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VISION OF OUR COLLEGE

"To achieve excellence in technical education through determined learning and research inculcating values and shaping socially responsible professionals."

MISSION OF OUR COLLEGE

"1. To impart technical competence to face present & emerging challenges towards building sustainable and quality living.

2. To inculcate spirit of research, innovation and entrepreneurship through decisive learning

3. To foster a culture conducive to well-being of society through ethical and professional practice."

Message

Dear Alumni,

I belong to the first Integrated Batch (1961–1966), the second batch of our college. As I look back on those memorable days, I cannot forget my very first experience at the college.

I joined about two weeks after the term had started, and unfortunately, I missed the introductory sessions. My first class was Engineering Drawing. The tutor, Dr. P. K. Narayana Pilla, informed me that I would need drawing instruments for the session. I suggested going to the college co-operative store to buy an instrument box, but Sir had a better idea. He asked me to borrow three drawing pins from my classmates and requested them to manage with the remaining three. I did so, and was also able to share their instruments during the class. It went smoothly, and I was grateful to my classmates for their support. That experience taught me a few valuable lessons right from day one: never waste time, the importance of teamwork, and how small moments can be the beginning of lasting friendships. It was the first of many meaningful lessons I gained during my time at college.

I also had the privilege of being a cadet in the NCC (Engineers Wing) and serving as the first Chairman of the College Union. The college shaped me not only into an engineer but also helped me grow into a people-oriented leader. We, the students of our batch, remain deeply indebted to all our teachers - especially the Principals and the Hostel Warden - for their dedication and guidance.


We were truly fortunate to learn under such inspiring Gurus. That, I believe, is the true strength of this great institution. My humble salutations to all of them.



Er. J. Sudhakaran Nair
1961-66 batch
Dy. Chief Engineer (Retd.) KSEB Ltd.


We solicit literary contributions from NSSCE alumni, faculty and students for the bimonthly newsletter published by AANSSCE. The articles in the form of poems, short stories, travelogues or cartoons may be mailed to secretarynsscealumni@gmail.com

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TECS  **ACES**

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NSSCE,
Association of Civil Engineering Students (ACES)
&
Association of Electrical & Electronics Engg. Students (TECS)

*Jointly presents
an interactive session on*

**HOW
TO
BUILD**  **YOUR
OWN
BRAND**

Mr. GOKUL KAMATH
Mechanical Engg. Alumnus of NSSCE (1979-84)
Visiting Faculty,
Indian Institute Of Management, Udaipur

17 MAR | **2PM - 4PM**
NSS College of Engineering

Student Coordinators : Abhishek O P, Samadersh P S (CED)
Anna James, Yedhu Mohan K (EEE)

Dr.P.R.Sreemahadevan Pillai President
Dr.Vasanthy V. Secretary
Dr.Praseeda K.I. & Prof.Vaishak T. Coordinators

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Life skill training session titled 'How to build your own brand', by Mr. Gokul Kamath (1979-84, Mechanical Batch), for final year student of Civil and Electrical Engineering Departments was conducted in online mode on 17th March, 2025.



NEWS FROM CHAPTERS

From UAE Chapter





IFTAR at Dubai and Abudhabi on 05th March, 2025.



The Hope Run on 26th April, 2025.



Dinner with Prof. Somasheharan on 06th April, 2025.



NSSCE - AKCAF IFTAR Kit Distribution on 25th March, 2025.

From Kuwait Chapter

Curtain Raiser Event – "Grand Prelude" to Shaastrotsav 2025 organized by NSSCEAA Kuwait Chapter

The NSS College of Engineering Alumni Association, Kuwait Chapter (NSSCEAAK), successfully organized the curtain raiser event, "Grand Prelude," for their flagship event Shaastrotsav at the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) on 28th April 2025. The event witnessed the esteemed presence of dignitaries from various fields across Kuwait.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Fahad Salem Al Kharqawi, Deputy CEO of Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), highlighting the pivotal role of innovation in shaping the future. Dr. Bulent Yilmaz, Ph.D., Acting Dean - College of Engineering and Architecture, GUST, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Other notable speakers who enriched the event with their insights included:

- Mr. Issa Haidar, CTO, Ooredoo Kuwait
- Mr. Muhammad Hadi Abul, Head – Business Development (Drones & Robotics), Zain Tech
- Mr. Rexzcy Williams, Brand Manager, Jetour – Budastoor Motors
- Mr. Nalin representing Mr. Ahmed Ali J Al Sabah, GM, SATCO Energy
- Mr. Jasem Al Nouri, Deputy Managing Director, Nouri Industrial Establishment Co.

