

## **SIES GST INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 REPORT**

A new batch of aspiring engineers with innovative minds, promising attitudes with millions of dreams walked in through the doors of SIES GST on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to commence a fresh chapter in their lives.

**Day 1- Traditional Orientation:** On day 1, the students reported branch wise in the GST auditorium along with their parents commencing their orientation schedule in separate sessions with EXTC students reporting first, followed by the CE and PPT branches and finishing with Mechanical and IT reporting at the end. The day began with the hosts of each of the sessions introducing themselves and the institute and its ethos to the engineering aspirants and their parents. This was followed by a delightful prayer song and a lamp lighting ceremony to mark the occasion of new beginnings.

Principal Sir, Dr. Vikram Patil, with his 30 years of teaching and administrative experience welcomed the students graciously by giving them guidance on how to approach engineering and build a career successfully. He gave his blessings to the students for the future in the institute and beyond. Then, the Dean and HOD(Humanities and Applied Sciences), Dr. Manasi Karkare provided an intrinsic perspective about the first year of engineering in SIES GST and discussed the rules and regulations to be followed by the students in the course of four years. This led the way to the Training and Placement cell In-charge, Ms. Seema Khan, to give perspective to the students and their parents about the placement activity of the institute and how to prepare actively right from the early years for a promising recruitment in the future. This was followed by a brief insight session by exam cell in charge about the newly introduced choice-based credit system by Mumbai University. The first session concluded with the pledge taking ceremony on Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's "Swachhta Hi Seva" mission. After the pledge taking ceremony, the students were directed to proceed towards the SOP auditorium where they were addressed by the student council President, Nikhil Ambati and all secretaries, respective HOD nominees and the Student Council In-charge, Ms. Sumitra Padmanabhan explaining the significance and importance of the induction program introduced by AICTE and the roles, responsibilities and duties of the Student council, and about the vision of the institute and efforts taken by the institute in building a prolific personality and unshakable character of the students over the 4 years. They were given an understanding into how the student council works so fluently and how it is a manifestation of a multitude of students working as a team.



**PRINCIPLES AND COMMITMENTS- PLEDGE  
TAKING CEREMONY**



**ARDENT LISTENERS- PARENTS AND STUDENTS  
LISTEN KEENLY TO THE INSTRUCTIONS BEING  
GIVEN**



**THE PRINCIPAL, DR. VIKRAM PATIL, WELCOMES THE FEs**



**THE DEAN, DR. MANASI KARKARE, ADDRESSES THE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS**



**COUNCIL IN-CHARGE, Ms. SUMITRA PADMANABHAN, ADDRESSES THE STUDENTS**



**FEs ARE INTRODUCED TO THE COUNCIL**

An interactive session of parents with the department HODs class In-charges and the placement co-ordinator was also arranged. The students were taken on a campus tour by the faculty and student volunteers showing the freshers the ins and outs of the college campus and make them feel comfortable in the new environment.



**HAVING A LOOK AROUND- FEs GIVEN A CAMPUS TOUR BY THE FACULTY AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**

The wheels of the induction program were in full motion from day 2 where the freshers were encouraged to look beyond the textbooks and academic outlook by their teachers and seniors and dive into a multitude of co-curricular activities planned intensively for them. The students were coaxed into interacting with their peers, seniors and faculty members to develop strong interpersonal bonds from the start. Several technical, cultural, sports and literary activities were planned with an objective to integrate a holistic perspective and an outlook among the students to give back to the society and develop a

mindset to coexist in a pluralistic world in peace.

**Day 2:** On day 2, the three separate groups of the new engineering aspirants were directed towards multiple activities planned for them throughout the day by the faculty members and the student council. A field trip was planned for one group to Kushtarog Niwaran Samiti at Shantivan, situated near Panvel, Navi Mumbai. In addition to rehabilitation of leprosy patient, they have expanded their activities like rural development by setting up an Adivasi school, home for aged and tree plantation drives to promote afforestation. The students along with NSS (National Service Scheme) and SSEA (Social Service and Extended activities) volunteers planted 400 trees over the course of three days. The agenda behind subjecting the freshers into this tree plantation activity was to make them aware about the issues regarding

forest degradation over the years and instil a thought process and motive among them to serve mother nature wholeheartedly at all times. The food that was served to the students bought them close to the circumstances of a simple life as they were provided with the mere basics and had their food sitting on the floor, teaching them about modesty, simplicity and restoring a connection to the roots of the culture from within. The NSS, SSEA coordinators and faculty members had organized numerous activities nurturing a bond among them and created an essence to spend time and show gratitude towards nature.



