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FROM THE NEWSLETTER AND MAGAZINE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Newsletter and Magazine Subcommittee wishes our Alumni and family members good health in these challenging times.

One of the challenging tasks for the Subcommittee members is getting the appropriate content for an issue. We make best efforts to talk to alumni friends to contribute to the Newsletter. However, for this issue the content for a particular item 'Obituary' (which we would like to keep as short as possible, if not eliminate the item for lack of information if possible) has been growing continuously since the release of the last issue in March 2021. Due to COVID-19 pandemic we have lost some of our alumni, and it is a great loss to the alumni fraternity and to the families. We the members of Subcommittee are deeply saddened by the passing away of our Alumni members (mentioned in Obituary section) and offer our prayers and condolences to their families.

We hereby release the June 2021 edition of NITWAA newsletter and acknowledge the support and encouragement received for our previous issues. In continuation, this issue contains the latest news from NITW, Alumni Success Stories, Awards, Interesting articles written by our Alumni and Classmate Couples.

We request you to send your contributions, articles to the email nitwaa.newsletter@gmail.com within the limit of 2000 words. Please do ensure that there is no copyright infringement and also do mention your details (i) Degree (B.Tech, M.Tech, M.Sc. Etc.) (ii) Branch / Department (iii) Pass out Year

Though utmost care has been taken in publishing this newsletter, if there are any factual discrepancies they may be brought to the notice of the Subcommittee.

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ALUMNI COORDINATION CELL (ACC)

"ACC has members from all departments. The cell will coordinate with alumni, collect details of placements, internships, start-ups, opportunities of higher studies for the graduated students and other needs of students and alumni from time to time. The cell operates under the guidance of Dean IRAA." a circular from the Director's office has mentioned.

Objectives:

Related to students:

To Arrange / Provide Placements, Internships, Higher Education, Start-ups, Projects, Financial Support to the poor students etc.

Related to Faculty:

- a) To Arrange Expert lectures / Guest lecture's
- b) To invite the Alumni as Chief Guest / Guest of Honor to the Programmes like FDP / Conferences / Seminars / Workshops, etc.
- c) To initiate collaborative R&D projects and MoU's with Alumni.
- d) To encourage the Alumni for donation to the Departments for the Infrastructure Facility.

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PADMA SHRI ALUMNUS



Shri Divakar Nampally

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Retired DRDO Scientist, Hyderabad

Shri Divakar born on 28 May 1943, at Hanamkonda, Warangal had studied at Government Junior College Hanamkonda Warangal for Intermediate before graduating from the first batch of Electrical Engineering NIT (REC) Warangal in 1964. He subsequently pursued MS in Electrical Engineering from IISc during 1965-67. The following is his work experience:

1. DRDO at Hyderabad Presently consultant May 2013 - Present
2. Avantel Ltd - Director(Tech) September 2006 - April 2012 (5 years 8 months)
3. DLRL – Retired as Director, worked from 1967 to 2006

Specialised in Electronic Warfare Systems.

Worked alongside Late Dr. Abdul Kalam on numerous projects

He was awarded Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002. He was decorated with Padma Shri in Science and Technology in 2004 by the Government of India.

Prof. SYDULU M NOMINATED AS BOG MEMBER NIT WARANGAL



Prof. Sydulu M

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Prof. Sydulu (Professor - Higher Administrative Grade) has been nominated as the Member, Board of Governors NIT Warangal w.e.f. 01 May 2021. He will continue in the position till the end of October 2021 when he will retire on superannuation.

Prof. Sydulu is a very popular teacher. He has held various positions such as Dean (Admin), Dean (Faculty Welfare), Dean (Research & Consultancy), Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, Coordinator of SRIC (Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy). He was the Convener of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations during 2008-09. He served as the President of the Teachers' Association in 2008. Prof. Sydulu was selected as the Best Engineering Faculty in 2015. Prof. Sydulu has been a Member of Board of Studies of many institutes. He has guided more than 10 PhD as supervisor and 7 more as co-supervisor, 70 M.Tech students. He has conducted 10 Faculty Development Programs (FPDs) and organized 2 conferences.

RETIREMENT



Prof. K.V. Jayakumar

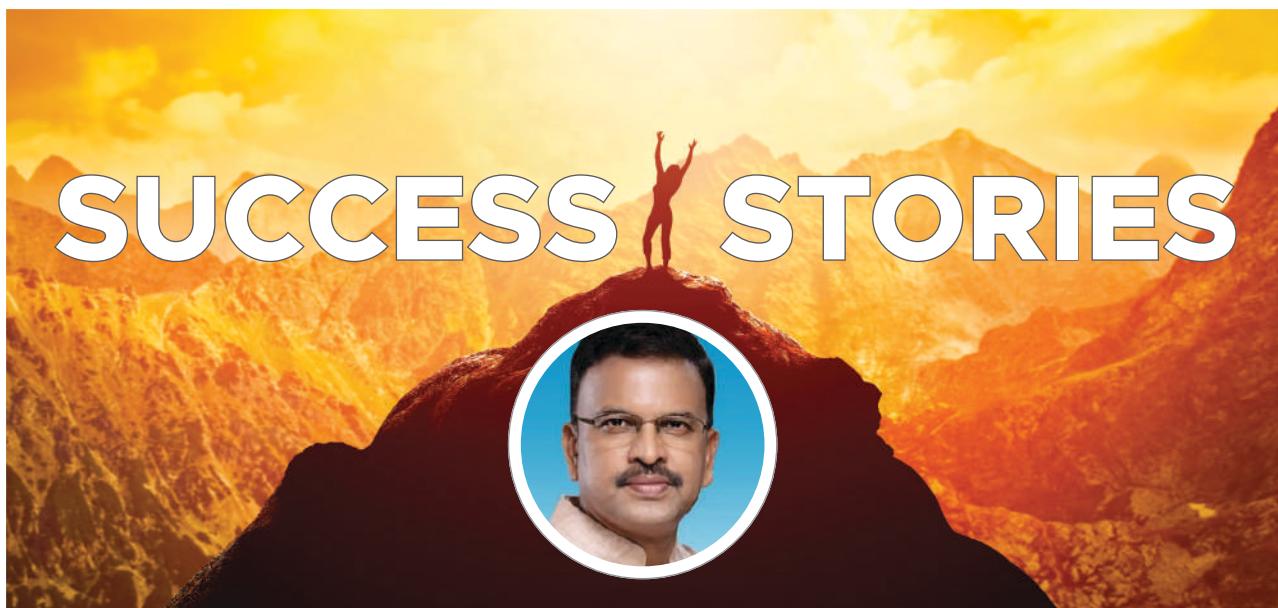
Department of Civil Engineering, NIT Warangal, Period of service 1993-2021

