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Dear SIT IANS,

Greetings

I am glad to present this volume of SITAA VOICE being released at the end of second quarter of 2015-16.

This issue is very special, in the sense, this issue highlights one of the life time function, in S.I.T of Celebrating 125th Birth Anniversary of our legendary founder (Late) Sri.V.Seshasayee held on 16-8-15. It was one of the well attended functions with multifarious events to record this memorable event.

During this quarter S.I.T also had memorial meet to condole the passing away of one of the most patriotic sons of Mother India- Bharat ratna Dr.A.P.J.Abdul kalam, Former president of India. SITAA Voice condoles the irreplaceable loss to the Nation.

A decennial memorial meeting was held to remember (Late) Sri. G.Sundaram, former Principal of S.I.T. For the First time S.I.T also celebrated Engineers day on 15-9-15, birthday of Bharat Ratna M.Visvesvaraya. In this issue narrations are kept to bare minimum, as the photographs of the events do occupy large space.

All of us, the Alumni benefactors of S.I.T are to offer our support in all possible ways to the Institution for its further GROWTH and sustenance that it continues to help the nation to produce excellent Technicians.

It is our commitment to have this e-newsletter as a quarterly publication in the website of SIT and also SITAA, to disseminate activities of S.I.T & SITAA. Please read on.

Your SITian
Dr.S.Sudharssanam
(Editor)



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An article in The Hindu - Metroplus on 07-09-2015 on V.Seshasayee

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September 7, 2015 **A pioneering industrialist**



V.Seshasayee

It is indeed rare for the alumni of an educational institution to celebrate any anniversary connected with the founder, but that is exactly what the alumni of the Seshasayee Institute of Technology, Tiruchchirappalli, recently did to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the founder, V. Seshasayee (VS).

With school ended his studies as he had to take care of his father, who was going blind, and his family, which included three sisters. When the eldest of them was given in marriage to R. Seshasayee, a schoolmate of VS, the two young men got closer and together they went into business.

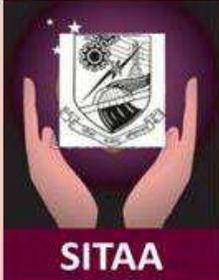
The two Seshasayees, no relations till the marriage but companions from childhood, studied electrical wiring and automobile repairs together. VS got a job as an apprentice in South Indian Railways where an engineer called Winter took him under his wing; VS was to help devise what was called a 'Block System' which has since been used by the Railways. Meanwhile, RS went to Singapore to get formal qualifications in electrical engineering.



At home, VS established the Empire Theatre (now the Gaiety), the first cinema theatre in the Trichinopoly District. And on RS's return from Singapore they founded an electrical and mechanical workshop. So close was their relationship, they called it the Seshasayee Brothers Engineering Works. It was an institution whose reputation was made when the two Seshasayees set right a generator which the railway engineers had been unable to do when moving the railway workshop from Nagapatnam to Golden Rock in Trichy in the 1920s. Their fee for the work, the highest they'd charged till then, was Rs.25,000, a princely sum at the time. It enabled them to think bigger. They began a bus service, SVS Transport, which successfully ran two routes, Trichy to Devakottai and Trichy to Perambalur. Those services got them known in the southern hinterland of Trichy.

When the Raja of Ramnad got them to electrify his palace and set up an ice plant, they did it with a genset and they were to do this thereafter at several temples and the homes of a number of Chettiars in Chettinad. At the time, Madras was the only town in the Presidency to have electric supply, a DC system installed by Compton's. With the help of Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, they got to electrify Trichinopoly-Srirangam and Devakottai (in Chettinad). The Sri Meenakshi-Sundareswarar Electric Supply Corporation Ltd was the first to get off the ground and in 1927 offered a DC system in Devakottai. The first AC supply system in the Presidency went on stream in 1928 when the Trichy-Srirangam Electric Supply Corporation Limited began operations. By 1934, the Trichy power station had grown from 100KV to 1200KV — and several towns in the South began clamoring for similar stations. Local electrical supply corporations were set up but in almost every one of these the Seshasayees were either consultants or installation engineers. Unfortunately for the partnership, R. Seshasayee, who was smitten with the aviation bug, crashed during a flight in 1934 and died. Some years after this, in 1940, the Trichinopoly, Devakottai and East Ramnad Electric Supply Corporations were merged as the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation Limited (SESC) and operated in an area of 12,000 square miles. The Company was handed over to the Government of Madras in 1974.