**A LESSON OF MODESTY- STUDENTS HAVE THEIR FOOD SITTING ON THE FLOOR**



**A DAY SPENT IN NATURE- FEs ALONG WITH NSS AND SSEA VOLUNTEERS PLANT 400 TREES AT SHANTIVAN**

While a group of freshers was out on the trip, the in-campus activities were no less learning experience. A résumé building workshop using Google Sites, LinkedIn and Github was conducted by the members of Literary and Technical team. Here they were introduced to ways to build an exquisite résumé and the elements to take care while doing so. The art of writing an eye-catching résumé, building references and generating an exploitable network in the industry using Google Sites was the core crux of this workshop. Multiple ice breakers were also arranged for the freshers to open up and come forward to state their opinions unreservedly. They were also introduced to the cultural and creative teams of the college by the various workshops conducted by them including a dance workshop wherein the dancing talents were sieved through by the keen eye of the Moksh team. There were poster making and hosting sessions to provide exposure to the artists and public speakers respectively. A karaoke hour was also held to determine the surreal voices among the new students. The technical team presented the students with opportunities, with students interested in electronics having a session on understanding the working of laser tag, the students interested in coding were introduced to the world of competitive programming and PPT students were given an insight into various design softwares such as Photoshop intricately. The literary team worked on the soft skills of the students such as creative writing, oration and debating during



**BEYOND THE BOOKS- INDULGING IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS TEAMS OF THE COUNCIL**

their sessions with the help of several interactive games. The sports team indulged students in regular sports sessions, both indoors and outdoors, with the students playing the games of their interests promoting the importance of health and fitness in daily life.



**TALK IT OUT- ICE BREAKER ACTIVITIES**



**DEFINING YOURSELF- RESUME WRITING**

There were numerous alumnus interaction sessions conducted for the freshers as the alumni, Rohit Ramkumar, former NSS representative and founder of the institute's dance crew, Moksh and now working in the field of sales and marketing for 4 years with an experience of two and a half in the diagnostic industry came to have a talk with the engineering prospects about life as an engineer and beyond it. Shata Cheravu, the founder of the core technical team of the student council and former technical secretary; Srikant Nair, former sports secretary and sports person of the year; Vinay Hegde, literary head of the batch of 2016, now a business development head at Autonxt; Karan Kapoor, marketing head at Autonxt also delivered some insight into the workings of the industry in the present times and encouraged them to inculcate creative thinking proactively.

Chaitanya Ramji, member of the research team on healthcare and AI at Stanford and currently working Anthil Spaces Pvt Ltd; Ameya Kale, a dedicated NSS volunteer and co-founder of Aarambh- the college drama crew and now a division head at Pitambiri Digital care; Ashok Krishnan, lead at the Gender lab boys program of the Blue Ribbon movement nurturing young leaders and also a network security engineer at TCS; Bharat Shankar, former head of Entrepreneurship Development Cell of the college, a man of many deeds was a project trainee at BARC for 11 months, Student engagement officer at Knod for 11 months, marketing head at IndySoft for an year and an entrepreneur at ufaber.com for 3 years; Pramit Yadav, former Council President, worked 2 years at TCS as assistant system engineer and currently aspiring to pursue an MBA in the near future, all of them were present to guide and direct the students towards a path of success and throw valuable light on the principles and fundamentals to keep in mind to thrive in the ever competitive industry.



**GIVING VALUES- ALUMNI GIVE PERSPECTIVE TO THE FES**

**Day 3 and Day 4** included the same events and activities revolving and juggling between the groups that the first years were initially divided into. The numerous talks, activities and interactions conducted for the freshers was to promote and encourage them into co-curricular ventures along with a focus on academics. The ability to juggle between the two shows, the ability to manage time with impeccable efficiency which is a staple requirement in the industry. An Expert session on Meteorological Instruments by Mr. K.S.Hosalikar, Deputy Director General of Meteorology, Western region was also organised for the students to understand the role of technology in weather prediction.



**DOCTORS FROM APOLLO HOSPITAL GIVE FIRST AID LESSONS**

**Day 5:** The 5<sup>th</sup> day included some of the alumni sessions as well with the new engineering candidates keen to attain career advice from the alumni full of knowledge and experience. There were aptitude tests planned for the freshers to give them a gauge and idea about the initial placement processes. Disaster management sessions by experts and First aid sessions by the doctors from Apollo Hospital were also organized to give a demonstration on how to conduct yourself in dire and critically disastrous circumstances. They were taught basic first aid and numerous other ways to help others at some unforeseen events.



**APTITUDE AND LANGUAGE TESTS FOR THE FEs**

A workshop on Empowering Your Energies covering topics like: Knowing Self, Positive and Negative attitude, Communication, Dress Etiquette was also organised which was conducted by Ms.Pooja Krishna, an expert trainer from Oyster HR solutions.

The entire motive and incentive behind the induction program proposed by AICTE for the FEs was to take a positive step towards nurturing students who are not just good engineers but better members of the society, bettercitizens of the country and better human beings in totality. The whole program was a successful attempt towards the embodiment of ethics, values and principles along with knowledge and creativity.

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