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RGCETIANS - THE DISCIPLINED DISCIPLES OF ENGINEERING

Last year, in the month of December, the nation applauded the disciplined crowd in Tamil Nadu after the death of their Chief Minister. The whole world stood awe to the discipline that we Tamilians showed the world as it never happened before in the history. In a similar way, our college created history as REC-O-FES'17 was recorded as the most disciplined festival in the last decade by the press and media across the territory.

REC-O-FES'17 is a three day intercollegiate technical cum cultural festival at Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering and Technology. There were totally over 1500 internal student-participants and 2500 external participants from various professional colleges across various states. The major highlight of the event was the top class discipline maintained by the entire 5000 students at this mega-event. There could be number of technical or cultural festivals around the nation but none could match the level of discipline of REC-O-FES'17 and it is because of the Principal and the Administrative board of RGCET.

The staff would issue the temporary paper-wristband when any student enters the college and it will be destroyed as they leave. Three different colours on these three days of the intercollegiate students in fluorescent colour is a brainy move by the management.

The population at the REC-O-FES'17 bewildered at the transportation facility offered on the 3rd day of the festival after dark. There were a dozen buses that made a circuit of all regions in Puducherry and out-skirts of nearby cities like Villupuram, Cudallore, Chidambaram. The students up there felt as safe as in a mother's womb.

Discipline is a good thing or may be the best among the student's asset. It is because, any institution/college/university can teach engineering, medicine, business or music and make him/her intellectually sound but there isn't any system to teach discipline. But here in our college, we show them the significance of character and make our students disciplined disciples of science.

"Many believe that there is disconnect between students and college officials, but you prove them wrong. I wish to express my gratitude towards friendly nature of the college. It is important to be consistent, but it is also equally important to be willing to appreciate others talents by conducting an effective and efficient event like "REC-O-FES 17" this event was so successful and I am proud to be an organizer. This paved a way to improve my abilities as a team worker and as an organizer. This also taught me how to handle challenging situations and to come up with innovative ideas. I would like to thank you our Principal and PRO, on behalf of all the students for giving us such an opportunity. Thank you "

- M.REVATHI, III -BME

for their kind support and consideration for conducting such an enormous event like "REC-O-FES 17". I'm startled to see such innovative and experienced outputs put by the contestants. It was so well organized and had so much content. I gained a lot of knowledge and come to know about different scenarios in life. I once again thank our principal and the management for giving me this opportunity.

I S.Murugavel of pre-final year would like to

thank the management and the Principal

- S.MURUGAVEL , III -MECH

We thank our beloved Principal for his efforts to bring our talents through this fest. Management really cared for the safety of female students and arrangement of transport facility at DJ night. The arrangements of DJ night were made such that the students felt secured. The staffs were very keen on their responsibility for student's security.

-VIDHYADHARSHINI,III-BME

We feel very happy and proud in extending our support to RECOFES as a Technical Team. We really enjoyed the whole event. We worked together as a team carrying good vibes. We thank our college management and the Principal for their endless support they extended. It's a great privilege for us to work for RECOFES.

> BY - TECHNICAL TEAM (IT III) -V. SRINIVASAN, G.SAPTHAGIRIVASAN, V.S. RISHAL. GANESSANE, PRADEEP SHARAN



ROCKET LAUNCHERS FROM SPACE

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) created history in the field of space & research as it had proudly launched PSLV-C37/Cartosat-2 series satellite last month from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The event was historic due to the unprecedented launch of 104 satellites from a single rocket, thereby beating the previous record of 37 satellites that Russia achieved way back in 2014.

