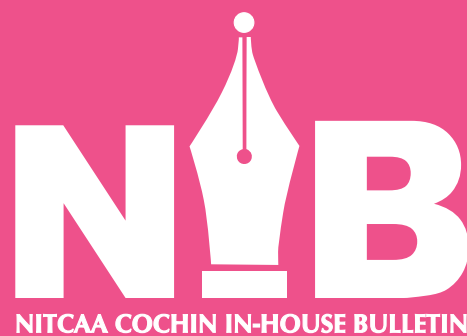


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Happy New Year

President's Message



Dear Friends,

It is nine months since I have assumed office of the President of the prestigious NITCAA Cochin Chapter.

The commitment made by me in the acceptance speech has been almost honoured except in the case of training program for helping new engineers for making them more employable.

The syllabus and the teaching materials have already been prepared. The NITCAA office in Mather Square, Ernakulam North which is planned as the venue for the training has been refurbished. We are waiting for a certifying agency to certify our training courses.

The major project envisaged in the year of 2017-18 was the construction of RECCAA Tower as an old age home. All the bottlenecks are cleared and the drawings submitted for approval of the local authorities.

The entrepreneurship development program headed by Mr. Shilen Sagunan is going well and a series of lectures were done in RECCAA Club. Thanks to Mr. Jijo John, Mr. Shilen Sagunan and Dr. Supriya Subash for arranging the program which was well attended.

Secretary's Report



I am happy to inform you all that the Chapter activities are going ahead in full enthusiasm. The monthly Executive Committee meetings are well attended and all members are participating actively.

The 6th Executive Meeting was held on 12th September at Gymkanaha Club, Cochin hosted by Prof Sankaran Nair.

Entrepreneur Lecture Series 3 and Engineers Day were held on 15th September. This is the first time we are celebrating Engineers Day and we plan to celebrate in the coming years also. Mr. Shilen and Mr. Jijo G John had arranged the speakers of the day and the Entrepreneur Lecture series also got financial support from Startup Mission ,Kerala.

Dr. Babu. T Jose inaugurated the Engineers Day on September 15th by lighting the lamp in the presence of the President, Secretary and the RECCAA Club President. The President read out the Engineer's Day message.

The second issue of the in-house bulletin of NITCAA Cochin - NIB was presented to Mr L K Prasad by the President .

Er Sandith Thandasherry gave the first talk on the Solar powered boat he developed for the Water Transport Department. He spoke about the design aspects and the support and the problems he had to face during course of development. The

The membership development is also going well. The team headed by Mrs. Renjini Menon and Mr. Prasanth Pillai could reach the membership target of 140. A membership portal for NITCAA is already prepared and we will be launching it soon.

Engineer's day was celebrated on 15th September and the second edition of NIB, (in-house bulletin) was published on that day. The third bulletin will be published on 26th January. Thanks to Mr. Sandeep Krishnan for his good effort.

All committee members are working hard to make 26/01/2018 a memorable day for NITCians & CRECIans with a lot of colourful events along with awarding the prestigious Prof. Bahauddin Award and Prof Jussay Gold Medal. This year, we are introducing a new award 'Life Time Achievement Award to Outstanding Engineer', which will also be awarded on 26th January 2018.

Let me thank all the committee members for their wonderful support, especially Dr. Babu T. Jose, Prof. Ravindran Nair and Prof. Sankaran Nair for their able guidance.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2018 !!!

Jai Hind, Jai NITCAA Cochin

Mohandas M.M. (1972 Civil)
President
NITCAA Cochin Chapter

next speaker was Er L K Prasad who spoke about the innovations in electronic hardware industry.

The next Executive Committee meeting was held on 13th October 2017 hosted by Dr Supriya Subash.

A tour program was held on 28th and 29th of October to REC/NIT Mukkam and Anakampoyil. The tour to college and Anakampoyil was one of the best tours and everyone enjoyed as reported by Dr Ravindran Nair. He requested more from the alumni to join for the next tour.

On 9th November, the 8th Executive Meeting was held at RECCAA Club and the host was Mr. Mathew M. Mathew.

On 9th December, the 9th Executive Meeting was hosted by Mr Babu Varghese and on 2nd January 2018, the 10th Executive Meeting was hosted by Mr Jacob Kurian. Both meetings were held at RECCAA Club. The meetings discussed in detail and decided on the various aspects for the successful conduction of 26th January 2018 NITCAA Get-together and the distribution of various awards.

I request the support of all CREC/NITC alumni in Cochin for the various projects of NITCAA Cochin.

Thank you
Darryl Andrew (1980 Mechanical)
Secretary
NITCAA Cochin Chapter

Down the memory lane

A couple of rooms in Government Polytechnic at West Hill was where REC Calicut was born - in 1961. The first year passed off peacefully. We joined in 1962 occupying a few more rooms eating into their strained resources. We shared the same hostel with the students of polytechnic. Adding fuel to the fire, our seniors, by mistake, also ragged a few polytechnic students along with us. Mr Koman Nair, the Polytechnic principal, got very furious and asked all of us - students, teaching staff and office staff to vacate on the very next day. After a lot of pleading by our principal and others, he gave us time till Onam holidays. The heat engines lab building (at Chathamangalam) was modified as dormitory; added a few toilets and two class rooms. After Onam, all of us were dumped at the dormitory with all beds lined up. At this moment, my classmates will be able to visualize the barracks-like scene at the heat engines lab. The staff and office remained at West Hill. Fortunately there were no girl students, the first batch of 5 girls had joined only after 4 years.

