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Newsletter of ISTE Kerala Section

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Chairman's message



Greetings!

AICTE pay scales have finally been implemented to the polytechnic college teachers of Kerala. It was a long pending demand and more than 1000 faculty members will be beneficiaries of the decision of Government of Kerala. ISTE Kerala section gratefully acknowledges the positive step taken by the Government of Kerala under the leadership of Sri. Oommen Chandy. The great interest shown by ISTE national president Dr. R. Murugesan and Executive Secretary Dr. Basil Gnanappa in this issue is quite commendable. Both of them came down to Trivandrum and met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri. Oommen Chandy, Finance Minister K. M. Mani and convince them of the genuineness of the grievance. Kerala was the only State where AICTE scales were not implemented to polytechnic teachers.

ISTE Kerala Section congratulates Sri. Oommen Chandi, Chief Minister of Kerala who won the UN's public service award for his Mass Contact Programme. Mr Chandy's mass contact programme has been widely lauded as a unique democratic experiment in which the Chief Minister met thousands of people directly without any intermediaries. The programme helped in improving the transparency in administration. This is a very good model for administrators of all levels. The people would prefer to have a patient listening. Even in educational institutions, the teachers and administrators must make it a point to give an ear to what the students have to say. This will help in getting good rapport with the students.

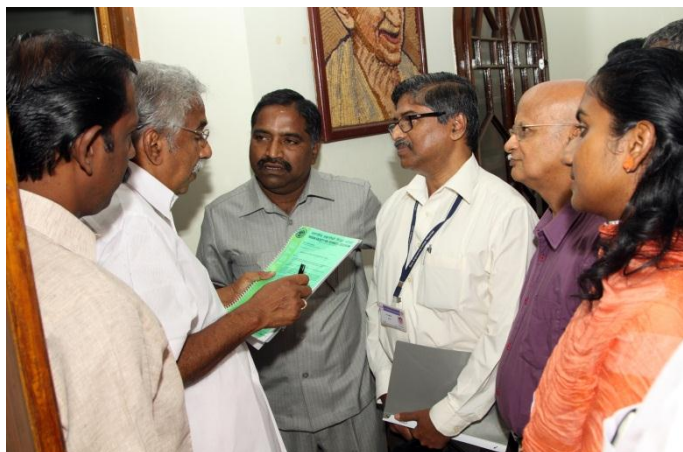
Another academic year is about to begin. The new season brings new hope and expectations. The ISTE chapters and Student chapters must also gear up to enhance the activities. It is suggested to plan well in advance and execute it with precision. The section management committee has decided to give a suggested set of activities to the chapters. The notifications of the activities and guidelines will be published in the ISTE website. The members are requested to visit the website more frequently and get the updates. It is also suggested that if email addresses of the members are passed on to the section, all communications and news letters will be directly delivered to members.

The first phase of the staff training college project of the Kerala Section is nearing completion and is expected to be inaugurated within a short time. The support given by the members and well wishers for the project is acknowledged with thanks.

B. ANIL

ISTE Team Congratulates Chief Minister

The office bearers of ISTE, met Hon'able Chief Minister of Kerala Shri. Oommen Chandy on 28 May 2013 (Tuesday) at Cliff House and congratulated him for winning the United Nation's Public Service Award for the Mass contact programme. Mr. Chandy bagged the first prize from the Asia-Pacific region with awardees chosen every year from five zones around the world. UN has been giving the award as part of its programme for Public Service Day, which is observed on June 23. The ISTE team also thanked and handed over a letter of appreciation and gratitude to the Chief Minister for sanctioning AICTE Pay Scales to Polytechnic college teachers of Kerala.



From Left: Adv. B. J. Stephenson, Shri. Oommen Chandy (Chief Minister of Kerala), Dr. Basil Gnanappa (Executive Secretary), Dr. B. Anil (Chairman, Kerala Section), Dr. P. T. Rajan Nambiar (National Executive Council member), Smt. Nidhi M. B. (Section Management Committee member).