Prof. K.V. Jayakumar retired from service on 30 April 2021 on superannuation. Prof. K.V. Jayakumar, was a Professor (Higher Administrative Grade -HAG) of Civil Engineering at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal where he has been working since 1993. At the time of retirement he was holding the additional charge of Advisor to the Director - Special Programmes. He was the member of the Board of Governors and the Finance Committee of the institute. He was also the coordinator of GIAN (Global Initiative for Academic Network) and SPARC (Scheme for Promotion Academic and Research Collaboration). He has held various academic and administrative responsibilities in the institute including Dean (Planning & Development), Dean (International Relations & Alumni Affairs), Head of the Department etc. Between July 2008 and December 2011, he was on deputation as the Executive Director of the Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), Kozhikode, Kerala. During 2010 - 2011, he held full additional charge of Director, Centre for Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development (C-STED) of the Government of Kerala, and Kerala School of Mathematics. He had visiting assignments at the University of Essen Germany, Griffith University Brisbane, Australia, and the University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka. He has research and teaching experience also at KREC Surathkal, Centre for Water Resources, Anna University, Chennai and IIT Kanpur. He was honoured by NITK Surathkal with the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the institute. He was also awarded the Prof Rangaraju Award for Excellence in Water Resources Research in April 2019.

Prof. Jayakumar had his early education at Ooty and Coonoor in The Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu. He obtained his B.Tech in Civil Engineering from the Karnataka Regional Engineering College, Surathkal (now NIT Karnataka), and M.Tech specializing in Water Resources Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, from where he also obtained his PhD degree. His areas of expertise are Water Resources and Environment Engineering. He has supervised 8 Ph.D. theses, over 100 M.Tech dissertations and a number of B.Tech projects at NIT Warangal. Four more scholars are working for their PhD under his supervision in addition to a Post-Doctoral fellow. He has visited USA, Germany, The Netherlands, Australia, France, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Tanzania and UAE on teaching assignments, to present papers and for research discussions. In 1992,

Prof. Jayakumar was awarded the UNESCO fellowship to participate in the IV International Course on Urban Drainage in Developing Countries (UDDC) at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok. In 1996, along with Prof. Wolfgang F. Geiger of the University of Essen, Germany, he coordinated the V International Course on UDDC at Warangal in 1996, first of its kind to be organized in India, and a follow up course for Indian engineers and academicians was conducted in 2001. In 2003, he received the International Visiting Fellowship of the Environmental Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), to visit the Universities of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and Colorado at Boulder. He had the honour of launching the South India Chapter of EWRI during the EWRI conference held at IIT Chennai during January, 2010. Prof. Jayakumar has been a part of the 8 member working group on Urban Water Management constituted by UNESCO. He was honoured by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for his contribution to community development in water management and urban drainage during the Independence Day celebrations in 2001. He is a member of the Academic Senate of NITK Surathkal.

Prof. Jayakumar has over 100 publications in national and international journals / conference proceedings and has delivered keynote addresses at many renowned conferences at national and international levels. He had the honour of delivering the 18th International Hydrological Decade Endowment Lecture in February, 2018. The earlier speakers include Prof Ven Te Chow, Prof S Ramaseshan, Prof Roberto Lenton, and Dr M S Swaminathan etc. He has been nominated to be a member of the Academic Council of National Resource Centre, based at NITTTR, Bhopal. He is a member of the panel of experts for evaluation of BRICS R&D projects. His recent significant assignments include: Member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the National Institute of Hydrology, the apex institute under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Honorary member of the Wetlands International South Asia, Member of Indian National Committee on Groundwater, Chairman of PG Cluster of APJ Abdul Kalam Kerala Technological University, Expert member of State Steering Committee for preparation of State Specific Action Plan for Water Sector in Telangana. Prof. Jayakumar reads writes speaks besides English, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, German, French and Russian.



VV Lakshmi Narayana

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Sri Vasagiri Venkata Lakshmi Narayana was an Additional Director General of Police in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He is known for leading the investigations like OMC Scandal, Emaar Properties, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy Case, Satyam Scandal and Disproportionate Assets. He had previously held the post of Joint Commissioner of Police of Thane, Maharashtra and before that as Inspector general of police Rank under Y-category security for dealing with high-profile corruption cases.

He did his B.Tech (Mechanical) from the NIT (REC) Warangal. He did his MTech from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. He was an Addl. Director General of Police, Maharashtra cadre from the 1990 batch of Indian Police Service.