It's a jubilant moment for RGCET to have a wonderful Chief Guest from ISRO Mr. R. Venkataraman, Mr. R. Ram Kumar and Mr. T. Subbananthan, who were three among many other scientists behind this historical deed. In the morning session, Mr. R. Venkataraman delivered a tech-talk about the success behind the launch of 104 Satellites. He did that with exactly 104 slides. He further discussed the manufacturing of each and every stages of rocket as well as the satellites encapsulated in it. The final countdown visuals of satellite launch in space orbit was a wondrous sight. The features present in legacy models of satellites were clearly explained with a brief history of space. The morning session concluded with Mars planet





Afternoon, the "Annual Science Fair" under the auspicious of RECOFES'17 was conducted and the guest speakers from ISRO Mr. T. Subbananthan and Mr. R. Ram Kumar addressed the students from various schools in TN at the gathering. He quoted the hard work behind the rocket making and launching without margin of error. The massive size of the rockets and the de-capsulation of the rocket are marvelous to view that bolted the teens spellbound. The students felt it was a fine opportunity to get a knowledge about the space vehicle. Finally, the students were crash-coursed with preparation for exams such as DRDO and thus be the next scientist of ISRO.

HIGHLIGHTS OF REC-O-FES

Our college hosted its very own Inaugural cultural-cumtechnical fest, by the title of "REC-O-FES" which was a three-day fest held from 2nd to 4th March,2017. We are both glad as well as proud to organize such a huge event within a short span of time and it turned out to be a huge success. Apart from the colleges in Pondicherry, students from various parts of South came to attend this mega-event which was wonderful. Now, we'll have a quick recap of all the highlights of this amazing fest.

DAY1:

The first day of the fest started off with the Inaugural Ceremony and we feel proud to mention that the ISRO team , who were responsible for the record launch of 104 satellites, visited our campus as Chief Guests. Technical events like Poster Presentation, Simulab, Project Expo, Best Manager, Product Launch and Tech Quiz were held in the ECE Department to test the thinking and presentation skills of the participants. We received positive reviews from the participants as they believe that these events gave them a really great exposure and to have broadened their field of vision over the technical aspects. Non-technical events included Mehandi, IPL, Solo Singing, Vegetable Carving, Nail Art, Variety-Variety and Photography & Selfie Contest. Literary Events including Flash Fiction and Creative Writing, were personally organized by the members

of LitWit Literary Club. There were a huge number of participants, especially from Arts & Science Colleges, who attended these events and enjoyed it. At last, the first day ended as the sun set on our college and we waited for the dawn to ignite the Second Day of the fest.

DAY 2:

The second day started with the technical events like Circuit & Code Debugging, Technical Connections and K-Routing. The MBA Department organized Corporate Walk, Best Entrepreneur and Stock War. Technical Highlights included Botsumo (Robotics) that attracted a lot of attention.

Non-technical events like Gaming, Dancing & Short Films were also sharing the spotlight and garnered a lot of attention. The main highlight of the day was Ethnic Wear in which we saw some eye-pleasing and beautiful outfits worn by our very own students who happened to portray their elegance & awesomeness simultaneously. And with these events, the day ended on a pleasant note.

DAY 3:

The day initiated with Rangoli contest, Debate, Connexions, Dubsmash followed by Fashion Show, which was one of the awesome highlights and we are proud to announce that our college organized and won the Fashion Show contest. The last few hours of our fest were powered and energized by DJ

Bailey with his Mind-Blowing Mixes and Intoxicating Bass-Drops. We received a lot of positive feedback from the students from the other colleges as well as the Chief Guests, who attended and enjoyed our fest. Finally, we would like to thank our Management and the Staff Members for showing their support as well as taking efforts to make our fest successful and memorable as well as to strengthen the bonding between the students and the teachers. We would also like to thank the Cultural Team who worked hard for organizing the fest within a short period and turned this fest into a grand success.

We hope to organize REC-O-FES in the upcoming year with the same enthusiasm and commitment and make it even better.





RGCETIANS PROUD IN THEIR ROOTS AT THE ETHNIC WEAR CELEBRATION



There was a slice of Kerala, a bit of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Northern States as well. Depicting the cultures and traditions of respective States, the RGCETians were seen dressed in traditional attires as part of the Ethnic Wear Competition held on the 2nd day of RECOFES'17.

The Ethnic Wear Competition was a novel idea, planned and sponsored by our beloved principal Dr.E.R.Vijayakrishna whose objective was to promote universal brotherhood and help students understand the cultures

and traditions of different States. Based on the Best Costume, Accessories and Depiction of Culture, Mr. and Ms. RGCET'17 was selected and honored by our dearest Principal and the esteemed panel of judges.