As reported in the March 2013 issue of NOISTEKS, the representation for AICTE pay scale to Polytechnic college teachers of Kerala was submitted on 29th Jan 2013, by the team of office bearers of ISTE, under the leadership of Dr. R. Murugesan, National President and Dr. S. Basil Gnanappa, Executive secretary, ISTE New Delhi to Kerala Chief Minister Sri. Oommen Chandy and Finance Minister Sri. K. M. Mani. The efforts taken by the ISTE is now materialised in a positive fashion. The long pending grievance of polytechnic college teachers of Kerala regarding the AICTE Scale implementation is now resolved. This will directly benefit more than 1000 families in Kerala. The Government order No. 210/2013 dated 30/5/2013 has been issued implementing the scheme and the finance department has been entrusted to issue detailed and comprehensive order based on the recommendations of the Director of Technical Education Kerala.

12th Annual Convention of Student Chapters, August 2013
TKM College of Engineering, Kollam

24th Annual Convention, November 2013
HEERA College of Engineering and Technology,
Trivandrum

ISTE Team thanks Education Minister

The ISTE team met Education minister Shri. P. K. Abdu Rabb on 28 May 2013 and thanked him for the decision to implement AICTE pay scales to Polytechnic College Teachers of Kerala.



From right: Shri. Abdu Rabb, Education Minister of Kerala, Dr. S. Basil Gnanappa (Executive secretary ISTE), Smt. Nidhi M. B., Kerala Section Management committee member, Adv. Stephenson and Dr. P. T. Rajan Nambiar, National Executive member.

ISTE Foundation Day Celebrations

ISTE MBCET chapter celebrated ISTE foundation day on 21 May 2013 with an Awareness to open source resources for Engineering Education. The sessions were presided by Dr. Sakuntala S. Pillai, Dean R&D, MBCET and Prof. Paul Thomas Dean PG studies, MBCET. Prof. Kesav Prasad took a session on 'Software is programming and Engineering Computation for engineers using processing' and Dr. K. J. Sreekanth gave awareness on Vlabs. There were 19 participants who attended the programme.



From Left: Smt. N A Divya (ISTE-MBCET chapter secretary, MBCET), Smt. Nidhi M B (ISTE Chapter chairman, MBCET) and Prof. Kesav Prasad, Director (Engg.) Redinvent Technologies Pvt Ltd.

"The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." - Robert Frost

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and most beautiful of all." - Walt Disney Company

ISTE Induction Training programme-2013

The ISTE Faculty induction Training programme-2013 was held at Mohandas College of Engineering and Technology, from 27th -31st May 2013. In the inaugural function Dr. Ibrahimkutty, Principal, MCET welcomed the gathering and Dr. Ashalatha Thampuran (Director, MCET) presided. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. B. Anil (Chairman, ISTE Kerala section). Prof. Shalini A. Nair, Chairman, ISTE Chapter, Mohandas College of Engineering and Technology proposed vote of thanks.



Dr. Ashalatha Thampuran, (Director, MCET), Dr. B. Anil (Chairman, ISTE Kerala section) and Dr. Ibrahimkutty (Principal, MCET) lighting the Lamp



Dr. B. Anil inaugurating the induction training programme

The resource persons included Dr. B. Anil (Roles of Teachers), Mr. George (How to Use ATMS), Mr. Ajith (Becoming a Teacher Leader), Dr. Ashalatha Thampuran (Responsibilities of a Teacher), Prof. Sumarani G.O. (ISO Awareness and Audit), Mr. Brahmanayakam (Self-Motivation), Dr. T. K. Abraham (Teaching Methodologies), Mr. Sony (Understanding Adolescence). A Micro Teaching session was also arranged. 25 participants attended the programme.

Responses:

- *'Congratulations for the best effort taken by ISTE' - Prof. Dr. A. K. Natesan, Chairman, Excel Group Institutions & Chairman, ISTE TN Section.*
- *'Dear Anil, 'Congratulations! By this order you have done a great service to Poly Teachers'.*
Dr. Sakuntala S. Pillai, Dean R & D, MBCET, Trivandrum, Kerala.
- *'We the polytechnic faculties of Kerala express our sincere thanks to ISTE KERALA section for their valuable efforts to implement AICTE pay scale for polytechnic teachers of Kerala.'*
- Subair P., Secretary, Govt. & Aided Polytechnic Teaching Staff Association.

News from Chapters

101st NC Meeting Held at Kochi

The 101st National Executive council meeting of ISTE was held at ABAD Airport Hotel, Kochi on 10th May 2013. 53 members were present from all over India. All of them expressed satisfaction in the hospitality extended by the local Organizing Committee headed by Shri. V. A. Shamsudeen (NC member). M/s Jayaraj Annapackiam CSI College of Engineering, Nazareth, Thoothukudi Dist. (T.N.), Federal Institute of Science & Technology, Mookkanur, Ernakulam (Kerala) and C.H. Mohammed Koya KMEA Engineering College, Kuzhivelipadi, Ernakulam, Cochin (Kerala) offered co-sponsorship for hospitality.