He worked as a Superintendent of police for Nanded and then for the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad. He was posted as Deputy inspector general of police (DIG) at Hyderabad on 12 June 2006, as he was keen to work for the CBI agency. He was initially posted as the CBI unit head for a period of five years and then given extension for two years on his promotion as the Joint Director. He successfully investigated the Satyam Scandal as a Deputy inspector general of police Rank. As a Joint Director of CBI, he carried out Investigation of Obulapuram Mining Corporation (OMC) case among other 27 high-profile cases.

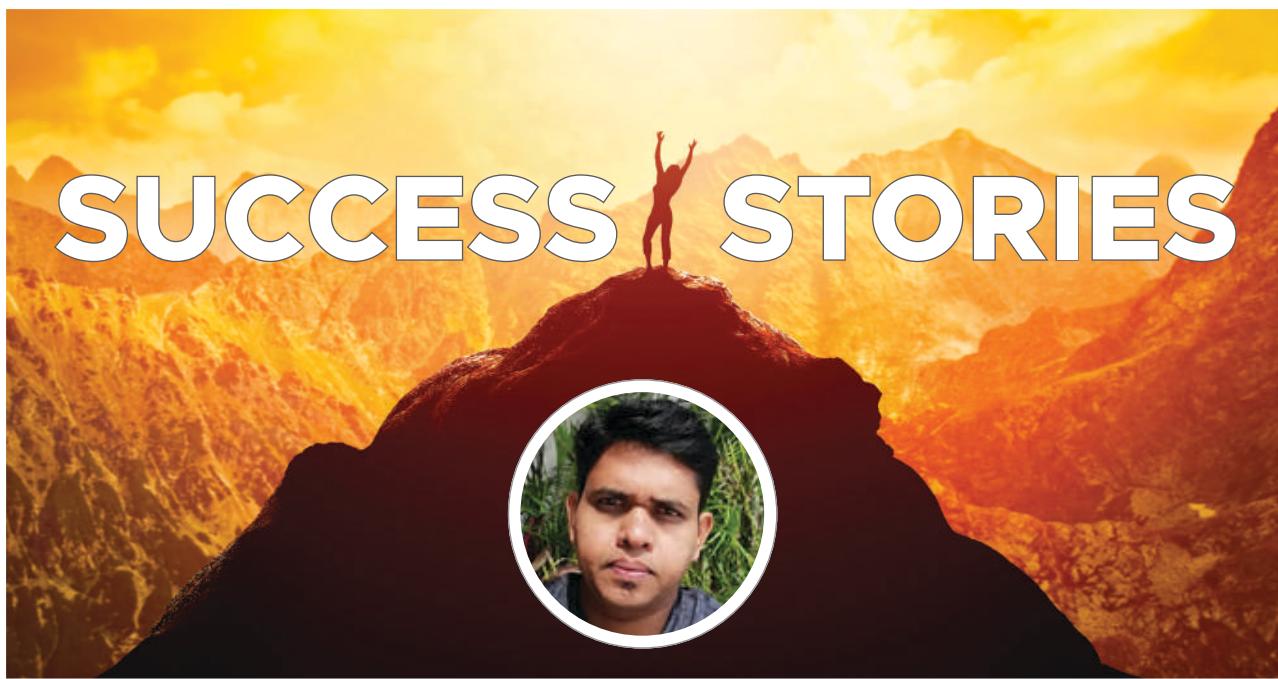
He is known for his impact speeches and has interacted with more than 30 lakh youth so far. He was an active member of Lead India Foundation which was started with the blessings of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. V.V. Lakshmi Narayana has announced that he would adopt villages that voluntarily prohibit alcohol. Following on these lines, he has adopted three villages, Chinnamandadi of Mahabubnagar District, Sahalalaputtuga of Srikakulam District and Seetharamapuram of Vizianagaram District.

He took voluntary retirement in 2018 and extensively toured all the 13 Districts of Andhra Pradesh understanding prominent issues especially those of farmers, youth and women.

After his tour to all the Districts, he has announced that issues of farmers, youth, women would be his areas of focus, and that zero budget politics would be his primary agenda. Lakshmi Narayana later met with Jana Sena party president PawanKalyan and joined Jana Sena Party. He has contested for Visakhapatnam (Lok Sabha constituency) in the Indian General Elections – 2019. He finished the race by standing in third place. He secured 2,88,754 votes. He resigned to Janasena party on 30 January 2020 due to some internal reasons such as the party supremo reentry to films. A foundation by the name Join for Development Foundation has been started under his Chairmanship and is working in the areas of Agriculture, Rural Development, Youth innovations, Environment and related areas. A Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) has been initiated by the Foundation at Yazili, Guntur District. The temple town of Bhadrachalam has been made plastic free with the initiative of the foundation. Dr. Abdul Kalam Innovation festival has been organised and the young innovators have been suitably rewarded and felicitated. The foundation maintains a web-site jdfoundation.in. He has donated blood 58 times.

Recently V.V. Lakshminarayana filed a public interest litigation petition in the AP High Court challenging the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Economic affairs (CCEA) on the proposed 100% strategic sale of Rashtriya Spat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. He urged the court to set aside the decision of the CCEA besides directing the Union Finance Ministry and the Steel Ministry to take alternative measures for the revival of the first and the only shore-based integrated public sector steel plant.

V.V. Lakshmi Narayana has received the Indian police medal in 2006. He also has been awarded the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize by the Minority Commission of Maharashtra. He has been honored with Distinguished Alumni Public Service Award in 2016 by NIT Warangal. V.V. Lakshmi Narayana has been conferred with the Presidents Police Medal for Distinguished Services on 26 January 2017.