"I felt very warm and contented to win Ms. RGCET'17 by portraying as a Muslim Bride of Kerala. It is always an immense pleasure to get appreciated as a Keralite.", said Fathima Sherin of final year CSE with an enchanting smile on her face.

"It is like bringing all the cultures and traditions under one roof and I am extremely blessed to win this position by illustrating Tamil Culture", said Gnana Balan of final year IT keeping his head high and chin up wearing "**Vetti Sattai**".









PARTNERS IN RHYME

We had a great deal signed on February 17 2017 with four leading MNCs and extended our partnership with them in training and corporate relations. The celebration started with the invocation song and of course how can we miss our RGCET anthem. It was a treat listening to the RGCET anthem, which was followed by the welcome address by Mrs. C. Rajeswary, the training head of Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering and Technology. She took the honor of welcoming everyone present over there cheerfully signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dell EMC, VMware, Auto-desk and Palo-Alto and the inauguration of technical lab. The chief guests were Mr. Abijith Srinivas and Mr. Anbu Thambi. Abhijit Sreenivas is the EMC Academic Alliance Manager for Industry & College relations in India, Australia, New Zealand and Srilanka. He is responsible for bringing in & syncing the Industry initiatives with Academia and also takes care of the strategic activities and drives the program in all the institutes across India and other geos. Abhijit brings-in over 13 + years of sales focused experience in IT industry. Prior to EMC, Abhijit was heading Sales for Inter-call (Biggest conferencing solutions provider in the world). The other guest of the day, Mr. Anbuthambi is the Vice President of Education Initiatives at ICT Academy which is an initiative of Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu and Industry. He has been with ICT Academy since its inception holding various positions and is currently responsible for leading all of the Education Initiative Functions including Strategic Planning, Academic Initiatives, Corporate Partnerships, Government Projects, Education Technology and Service Delivery for ICT Academy.

All the dignitaries were honored, which is just a small gesture of showing our respect towards them, along with the dignitaries a very warm welcome was rendered to all the HODs, staffs and students at the gathering. The media was given a special welcome and the management made sure that everyone felt that their presence was important to complete the celebration. The function made everyone feel as a family to celebrate the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The training head of RGCET delivered welcome address that added life to the program. All the dignitaries took the pride of lighting the Kuthu vilaku, which filled the room with positive charges and made the environment very pleasant. Then the principal Dr. E.R Vijayakrishna took the charge of delivering the inaugural address which gave the gathering a clear idea of what's going on. The welcoming was followed by a dignitary address by the sculpture of human character Dr. K. Ayyappan, the Vice Principal of





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Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering and Technology. Our chief guest Mr. Abhijit Sreenivas who is the EMC Academic Alliance Manager for Industry & College relations in India, Australia, New Zealand and Srilanka addressed the gathering. Later the gathering was addressed by Mr. Anbuthambi, the Vice President of Education Initiatives at ICT Academy. The vote of thanks and the conclusion was delivered by Ms. Sindhuja, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Management Studies, RGCET. Finally the most awaited moment came, the opening ceremony of the center for excellence. Technical training was also planned to conduct on various streams for our College students. In future, employment opportunities will be promising to any student

completing the course. In Computer science engineering lab, EMC Dell was inaugurated, In R&D lab, VM ware was inaugurated and in post graduate lab, Autodesk was inaugurated.

The students of Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering and Technology are very thankful to the management of RGCET for giving them a wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge and for securing their career by signing the MoU which promises to give placement opportunities in future. Because, now our college is in rhyme (i.e.., in same wavelength) with the partners, Dell EMC, VMware, Auto-desk and Palo-Alto.