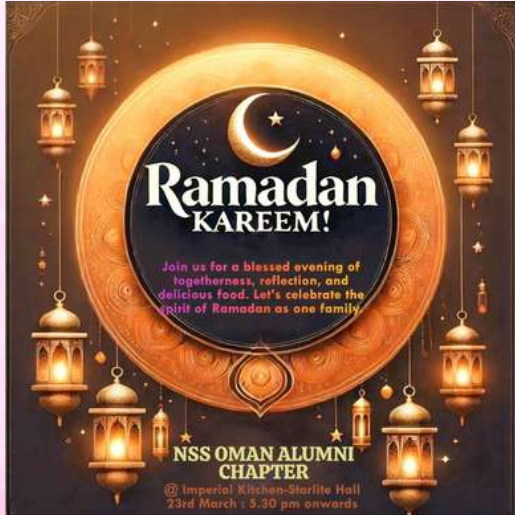


The Grand Prelude provided a unique opportunity for networking among industry peers, business leaders, and aspiring talents. The distinguished speakers offered valuable insights into emerging innovations and technological trends across industries. A key highlight of the event was the official launch of the newly revamped Shaastrotsav website, led by Dr. Bulent Yilmaz. Mr. Shemej Kumar, Convener of Shaastrotsav 2025, took the audience through the inspiring journey of Shaastrotsav since its inception in 2009. Over the years, Shaastrotsav has grown into one of the most anticipated science and technology festivals in the engineering community, featuring diverse competitions and exhibitions like robotics, coding challenges, Rubik's cube solving, robotic football, line followers, and innovation showcases. He emphasized that Shaastrotsav serves as a vital platform for young minds to explore, experiment, and exhibit their scientific talents, while also promoting STEM education and fostering collaboration across participants from diverse backgrounds.

The 2025 edition of Shaastrotsav is planned on a larger scale and is scheduled to be conducted in November 2025. A call for active support and participation was extended to the KEF fraternity and the wider Indian diaspora in Kuwait to make the event a resounding success. All guest speakers were honored with mementos as a token of appreciation. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Joe Joseph, President of NSSCEAA Kuwait Chapter.



From Oman Chapter



Organized Ifthar on 23rd March, 2025 at Imperial kitchen, Alkhuwair.

From Maharashtra Chapter



The Maharashtra Alumni Chapter of NSSCE (MahaNSS) get-together 2025 was conducted on 01st March, 2025 at Hotel Yogi Midtown, Turbhe, Navi Mumbai.

REVIVAL & FORMATION OF CHAPTERS

Kozhikode Chapter



The Formation meeting of the Calicut Chapter (Calicut, Malappuram, Wayanad districts) of the Alumni Association of the NSSCE was held at Calicut Towers on 19th March, 2025.

Thiruvananthapuram & Kollam Chapter



Family get-together of the Thiruvananthapuram & Kollam Chapter of the Alumni Association of the NSS College of Engineering.

BATCH GET-TOGETHER



Family get-together of 1977-82 batch of NSSCE (SANGAMAM 2025) was conducted on 5th & 6th of April, 2025 at Lakesong Resort, Kumarakom.



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Mr. Biju George (1986-90 Civil) takes over as Director (Shipbuilding) with Addl. chg. of Director (Finance) and CMD of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. from Sri. Sanjeev Singhal.



Mr. Jeelson Thekkekkara, alumnus of 2002-2006 CSE achieved gold medal for MBA from IIM Kozhikode

OUR ENTREPRENEURS

THE SUCCESS STORIES - 08

SHEMEJ KUMAR :



A Techno Artist Blending Engineering and Arts (1991–1995 batch, Instrumentation)

We are proud to feature Shemej Kumar, a distinguished alumnus from the 1991–1995 batch of Instrumentation, whose remarkable journey exemplifies the fusion of technical excellence and artistic brilliance.