A. Raghuveer
MSc / PHY / 06

Shri. Raghuveer is presented with the Distinguished Young Alumni Public Service Award for 2019 by NIT Warangal. He is the founder of Joy of Sharing Society (NGO) started in 2012 and serving society from last 8 years. He is helping orphan and underprivileged kids & works for women empowerment.

Joy of sharing started with one man's vision and has now grown up to 500 plus volunteers in India and 300 plus volunteers in various countries like US, Australia, Canada. It has inspired more than 1000 plus youth towards service to society and the needy. Raghuveer got appreciation certificate from Commissioner of Police (Mahesh Bhagwat) Rachakonda for service during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Few of the activities where Raghuveer is involved are:

- Supporting orphan kids in education and providing groceries to orphanage homes.
 - Conducted several blood donation camps for Thalassemia kids and supported 90 cancer kids.
 - Providing Self-defense training to 1000 plus orphan and underprivileged girls. The kids got 5 gold, 4 silver medals in karate state level competition and represented Telangana in National level.
 - Constructed home for mentally challenged people.
 - Conducted several food donation and blanket donation drives for homeless people.
 - During COVID-19 supported 3500 families by providing groceries and given support to more than 15 orphanages and old age homes.
 - Supported 100 plus families where farmers had committed suicide.
 - Distributed groceries to 750 families in slums with JD Laxmi Narayana garu
- Raghuveer presently works with GSS Private Limited, Hyderabad as Manager.

ONLINE TEACHING CHALLENGES



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The wave of the pandemic that is still shaking the entire world has brought about serious changes in almost every sector that we know of. People are learning to adapt, as like in many other situations. A transition time like this is most confusing for everyone involved as no one is sure of what is best and what will be its consequences. Most of the time we get used to the confusion and continue on, assuming that we have arrived at a solution.

The education sector is no different to this scenario. Lot many changes are taking place and people are reconsidering the entire system to make it more effective even in the long run. Classes are being conducted virtually and the transition is very challenging. Challenging in more than one way.

First, the lack of dynamism that the face-to-face lectures provide. No matter how much one may argue about the power of technology, there is a certain presence that one can feel in the face-to-face lectures. The lecturer is able to see the students, their responses, their gestures and is able to dynamically maneuver the delivery of his content. The interactions in the face-to-face lectures are crucial. The interactions in a class are not just exchange of words. It is exchange of the understanding of the subject and it also carries a certain emotion. If we see them as mere transmission of information, then our understanding of the teaching-learning process is at best limited. This emotional aspect is even addressed by Bloom in his affective domain. For example, when a teacher asks a question in a classroom, so many things happen. Every student is processing the question and is thinking about the answer.

Some students are very confident, and they want to jump and give the answer. Some of them are insecure as they have not fully comprehended the question. Some of them know the answer but are too shy to express themselves. Some of them have language problems. Some of them are apathetic.

A teacher has to deal with all of them and make it a good learning experience for all of them. Certainly one cannot force the learning to happen. But one has the responsibility to create an environment where all of these students feel motivated to participate and learn. A good teacher, simply by observing the students can adjust his teaching to suit their requirements. This is very arduous in an online environment, which seriously lacks the dynamism necessary and challenges one-to-one attention.

All the students need one-to-one attention for any learning to happen. Unlike most of us think, the learning process includes emotions. Conveniently we may be trying to keep it aside and wash away a serious responsibility at hand. It is challenging. It requires the teacher to build a strong bond with the students by genuinely wishing well for them and working hard for their evolution as a strong individual with solid character who can contribute positively to the society. This is not some utopian idea, but a basic responsibility of every teacher. While not many may consider this, we cannot negate a handful of teachers who do work seriously for the genuine welfare of the students. For them, it has become even more challenging, to deal with the affective domain and provide that one-to-one connect, in the present scenario of virtual classes.

Second, the idea of a synchronous learning through recorded lectures and other material, being very effective is not completely true. It certainly provides a certain level of flexibility for sure. But, even recorded lectures require doubt-clarification and discussion sessions. If online live lectures lack dynamism, then what to talk of recorded lectures. They are only meant for review purposes. One may argue that one can easily learn from a recorded lecture (assuming that the delivery is of good quality in the recorded lecture), but here we are discussing about the teaching-learning process for a group of students, which as we saw earlier, comprises a variety. This necessitates live discussion sessions and having them online again is a serious challenge, for all the reasons mentioned above.

Third, the content delivery can happen very quickly through online mode, owing to lack of interaction. A half-an-hour content in face-to-face lecture may take almost fifty minutes to deliver with all the interactions and discussion. But that remains only half-an-hour in an online session. While it may appear to be very effective in terms of time, the actual learning that may have happened is uncertain. Someonemay argue that students do interact in online sessions. But if we carefully note, it will only be those few students who anyway have lot of enthusiasm to learn that interact. While others are left without any handholding. We can easily get a false sense of accomplishment without looking at the bigger picture.

Fourth, the whole issue of proper assessment, which has been discussed so much and beaten to death. There are so manychallenges in this regard. Challenges-about proctoring, about setting up of appropriate question paper, about connectivity issues for students from different parts of the country and world etc. The list is long.