Let me recollect a few events/incidents which will take the memories back, long back into those days:

Class rooms were just adjacent to the dormitory. People used to go to classes straight from bed in lungi and shirt, when the bus with staff arrives from West Hill. Those were days without barriers. Bedroom was also the class room. Everybody understood and was forgiving.

At night, gangs used to roam in the campus. Invariably, adventures of climbing coconut trees and plucking coconuts followed. With the thrill of adventure, coconuts tasted better than ever.

On Saturdays, there used to be movie trips to Calicut town. Our competitors were the medicos (students of Calicut Medical College). Special emphasis was made by us to dominate them in the balcony and also in the bars.

One favourite past time was to go for 2nd shows at Katungal theatre in lungis, in the lowest class with the available money at month ends.

We had our share of health problems. Drinking water was simply being brought in trucks from the nearby river and used without any treatment. It was only a matter of time that Jaundice epidemic caught on like wild fire.

As the season changed, it was the turn of chicken pox. It was so widespread that isolation wards were set up in some buildings set aside for quarters.

Snake bites were a common menace.

Most of us were staying in hostels for the first time. Among all the joy, happiness and tension about examinations people were homesick. This was broken only by the train or bus trips to Ernakulam for vacation.

Ragging was in full swing at the beginning of the academic year. There used to be clashes between the ragging seniors and the vigilant anti-ragging teams who used to roam around at mid night.

Sports was another domain where the rivalry with the medicos came out in the open. Hockey matches were being staged at the Medical College. More important than the match was the physical clashes after it.

Basketball used to bring out keen tussle between us. They used to be played at the indoor court at Physical Education College. Needless to say that this used to be followed up with physical fights with no holds barred. We used to win the matches but were no match to the medicos after it.

Fist fights did not confine to those with the medicos. Internal rivalry also fuelled nasty fights. Students were being allotted rooms in various hostels based on the year of admission. Internal sports contests were between various hostels. The tussle for the championship, once flared up into a full scale war and many of our friends were hospitalised for injuries. When you read this, our friends must be having horrific hallucinations of those days.

A notable milestone was the First flight of aero model, ushering in a new era in technical skill.

A Parabolic 3D arch was a memorable geometric art on the annual day. This was put up in front of the main building using strings.

Another milestone was the First REC Orchestra Performance. Till then, one could not have visualized the musical talent hidden behind hard core engineering minds. A few erstwhile musicians of the first orchestra may be reading this.

Those were indeed golden days.



Dr Chandramohan P.V.

1962-67 Civil

An Autobiography of a river

I am a three hundred year old river, unlike most rivers, I am natural. My name is Amazon. I am known as the most beautiful to some.

Many people come to see me and enjoy my beauty, but to be frank I hate publicity. It sends shivers to my back. Sometimes my eyes catch small boxes with lenses inside flashing light at me. I only realised that these boxes were used to take pictures after I had seen the screen.

Like everyone, I also started as a young child. I remember clearly how peaceful I was then, with no fans asking for autographs and no admirers taking pictures of me. In my youth my greatest friend was a tree. His parents called him oak. Our bond was so deep that we could not remain without each other for a single second, always singing some song or playing some game. I remember the times when I would drench him with droplets of water. Our friendship was somehow magical.

One day I saw some creatures I had never seen before. They were carrying sharpened shiny material. I did not realise the

purpose of it until my friend started falling towards the ground. He had been cut. I could see his leaves fade into a lifeless colour. Everything was silent except for the continuous grinding noise of the shiny material. No one uttered a single word, my waves who were moving until then froze. They dragged my friend away from me and only a stump remained. It still remains like it was. I still splash water on it and talk and sing to it. But my conscience knows he isn't there.

I continue like I am, posing for my fans and admirers acting as if I'm happy, but have they any clue that my darkest tragedy lies in their faults.



Elizabeth Tharayil
Class VIII
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TECH SATURDAY (16TH DECEMBER)



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS



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Achiever's Gallery



◀ Master Kannan Shilen S/o Shilen Sagunan (1987 Mechanical), 11th grade student of RJCPS, Kakkanad secured distinction in the 8th grade examination in Western Classical Piano conducted by Trinity College London. Congratulations Kannan !!!

Mr. Thomas Joseph (1978 Mechanical) was awarded the **Engineer of the Year Award 2017** instituted by Kerala Engineering Graduates Association of North America. Congratulations Mr. Thomas !!!



Mrs Rejina Beevi N.A. (1988 Civil) received the Award for Best Executive Engineer (Buildings) instituted by Kerala PWD for the year 2016-17. The award was presented by Chief Minister Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan. Congratulations Mrs Rejina !!!



Obituary



Mr. George Thomas (1982 Mechanical) who was working with KRL as Chief Manager left us to heavenly abode. He is survived by wife Meera, daughters Nithya & Divya



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