Currently serving in the Engineering Design Department at Kuwait Oil Company, Shemej is a TÜV-certified Functional Safety Engineer specializing in safety instrumented systems. His professional acumen extends beyond his engineering role - he also serves as the Secretary of the International Society of Automation (ISA), Kuwait Chapter, contributing to global standards and automation excellence.

However, what sets Shemej apart is his parallel journey in the creative world. A seasoned theatre director and filmmaker, he has earned multiple prestigious honors, including:

- Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award for Direction (2014)
- Rotary International Kalashree Award
- Global Theatre Excellence Award by LNV
- Gireesh Karnad Theatre Award.

He has written and directed over 20 stage plays, two of which have been published in a noted collection edited by Satheesh K. Satheesh. His plays are known for their emotional depth and socio-cultural relevance. Shemej's contributions to international cultural diplomacy include serving as the Creative Director for "HALA MODI", a major cultural event during the Indian Prime Minister's diplomatic visit to Kuwait.

As a filmmaker, he has directed 10 short films, many of which have garnered national and international recognition. His most recent work, Chonna Manga, is especially noteworthy as it features the final screen appearance of the beloved actor Mamukoya. The film is a contemporary adaptation of Balyakalasakhi, the iconic novel by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer.

Indian expat wins prestigious Girish Karnad theatre award

The Girish Karnad Theatre Memorial Veda has announced the 5th annual theatre award named in honor of the legendary playwright, filmmaker, and cultural icon Girish Karnad for the Pravasi category. Shemej Kumar from Kuwait has been chosen as the recipient of its prestigious fifth annual award. The award celebrates exceptional contributions to theatre, with a special focus on the expatriate drama works.



Shemej Kumar

Shemej Kumar, a prominent figure in expatriate theatre, has been living in Kuwait for nearly twenty years. He has played a vital role in promoting Indian theatre and drama within the diaspora community. His contributions have been recognized with several accolades, predominantly including the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi's Best Director Award, the Global Theatre Excellence Award and the Rotary International Award.

In addition to his work in theatre, Shemej is also actively involved in short films and cultural programming. Notably, he served as the chief organizer of the cultural program held during the visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Kuwait in 2024. He currently works as an engineer with the Kuwait Oil Company. The selection jury for the award comprised Dr Aromal T, Dr Thulasidhara Kurup and Sabeer Kalakudeeram. The award ceremony will be held on May 19, 2025 at 2 pm at the Pathanamthitta Press Club, where the award will be formally presented by renowned film lyricist Vayalar Sarathchandra Varma.



Shemej has also appeared as a guest on DD National Channel and Kuwait TV, further highlighting his influence in both the engineering and artistic communities.

His career is a testament to the boundless potential of interdisciplinary passion. As a "Techno Artist," Shemej Kumar continues to inspire by bridging the structured world of engineering with the emotive power of the arts.

We celebrate his achievements and look forward to many more milestones from this exceptional alumnus.

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An in house training programme for 4 days was conducted in connection with Paid Internship for 30 selected students on Merit cum Means basis, at NSSCE, by Newgen Knowledge Works, an MNC who are into E Publishing. These students were provided with 30 laptops by the company for the purpose of Online Internship. This project was initiated by E. Maran, President, Newgen Knowledge Works who is also an alumnus of NSSCE, 1983-87 batch Mechanical.



IEEE ComSoc SBC NSSCE Team received the Outstanding Student Branch Chapter Award 2024 from the IEEE ComSoc Kerala Chapter during the IEEE ComSoc Kerala Chapter AGM & Award Ceremony held at IEEE Kerala Section Office, Nippon Centre, Kochi . The award was received by Neha S, Adithyan P S, & Adharsh K.



Handing over the books written by our alumni Er. Amarnath Pallath (1962-68 Mechanical) and Er. Jacob Jose (1980-85 Mechanical) to the Principal Dr. Rajeev N. (Mechanical), for college library.



Dr Dipin Kumar, Faculty Department of Mechanical Engineering received the highly rated commendation from "Raser Inntovation award for friction welding" for innovative research & development in friction welding technology.



Family get-together of the past and present staff of the Civil Engg. Department of NSSCE and send off to Dr. Rajeev, Principal and Dr. Jayalekshmi, former HoD.

Best wishes to our staff retiring this year....



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Retirement Date: 31-05-2025



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Abdul Rahiman,
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(1966 batch, EEE)



Remya,
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