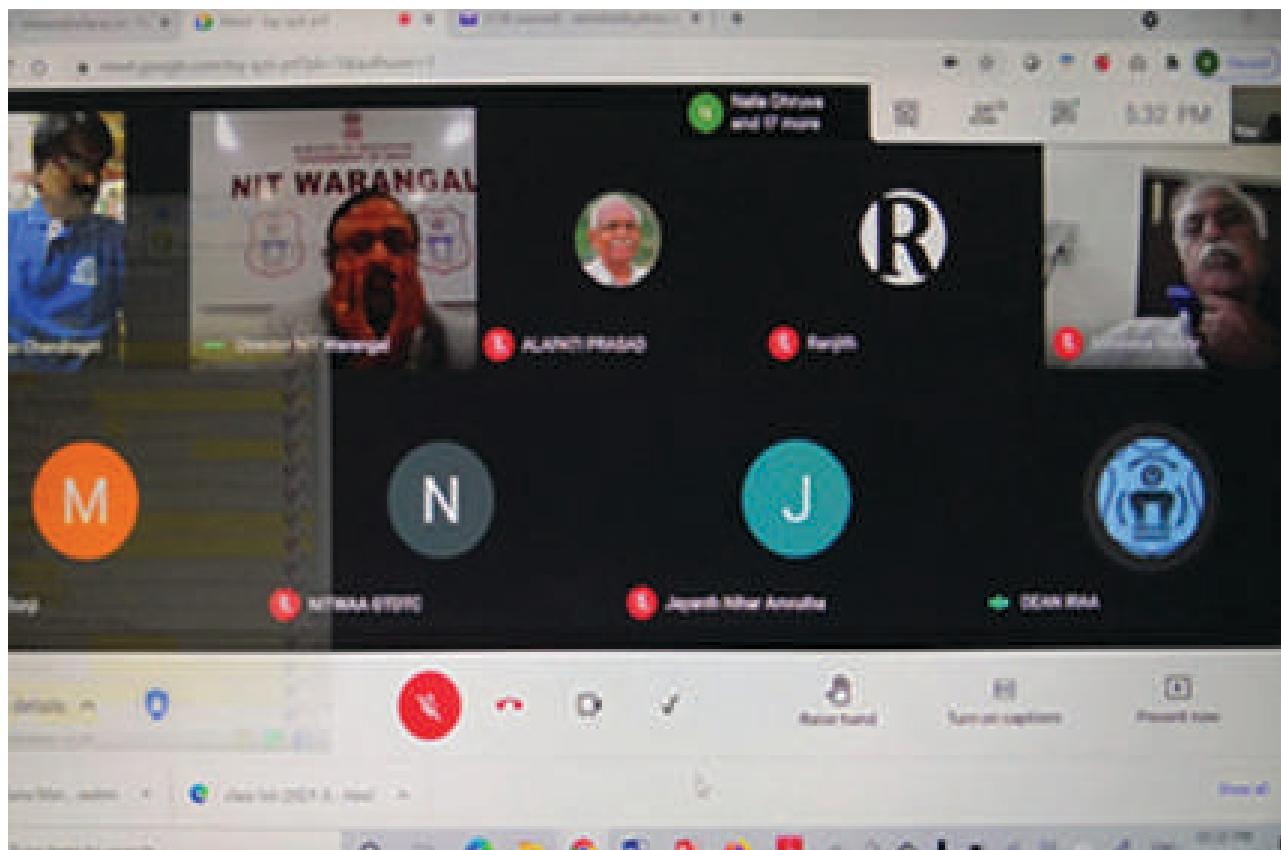
Apart from all this, a large screen time, which is proven to cause health problems, is looming over the students and faculty. While this might look discouraging, unless we discuss the facts and admit the problems, there cannot be scope for solution.

Online teaching has certain undeniable strong points. Flexibility being the top one. Flexibility for both the students and the teachers. Flexibility in terms of time, in terms of content etc. It has also made distant learning possible in such emergency situations. The only concern here is that online teaching can never replace face-to-face learning. It might be made effective for a very small group of 25 to at the max 30 people in a course. But for larger classrooms like 70 to 100 students or even more, online teaching can at best be an emergency tool. It certainly is a good emergency tool and many institutions have made very good use of it without losing the continuity in the teaching-learning process, particularly in the prevailing pandemic situation. The point being addressed here is to stop contemplating on the online teaching as something that is very effective and that which can replace face-to-face teaching-learning process. Only those who are completely oblivious to the emotional growth aspect of the teaching-learning process and only those who consider education as a mere transmission of information and not transformation of character, will vouch for such replacement. A blended model is something which will be extremely effective.

Campus environment and classroom dynamics are very important for a student to develop strong personal and social attributes. One faculty member, who is very passionate about the teaching-learning process, as part of a discussion in a course, asked the students to respond to what is their current emotional status. Most of them responded with 'Fear', 'Depression', 'Confusion', 'Bored' etc. This may not at all be the case when students are together. Their emotional growth will be stronger. The classroom dynamics is very significant and has been discussed earlier in this article. While the pandemic has made this almost impossible, let us look at the current arrangements as only an emergency measure and not glorify them to be the future of education. These tools have to be used in an intelligent blended fashion to derive the best results. We can only hope that the current situation doesn't continue, and we return to normalcy as early as possible.

This write-up is only meant to stir the thought process for people to deeply consider the whole situationand what role we can play as individuals to contribute to the solution. Any solution has to come from proper cooperation of all the stake holders. Without that nothing will sustain the test of time or quality. Kudos to all those who are sincere in their efforts to continue the teaching-learning process effectively, even in such challenging circumstances, which includes the teachers, administrators, students and their parents.

