so that sewage will not enter the canal. (3) Stringent monitoring and enforcement for preventing waste dumping into the canal. (4) Participatory canal management involving the residence near the canal. (5) Proper awareness to be given about the importance of maintenance of the health of the canal which is the life line of this city. (6) Need to maintain water flow in the canal so that tidal influence will have a regular impact in the channel. (7) Vertical and horizontal clearance are to be made and for this some bridges are to be reconstructed. (8) Available land on both sides of the canal be utilised for recreation purposes and for improving beauty of the canal.

In the light of the study conducted by SWI, Dr. Sunny George men-
Placement news
The following numbers of offers were given to our 2020 batch students by various companies:
1. Cognizant Technology Solutions – 13
The final results of CTS, Wipro, Autobahn Trucking, Jaro, Suntec Business Solutions and Novelworx are awaited.

Dilsana Siyad, winner of the best UG thesis award
Dilsana Siyad, student of SCMS School of Architecture was declared as the winner for Aadya '19 - Architectural Best UG Thesis Award in Kerala, for the outstanding undergraduate architectural thesis in the competition instituted by KMCT College of Architecture, Manassery. Her work “Architecture for the Urban Poor, Vathuruthy” guided by Ar.Lijo John Mathew was declared as the best UG thesis of the state.

Earlier she was one among the five winners of Katha (Kerala Awards for thesis in Architecture).

The award has been instituted to encourage and motivate the students of graduate courses in architecture in Kerala.

Workshop at Clayfingers
The students of S1S2 batch B were taken for a one day workshop to Clayfingers pottery in Urakkam, Thrissur to introduce them to the concept of moulding and the versatility and malleability of the material clay.

A team of 40 students were accompanied by Ar.Vipin Wilson, Ar.Asha O.S. and Ms.Smija Vijayan (Fine arts expert).Artist Haseena Suresh, the owner of Clayfingers was the resource person for the workshop.

The workshop commenced with a brief session on the varieties and properties of clay and different products of clay. After this she gave a brief tour to clay facilities of Clayfingers in which she explained different processes of clay modeling like drying, firing and so on and taught the working of kilns and shown the merchandise and display areas.

After that, the moulding technique of pinching and rolling were taught where the students were instructed how to make basic objects such as cups, pen holders and the like based on their own interest.

For the next exercise, the students were instructed on how to make “low relief” works on square clay tablets that were provided to them. Finally the students tried their hands on the potter’s wheel.

The students of S1S2 batch A were also taken for a one day workshop to Clayfingers pottery in Urakkam A group of 41 students was accompanied by three faculty members, Ar. Remya Kumar, Ar. Remya Vijayan and Mr.Levin Samuel, Assistant Professor.

Dissertation workshop
To enhance the skill of writing a logical and genuine dissertation, a two-day workshop was conducted by the well-known academician, Dr Binumol Tom, for the students attempting to write the same in the academic year 2019-20.

The workshop began with an introductory session of how important research plays in the field of architecture. Dr. Binumol explained on how the scope of each dissertation contributes to one another and how every data is borrowed. After explaining the basic structure and necessities of executing a dissertation, the session was moved on to a group activity. The day concluded with groups presenting their outcomes of group discussions on framing the synopsis for a topic that was chosen. On the second day, the students had a chance to have a one on one discussion of their synopsis with Dr. Binumol, where she gave suggestions on restructuring the synopsis and insights on new directions for the individual research.