GRADUATION DAY '17

"Graduation is a day to feel happy and proud That all your work has finally paid off"

Graduation Day, which is the most memorable day in a student's life which also intimates the student about his/her obligations over the profession strongly knocking that student life has ended well leading to a next door of professional career. Graduation Day'17, Organized and conducted by the Management and Exam Wing of RGCET on 11th March, 2017 (Saturday) at the Auditorium Hall in RGCET Campus. The Hall has been decorated with the blooming flower lining with white satin hangings which resembled the roof frozen by snow. The Ceremony started by 10.30 A.M after the dignitaries graced the stage. Absence of our beloved Chairman, Shri. M. K. Rajagopalan made our gathering quite crestfallen. The Chief Guest of the Ceremony, Dr. K. R. Sethuraman, Vice Chancellor of SBV University graced the Stage along with the Principal, Dr. E. R. Vijayakrishna and Vice Principal, Dr. K. Ayyappan and Dr. Renuka Devi K.B., the Controller of Examination along with all the HODs and Director of Physical Education, Mr. K. Balajanagaraman and Librarian, Dr. V. Radjagopal and Dr. A. Maria Jayaprakash, Senior Professor of Mechanical Engineering. The Principal declared the opening of the Graduation Ceremony. Unlike usual, The Ceremony was set forth with the welcome address by Vice Principal followed by which the Principal presented the College Annual Report. Then the Principal addressed the Chief Guest. The Graduation Address was presented by the Chief Guest. The ceremony started with the certification of graduation of students of various departments in

alphabetical order. The proud moment of RGCET was the Chief Guest honouring the Gold Medallists Mr. Sivasubramaniyan of BME dept.(2014) and Mr. M. Shanmugapriyan @ Rahul of ECE dept.(2014). The Certification of "IN ABSENTIA" students of various departments was presented by Senior Professor Dr. A. Maria Jayaprakash. The total number of Graduates present was almost around 200 among which around 120 were B. Tech Graduates and the remaining were Post Graduates of MBA and MCA departments. The Graduation robe for UG students was Black with Red lining and for PG students, it was Black with Blue. The Graduates of 2013 and 2014 passed out batches were honoured by the Chief Guest with their Graduation Certificates. Then the graduates took a pledge to solemnly follow the ethics of their respective professions, shifting their mortarboard from right to left side to hang the tassel along the left shoulder which literally implies the end of the Student Phase. Finally, the ceremony was dissolved by the Principal at around 12:30 P.M. Both electronic media and printed media people were present. The Ceremony ended well leaving the melancholy strains of memories deep inside the hearts of the Graduates.

> "The Hats whirled Skyward, Carried by new hopes Propelled by big daring Dreams"

RANK HOLDERS

SI.N	o Name	Dept.	Rank	Batch
1	Sivasubramaniyan	вме	GOLD	2014
2	Shanmugapriyan @ Rahul	ECE	GOLD	2014
3	Vasundara	вме	2 ND	2014
4	Ananthi	вме	3 RD	2013
5	Balachandar.P	вме	3 RD	2014
6	Subina Raveendran	вме	7тн	2013
7	Kalidoss.P	вме	14 TH	2013
8	Annadurai.S	ECE	7™	2014
9	Rajalakshmi.R	IT	10тн	2013
10	Umamaheshwari.S.R	МВА	8 ^{тн}	2013
11	Jayanthi.N	MCA	2 ND	2013
12	Nivedha.R	MCA	5 ^{тн}	2013



BLOOD, SWEAT 'N' TOIL BEHIND REC-O-FES!

Once set in a college campus we are involved with canteen, teachers, lectures, friends, foes, et al. However, RECOFES'17 made this fun quotient to shoot up. On account of RECOFES'17, RGCET was brimming with the excitement of organizing their intercollegiate cultural cum technical fest.

Most collegians swear by the fact that college is incomplete without the quintessential annual festival. College festivals are all about the fun, frolic, dancing, eating, chatting, meeting new people from other colleges, participating in events, and all that, just hold on. Let's take a step back. What takes to bring in all these components in a fest? What goes on behind the scenes?

To make a fest 'good', 'unique' and 'laudable', it is important to arrange the fest ranging from planning a theme, to fixing the budget, managing sponsorships, inviting guests, performers, arranging events and a lot more. So, where does it all start from? RECOFES'17 was blessed and successful to have a separate core committee for cultural and technical activities. The team members drawn from various disciplines and departments, were selected by our beloved Principal Dr. E.R. Vijayakrishna.

As Vaishnavi from MBA said, "The various clubs organize the events related to their domain, the technical and cultural committees help in conducting the various technical and cultural events whereas the registration and discipline committee coordinates participation logistics and disciplinary management. So, the credit for a successful fest cannot be attributed only to the cultural committee members alone. Coordination plays a big role here, with all the constituents making contributions. And this was the key towards the grand success of RECOFES'17."