TRAINING PROGRAM BY GTDTC



"Web Development using Trending Web Technologies" a training / internship program by Global Technology Development and Training Centre (GTDTC) was inaugurated by the Chief Patron NITWAA and Director NIT Warangal Prof. N.V. Ramana Rao in a virtual session on 01 May 2021. The inaugural session was attended by Dean (IRAA) Prof. N. Selvaraj, Global President NITWAA Shri Alapati Prasad, Secretary NITWAA Shri G. Murali Krishna, Chairman GTDTC and Warangal Chapter President Shri Chandragiri Srinivas. The program is coordinated by Advisor GTDTC and Secretary Warangal Chapter Prof. A. Venu Vinod and the resource person Dr. V.V. Narendra Kumar (BT / MET / 87).

The duration of the training program is 60 days and has attracted participants from across the country. Many alumni have come forward to sponsor the candidates who will successfully complete the training program.

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(Telangana State)

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GOOD SAMARITAN...

N Ashok Babu

BT / ME / 99

Belonging to the 2008 batch of Indian Revenue Service (I.R.S), Sri Ashok babu has been working as the Additional Commissioner of IncomeTax heading the Range of Akurdi in Pune.

Due to the sudden lockdown announcement in 2020, the migrant labourers of different states were stranded in Pune. Being the second biggest city in Maharashtra, Pune employs around five lakh people in labour. Most of them were migrants mainly from Bihar, UP, Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Southern states. The State Govt launched Community Kitchens for stranded people who were allowed to stay in the shelters run by Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC).

After seeing the heart-rendered situation, Mr. Ashok babu offered his services to the State Govt and was appointed as Coordinator for Community Kitchens (CKs). A team of officials, namely the Additional Commissioner of Industries, Joint Commissioner of Labour, Deputy Collectors of both the Divisional Commissioner's office & District Collector's office, and Deputy Commissioners from both the PMC & PCMC were appointed to assist him. With the assistance of all these officials, he coordinated and provided proper food to more than 200 CKs in the Pune Division.

During April - June 2020, he visited one or two shelters and kitchens daily to see that there are no lapses in serving 2 lakh, migrant labourers. He used to interact with the inmates daily to resolve their problems.

He attended to all requests either for food grains or travel passes from any person / Association from any part of the country with a proactive approach, kind heart, and broad mind. His services were spread over Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

In June 2020 there was a big hue and cry in the media and public representatives raised their voice against the exorbitant bills being collected by the private and corporate hospitals. The Enquiry and Inspection team (consisting of Doctors and Auditors) under the leadership of Ashok babu visited about 25 hospitals. The inspections resulted in a refund of about Rs 2 cr to hundreds of patients. His tireless, continuous, and consistent work created a clear deterrence for such practices by hospitals. By the end of November, the complaints regarding extra billing almost stopped.

Many Telugu, English, and Marathi newspapers & channels published and broadcasted special stories on Ashok Babu in recognition of his esprit de corps and universal fraternity. The English newspapers viz., Indian Express, The Times of India, and the Hindustan Times published articles and interviews with him. Needless to mention the wide coverage of Marathi press.

The Minister Sri Ajit Pawar praised the efforts of Sri Ashok Babu in this respect in the presence of all officials in the Pune Division.

In 2020 and 2021, his COVID-related duties were interspersed with the election duties in Bihar and Bengal, respectively. He was called for 'Election Observer' duties by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for his dedication towards the duties. He was assigned to monitor the election process in five Legislative Assembly Constituencies (LACs) in Darbhanga District. In March 2021, during the second wave of coronavirus, Sri N Ashok babu was called for Election duties in the West Bengal State. He was assigned to eight Assembly Constituencies of Murshidabad, which share the international border with Bangladesh.

Despite his election duties as Observer in remote Murshidabad, he readily helped many alumni. The saga of his mission as a good Samaritan is still underway.....

DONATION OF COMPUTERS & FURNITURE



Krishna District collector Sri Md Imtiaz (BT/CE/86) Inaugurated 4 Desk-Top Computers along with Furniture to NITWAA for conducting Online/Offline classes, & 1500 N95 Masks Distribution to Vijayawada sanitary workers, with the donation from NON- NITWAA MEMBER Sri Kunderu Ranga Rao, Retired Lecturer, Vijayawada, who donated Rs.1 Lakh to our Vijayawada chapter.

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Sri Alapati Prasad (BT / CE / 78), NITWAA Global President, Dr.CV Sriram (MT / ME / 97) Secretary Vijayawada Chapter, Sri Padmarao (BT / CE / 80) and Sri K. Ranga Rao

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MT / EE / 98

Prof. G. Yesuratnam has taken over as the Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Osmania University, Hyderabad.



CHANDRAGIRI SRINIVAS
BT / CE / 91

Sri Chandragiri Srinivas President Warangal Chapter, DEE Panchayat Raj has received Lions Club International Leadership Medal.



Dr. SOJAN LAL
MT / CSE / 93

Principal, Mar Baselios Institute of Technology and Science (MBITS), Kothamangalam Kerala

1. Presented Outstanding Alumnus Award by the Siddaganga Institute of Technology Alumni Association. Dr. Sojan Lal has done B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru in 1979.
2. Was selected for the Principal of the Year 2021 Award by Centre for Education Growth and Research (CEGR) New Delhi
3. MBITS, Kothamangalam, Kerala is the only engineering college from Kerala listed in the new code of education 2021 awards. Esteemed Jury consisted of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India, Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, Ex. Addn. Secretary, University Grants Commission and Dr. Prem Singh, Adviser, Niti Aayog



MUTYALA RAJU
BT / EE / 02

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Sri Mutyala Raju topped the UPSC Civil Services Examination in 2006.