101 NC meeting in progress at Kochi



SAHRDAYA College of Engineering & Technology

A Faculty Development Program has been organized at Sahrdaya College of Engineering and Technology, Kodakara on Signal Processing and Matlab during 6th to 10th of May, 2013. Dr.K. P. Indiradevi, Principal, RIT, Kottayam inaugurated the event. This was followed by a technical talk on 'Application of Wavelet-transform on Biomedical Image Processing' and the hands on training in Matlab with BitsForge by Dr. K. P. Indiradevi. Resource persons were Dr. Elizabeth Elias, Professor NIT, Calicut (Multi-rate Signal Processing), Dr. George Varkey, Retd .Exe. Director, CDAC Noida (Speech Processing). The FDP included Matlab training, training on Simulink in particular and the emerging field of Open CV software implementations.

Faculty Development Programme @ Sahrdaya



Dr.Indiradevi, Principal of RIT, Kottayam lighting the Lamp



Rev. Dr. Antu Alappadan, Executive Director, Sahrdaya College of Engineering, Kodakara, Thirssur addressing the gathering



From Left: Dr.Indiradevi, Principal of RIT, Kottayam , Dr. Nixon Kuruvila, Vice Principal, Sahrdaya College of Engineering, Kodakara, Thrissur, Rev. Dr. Antu Alappadan, Executive Director, Sahrdaya College of Engineering, Kodakara, Thrissur, Prof. K T. Joseph, Director, Sahrdaya College of Engineering, Kodakara, Thrissur, Prof. K R. Joy, HoD, Dept. of ECE, Sahrdaya College of Engineering, Kodakara, Thrissur.

"The price of greatness is responsibility."

— [Winston Churchill](#)

"To give pleasure to a single heart by a single act is better than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."

— [Mahatma Gandhi](#)

Mar Baselios College of Engineering & Technology

ISTE Chapter at MBCET organised a session on "Awareness on Patenting Procedures" for the eighth semester students 3rd April 2013.



Shri V. P. Balagangadharan, Dr. Brahman Prakash Scientist, VSSC handling the session on patenting procedures



A section of the audience



Dr. Balagangadharan receiving the memento from Dr. YVKS RAO, PG Professor ME dept. MBCET

ISTE STAFF TRAINING COLLEGE PROJECT
Contribute liberally to the Building fund

Let us join hands to realize the dream!

Announcements

- Chapters and student chapters are requested to conduct the annual general body meeting and forward the details (address, phone number and email-id) of present bearers to the secretary, ISTE Kerala Section. It is also requested to report the activities to the Kerala Section regularly.
- Chapters may also make initiatives to send the email-ids of all the members in order to ensure a wider reach of the newsletter.
- The chapters who wish to arrange a talk on "Higher Studies and Research Opportunities in Germany" may get in touch with the Chairman, ISTE Kerala Section (Cell no. 9349837256)
- ISTE Kerala section from 2013 has decided to encourage advertisements from various intuitions on faculty requirements, new and upcoming colleges etc. Those who are interested may use the facility through ISTE Kerala section newsletter/website. The details for the forthcoming newsletter to be released by September 2013 may be forwarded to the News letter Editor.
- Kindly Visit www.istekerala.in to view calendar of events

Suggested Activities for Chapters

Staff Training programmes, Invited Talks, Industrial Visits, Pedagogical Training, Microteaching sessions, Competitions, Health Awareness Programmes, Energy awareness programmes, Extra Mural Lectures, Meet the innovator programmes, Observance of various days such as Earth day, World Water day, Teaching Aid preparation, Workshop on innovation, Talk on Ethics

From the Editor's Desk

This is **second** issue of the newsletter in 2013 covering various initiatives by ISTE Kerala section in close association with ISTE HQ. As a note of appreciation to the respondents/well-wishers of ISTE Kerala section, a unique column is introduced in this newsletter as RESPONSES. We have also decided to encourage advertisements from various industries/institutions in the newsletter on payment basis. In order to facilitate prior planning in the ISTE chapters we are introducing 'calendar of events' based on observances/relevant days in a month in official website www.istekerala.in.

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