Organizing a festival is unquestionably not a one-day match. As Bharani Dharan of CSE pointed out, "As a part of a committee, you get some extra responsibility which would have meant that I had to devote substantial amount of time towards that committee and hence missing out on other stuff. As of now, I am happy because all our efforts came through with flying colors."

Anusha Sen of BME said, "I have been a part of one of the Literary events. It gave me a sense of responsibility and satisfaction without being as much time-taking as the core committees would have been. It was great fun."

As the trios (Prithvi, Benjamin and Murugavel) of MECH mentioned, "It is very appropriately said, Individuals play the game, but teams beat the odds. Team management, work allocation, coordination, reporting, time management, sponsors etc., were some of the major aspects of fest management."

"The teachers' involvement in organizing festivals is essential. With Teachers' support, we ensure that all ideas, activities and events are kept in check, and are in line with the expectations and ethos of the college. They do bring a lot of ideas to the table. The idea of connecting teachers with students was something to be appreciated", said Sowmeya, Technical Student Coordinator from ECE.

About the participation in the RGCET Talent Hunt "It is also a way to push your limits and test your potential. Competing with other students helps you judge yourself more effectively. Also, it's never easy to perform in front of a crowd that is judging you", Laurence Raj from EEE adds.

"The learning that happens at a fest, be it the experience of being a team player, is no match to a classroom atmosphere. It builds the feeling that you're part of the college. ", says Dhinesh of CSE.

"I really feel proud in standing as one of the vertebra of RECOFES'17.", said Ebanazer Pon Navisha of BME. When asked about her experience, "Why can't it be a poem?", she giggled. Her poem was:

Selected pebbles from various fields, United together for a common yield. Put forth a single motto to fictional gear, Loads of works with smile and cheer.

We gathered hay sticks one by one, To build and decorate a cool little tent. With the help of honorable scholars careen, Who had always been behind the screen.

The outfield had been publicized in solemn, With dreams, hopes and prayers in calm. To bring out an energized stream, To ignite a spark with cheering scream.

The outcome had been a bunch of laurels, Blooming with the essence of united carols. Ending the ceremony with gratitude to accomplish, With a heart full of memories to cherish.

The RECOFES'17 Organizing Committee

(Some of the organizers share their comments and views)



"Even with the best of preparations, contingencies do occur. One should never be complacent and always be on their toes to tackle such situations."

-Hari Haran CSE-IV



"Being an organizer was like undergoing a crash course in planning, coordinating, managing, networking and people management and team work."

-Sumitha CSE-III



"A Zen master said 'Gaze at the stars, but walk on the earth.' Being a realist I would like to interpret this as having a larger vision and staying grounded such that it is able to acquire basic skills necessary for attaining success."

-Bharathwaj MBA-II



"The important lesson I learnt was to be prepared beforehand by getting proper guidance and remain calm in tricky situations."

-Mohammed Ashiq Rasoul BME-IV



"The only word to describe my experience at RECOFES'17 is 'supercalifragilistic expialidocious' (Inspired by the film Mary Poppins). And especially the overwhelming response I got during my anchoring sessions was a memorable one."

-Hemant Sharma MECH-IV



"One thing my Father always emphasizes on is, 'increasing the social circle'. Being an organizer, I was able to enhance my social circle."

-Amruth Sagar EEE-IV



"To work in a team was one of the best learning experiences ever."

-Gnana Balan IT-IV



"Taking so many photos along with my team capturing the colour and spirit of the occasion was a memorable one. Team work management is what I understood as an organizer"

-Rajesh EEE-III



"On being a part of the website and technical development team, I learned the secret behind time management. Though I had work pressure, I learned to sort it out and finish it on time."

-Sudhakar CSE-III



"Even though there were many ups and downs, the bond between us made this event a grand success. Students' hardwork paid off."

-Sasidharan CSE-III



"In the end of it is all about successfully managing different individuals, coordinating with different teams, working with participating colleges and managing the crowds. You have to work as one big machine"

-Sebin Joseph Ist year