SUDHIR NAYAR
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THE LITTLE SECRET



Anil Kumar Das

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We alighted from the bus at a lonely stop. Then we made a walk for about ten minutes and reached Shyam-Mandir, a beautiful temple stood lonely amidst the greeneries out of the city. There were few pairs of lovers sat here and there leisurely. I noticed a girl biting on a piece of grass and staring archly at me.

Shashi went in the temple and I waited for her in the lawn. She performed some worshipping and came out after a few minutes.

We circumambulated in the garden treading the beautiful macadam pathway. The smell of spring blossomed the air lulling the mind into a trance. What is life? Life is the story of a man and a woman walking together leisurely and talking all worldly things. The air was serene and calm; the soft cool air carried the divine aroma of marigold and gardenia. The chirping of birds were enkindling the hearts. Shashi was touching this flower and then that showing her love to each of them.

Suddenly her scarf caught in the thorns of roses. She tried to free her scarf but it was as if the thorns would not let her go. I released her scarf from the enemy thorns. Thorns are luckier than flowers, I thought. They can catch hold of the beautiful robes of beautiful women and no legal action is imposed on them.

We sat under the giant gulmohar tree. She took off her shoes and her perfectly shaped feet lay on the light grass in the warmth of sunshine. I felt an urgent eagerness to touch and stroke my fingers round those lovely feet.

A water fountain near us was spraying water high into the morning air, the drops glimmering in the yellow morning sun reflecting its rainbow colours. It was a lovely place, a lovely time, a peaceful romantic site far away from the jealous world.

'See the girl over there,' I said showing her the girl biting on the blade grass and her boyfriend was trying to convince her something. 'She is eating grass.'

Shashi followed my gaze. 'Why,' she asked.

'Eating grass is a panacea for health,' I said.

'How's that?' she asked again still watching the girl.

'See the cows; they live on grass but they never wear spectacles.' I said in a serious tone. She looked at me and started laughing uncontrollably. I let her laugh

'See that pair over there,' I said. Shashi looked over following my gaze. A boy was searching something in the palm of her girlfriend.

'Can I hold your hand, Shashi?' I asked timidly.

'Why?' she asked as if someone was asking for her scarf.

'No ... I just wanted to read your palm.'

'No need to go that great length mister. I know what actually you want to see.'

We were silent to think what to talk next. I wanted to talk amatory matters but she would not let me I knew. Sitting on the grass with your ladylove under a gulmohar tree and talking love with a light touch of sensuality gives you so much pleasure. She was watching here and there, the blue sky and the green hills. She was very happy as I could see that on her face. She did not bother about the pairs of lovers sitting around and playing with each other's hands.

'You like the place, Shashi?' I asked.

'So beautiful,' she replied. 'Wish we could go to that hill. You will talk and talk and I will keep on listening.'

'And doing all those lovely things?' I said.

'No, not that. I will sleep in your lap and you will say all lovely things about love and life.'

'And what about those things I want?'

'Time will say. Time will take care of everything. Now I am with you and I am very happy. Just say anything about nature and beauty, which makes you happy too. I will listen. I always like to hear something from you. You are my sweet baby.'

'Let me recite some lines for you,' I said. 'Tell me who wrote this.'

'Okay,' she said.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.'

'Robert frost?' she said.

'Yes,' I said. 'Now it's your turn.'

'I don't know any,' she said. 'I know but.'

'Anything,' I said. 'Few lines.'

'Okay,' she said. 'Here it is. Don't catch me if I go wrong, ok?'

'OK baby.' I said.

OFT, in the stilly night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Fond Memory brings the light
Of other days around me:
The smiles, the tears
Of boyhood's years,
The words of love then spoken;

The eyes that shone,
Now dimm'd and gone,
The cheerful hearts now broken!
Thus, in the stilly night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Sad Memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

'So nice.' I said. 'Thomas Moore?'

'Yes,' she said. 'You love it?'

'Yes, it's so sweet,' I said and tried to take her hand in mine but she took away her hand.

'There you are,' she said and shifted a little away from me. I laughed.

It is not easy to quell down your emotions when you are with a beautiful young girl in such a romantic place. Your mind will agitate for some innocent amusements to flourish your latent desires.

'What is your idea about beauty, Shashi?' I asked.

'I think it is human specific. Some like roses, some marigolds,' she said plainly. 'A full moon is a thing of beauty, a joy forever; but it looks like a piece of bread to the man who has not eaten for days'. She laughed shortly and said, 'It's a beauty to see a landslide as long as you are not under it'.

A very simple and nice definition. I liked it. 'Then, what's your idea about love?' I asked.

She got over her initial shyness and a shy but clever smile crossed her lips. She averted her looks from mine and said, 'If you always feel like to see someone and talk, you should know you're in love. That way you may love your -

father,mother or sister. Some people fall in love with the petdog in the house or some fall in love with the chirping-birds that come to the yard in the morning.'

'I am not talking about that love, you ninny,' I said. 'I'm talking about the other kind of love, passion.'

'Oh, that love?' She said in a pretending way. 'I don't have any fair knowledge. You better be knowing.'

'Well,' I said. 'Let me define it'. I looked straight into here yes. I thought about my funny stock and said,'It's a chronic disease that comprises eye contact, smiles, talking, shying, laughing and finally melting of hearts. Wise people say, it is blind; but it has a marvelous sense of touching. It may be blind but neighbours can smell it very well. When a girl loves a boy, he can make her do anything she actually wants to do. And, when their love and skill work together, a masterpiece can be expected to come. To understand all these parameters of love,all you need is to have a feeling heart.'

