



**"Y**our generation is made up of social media addicts and junkies; so engrossed in a virtual world that you have lost all sense of morality and social justice" – negativism we have often had to bear as representatives of the new generation.

When we opened our hearts and minds, learned the truths plain before our eyes, and communicated in the universal language of the soul, the prejudices which a narrow – minded older generation had cast upon us crumbled away into nothingness. Today professional education has become equivalent to losing oneself in the world of letters and books, and academic success as the very pinnacle of achievement; and it is this very mindset that has cost us the opportunity to develop into mature and self - reliant citizens. STEPS is the change we had so desperately needed to transform into fuller, wiser, kinder human beings.

STEPS is a non-profitable student organization working from TKM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING. It was established in 2011 with a vision of engendering social responsibility and compassion to the fellow beings, in the generations to come. STEPS approaches engineering with the motto "where engineering meets humanity". There is no membership in

STEPS, if you join TKMCE, as a matter of course you are a member of STEPS.

Over the years STEPS have conducted a plethora of activities both inside and outside the campus, such as renovation of hospital equipment, educational activities which include free tuitions, scholarships and distribution of school kits, eye care facilities, stem cell donation programs, several blood donation camps, promotion of afforestation, frequent visits to old age homes, awareness programs focused on atrocities against women & children, sustainable use of resources, promotion of safety and training as to how to deal with common accidents and hazards & integrity to the nation.

As a public initiative of our cultural fest Rithu'15 and in lieu with its theme of 'lending the world a hand', the students of TKMCE organised "AARDRA", a state-wide stem cell donor registration camp, held in various colleges across 10 districts in Kerala. It was a huge success, 4232 new donor registrations within 15 days. 282 REGISTRATIONS PER DAY.3/4th of TKMCE's students volunteered for this event. 18.5% of Kerala's stem cell registration is through AARDRA(In Kerala alone, the number of registrations increased by 23% after AARDRA) and 4.2% in India



"Investment in knowledge always pays the best interest"

-BenjaminFranklin

We at STEPS, have taken this to heart.



We regularly spend time every weekend with the underprivileged children of Balabhavan, Balikamandiram and Ashraya and organise educational and motivational activities. It is indeed one amongst our great joys to see the little faces light up when we visit them. We are also extremely proud to share that, due to the concerted efforts of a dedicated tutoring team. we have been able to achieve 100% pass rate for the SSLC students in 2013- 14 and 2014- 15. One of our finest and most established programs: the fully fledged blood bank has helped many lives over the years. Our students are always ready to drop everything and donate blood, no matter how inconvenient. We are firm believers in the fact that 'blood is meant to circulate, pass it on'

We also host mega blood donation camps. We are motivated by the enthusiastic response of TKMCEians who turn out in huge numbers to support these camps. We had more than 500 donors, a record amount, during Tezoro 2k15. We also make it a point to regularly raise



the awareness of students regarding blood donation. It is in recognition of all these activities that the IMA (Indian Medical Association) Kollam chapter for raising awareness about blood donation

STEPS TKMCE volunteered to renovate the Kollam District hospital in the fond memory of our departed friends AjuPrakash, Nixon Aby Matthew, Adil Shah, Arun K Sabu, Sijo and Syed InzamamThangal.

The renovation was done on 24th, 25th, 26th,31st January and on 1st February 2015. The district hospital being one of the busiest hospitals in Kollam and the primary source of health services in Kollam was the most relevant place for such an initiative. About 120 TKMCEians participated and repaired more than 60 equipments, many of them requiring specialized engineering knowledge. The fund for the initiative was jointly raised by STEPS and the hospital.



The students of TKMCE have always welcomed change like a long - lost brother. Even though we are invisibly constrained by undefined yet unbreakable boundaries, we have never stopped romancing innovative ideas; and it is this powerful attitude that gave rise to Sukrita '16. SUKRITA - First of its kind. Socio welfare initiative using technology to assist and empower the differently abled. The beautifully decorated stages, carefully made arrangements and all the hard work we put in; all of it were labors of love. The famed TKMCE unity, the very same bonds of love and affection that have truly made us family, is one answer as to why we endured so many sleepless nights to create bright, beautiful mornings. And that is why we can undoubtedly say; Sukrita '16 has become the secret joy of every TKMCEian.