

Inauguration of ISTE Kerala Section Head Quarters Building & National Seminar

The Head quarters building & Staff Training College of ISTE Kerala Section at Thrissur was inaugurated by Dr. Kuncheria P. Isaac (Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education) at 10 am on 5th October 2013 (Saturday). In the formal function conducted at the millennium hall, GEC Thrissur, Dr. K. P. Isaac delivered the inaugural speech. Dr. R. Murugesan (National President, ISTE), Dr. S. Basil Gnanappa (Executive Secretary, ISTE), Smt. Prof. V. Santhakumari (Senior Joint Director of Technical Education), Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (Joint Director of Technical Education, RDTE, Kothamangalam), Prof. C. P. Sunilkumar (SMC Member & Chairman, GEC Trissur Chapter) attended the function and delivered talks. Dr. B. Anil (Chairman, Kerala Section) presided, Dr. K. Vijayakumar (Principal, GEC Thrissur & ISTE National Executive Council Member) welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. R. Shalij (Secretary, ISTE Kerala Section) proposed the vote of thanks. The doyens of technical education, who have contributed to the cause of ISTE in the State, were felicitated in the function. Dr. P. J. George, Dr. R.P.R. Nair, Prof. K. S. S. Naik, Prof. T. V. Babu Rajendran, Prof. P. Prathapachandran Nair, Prof. P. I. Varghese and Sri. N. K. Sidharthan were among the dignitaries who received felicitations. The contributions of the Building committee members Prof. R. P. R Nair, Prof. Jayakumari, Sri. Thomas John and Sri. Unnikrishnan (designer), Sri. T.O. Thomas (SMC member), Sri. Paul (former secretary) and all others who contributed for realizing the project was remembered. Prof. Latheef of M/s Latheef Associates was felicitated for carrying out the construction of the building.

A National seminar on **“New paradigms in technical teacher training: motivate, challenge & innovate”** was arranged in association with Curriculum Development Centre, Department of Technical Education, Government of Kerala, after the inaugural function. The Seminar was inaugurated by Sri. K. P. Salimkumar, Joint Director of Technical Education, Curriculum Development Centre, Kalamassery. Dr. P. J. George (former Director of Technical Education, Govt. of Kerala), Dr. T. V. Babu Rajendran, (former Principal, NSSCE, Palakkad), Prof. K. B. M. Nampoodiripad (former professor, NIT Calicut), Prof. K. Gopalakrishnan Nair (Former Principal, GEC, Calicut) and Smt. A. S. Chandrakanta (Principal, Govt. Womens’ Polytechnic College, Nedupuzha) presented papers in the Seminar. The seminar was attended by more than 300 ISTE members from Engineering Colleges and Polytechnic Colleges in the State.

The programme was organized by a team from GEC Thrissur consisting of Dr. Shalij P. R., Prof. C. P. Sunilkumar, Sri. Manilal A. M. (secretary, GEC Chapter), Sri. Benoy B (Faculty advisor, GECT student chapter), Dr. M. Nandakumar and Sri. Chandrabose.