She laughed shortly. It was a laugh that sometimes comes out unintentionally during a condolence meeting.

I continued. 'Love at first sight saves time but love at second sight is better; it gives a girl sufficient time to know how rich her boy friend is.' Now she was laughing against her controlled will, her body shaking attractively. She mopped her lips with her hankie and eyed me with a swift, stunning and stealthy glance.

I met her gaze. Her eyes were solicitous to listen more. 'There's nothing absolutely right or wrong, you know, Shashi.' My voice was deceptively smooth. 'And there's nothing wrong in knowing things. You maybe reading numbers of sex scandals in the magazines and newspapers everyday while in reality, most men like the subject. Nobody will vote for murder or rape, but people relish it to see in the movies. Man made the society and society has put many restrictions on this most naturally enjoyable physical union between man and women.'

I stopped to see her eyes. In my heart, I knew my words were not exact truths on human life. I smiled to myself. Some people knowingly do sins and they think they are virtuous. A myth-character was truthful in saying: ' I know what's right, but I cannot pursue it; I know what's wrong, but I cannot desist from it. I do as I directed by someone who seems to be dwelling within me.'

She looked at me, her imposing glances analyzing the movements of my eyes. She was as if plunged into a trance. Girls are like glasses, hard but brittle. Girls love emotional support but they can easily prefigure men's sinister motives.

'You might've heard people exchanging abusing languages across the street,' I said. 'Actually by doing so, the accumulated frustration, anger and toxins drain out their systems and they feel good. Smoking cigarettes is injurious, but at times, it unknots the brains to solve many critical problems.' I stopped for a moment and said, 'Do you know why people marry?'

Her face was blank. I could see a pulse of shyness rising in her temples. I knew she would not answer. Everybody knows why people do marry.

'The truth is always much simpler, Shashi,' I said affectionately. 'People say it is for sex and to enhance the generation but it isn't the actual truth. The truth is, people marry for love and then sex. A man can buy sex from the market, not love. I took a moment and said, 'To love and be loved, to share and care, are the necessary elements to understand and relish an emotional human life.'

She looked a bit non plussed. She made a grimace for a smile, but it was not a smile. We fell silent for some time.

'See the beautiful nature around, Shashi' I said drawing her attention. 'Everything I see astonishes me and I always love to watch them. See, anything once born wants to survive. The urge to survive is common to every living creature.'

The fact is, nobody is born adult. The embryo turns into a baby and the physical body of the baby slowly grows to metamorphose into an adult naturally and for which one need not do anything special. Slowly the unspelt desire of sex grows in him or her. Nature takes care of all these miracle things.

'When we see or smell delicious foods, saliva is segregated from the mouth. Food is naturally attractive, that is why instinctively eyes go to the food when it is served. Same way, when we see beautiful women, we get smitten-this is basic instinct. Pituitary gland creates hormones that give us sexual urge.'

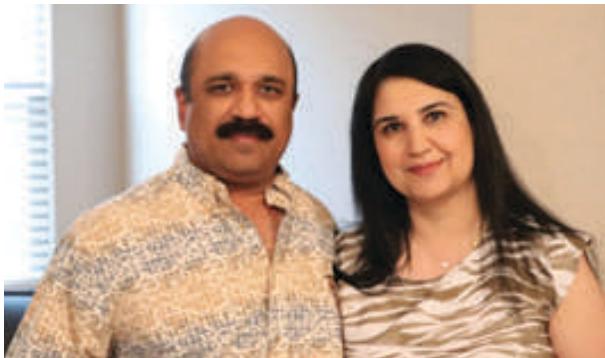
'The aim of life is to live and grow - to be naturally alive to facts. See the beautiful creation around. The whole creation is bright and wonderful. None can deny these beautiful greenery, the cool gentle breeze with aroma of flowers, the beauty of sunrise and sunset, the miracle aurora borealis, the fleecy white clouds across the blue sky, the beauty on the wings of birds and butterflies and on the petals of flowers, and the excellent beauty of the rainbow. These are all facts and we are to accept them. Once the sun is set you cannot bring it back, and you should accept it. You will find no one who hates sleep. We should accept facts and have fun in life. I should accept, I am not good-looking, and then I won't stop to have fun in life.'

She was watching me cross-eyed, her hair half shaded her face. Her slight blinking of eyes and the tiny smile at the corner of her lips were as if telling me: 'This is no sound logic mister to seduce a modern demoiselle ...!'

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BALANCED AND BEAUTIFUL

Modernization is throwing so many cross winds at us that,
You would feel incrementally easy with daily tasks,
But leaves you exhausted at the end of the day.
Talk of dichotomy? This is it!!

Getting crushed with computer jargon day in and day out?
A gentle breeze out in the open, will caress and restores you to shape!!

Is the web related stuff, washing all over you, all the time?
Watching the scenery around, fires up your thinking prowess!!

Getting crushed under mounds of data, no matter what?
Enjoy the sunshine for some time every day, to brush it aside!!

So, what is at work in this process?
Balanced life and beautiful thoughts keep you, energetic and young!!

FLOW

There are some interesting flows,
That take place in the nature.

Water flows from the higher elevation to the lower,
because of the omni-present gravity.

Heat flows from the hot surfaces outward,
because of the temperature differential.

Knowledge flows from the Gurus to the disciples,
because of the maturity levels.

But in the case of popularity, it tends be opposite.
The popular tend to get more popular leaving the others at bay.

Similarly, the rich tend to get richer quickly,
While the others struggle to lift themselves up.

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