From 1936 onwards, VS started branching out and established The Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation, Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., and Aluminium Industry Ltd. While being a promoter, he ran all these organisations on Managing Agency lines. Other industries he had planned, such as the manufacture of paper, electro porcelain insulators, sanitary ware and electricity meters were seen to completion after VS's death in 1958 by S.Viswanathan, a labour lawyer and leader, who VS inducted into his managing agency in 1957. VS was known for corporate social responsibility long before the phrase became popular. An oft-told tale is that as managing agents of SMESC Ltd, the firm should have received dues of over Rs. 2,50,000 a year from the utility; describing it as a service to the general public, the managing agency accepted only Rs. 80,000 a year.

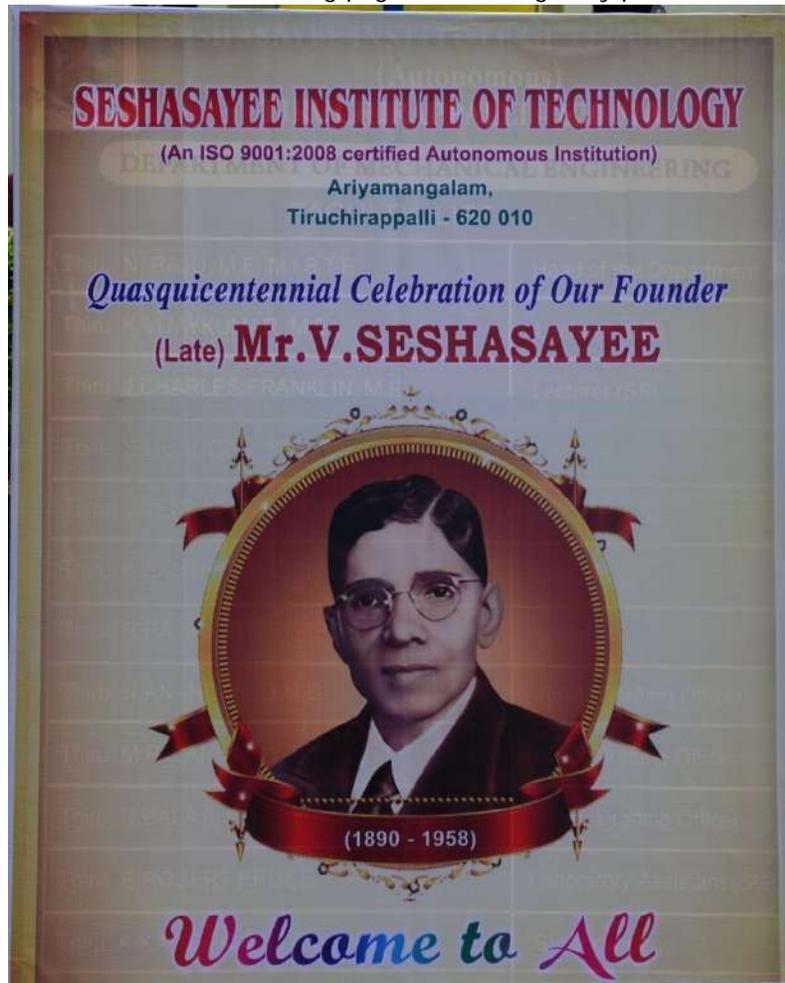


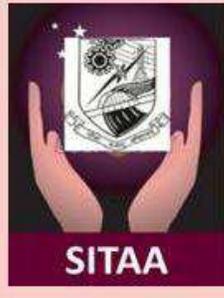
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This issue is special to all Alumni of SIT being released after grand celebration of 125th Birth anniversary of (Late) Sri.V.Seshasayee, Founder S.I.T. on 16-08-2015. This celebration started with sapling of plants, Unveiling of the Life size Statue of (Late)Sri.V.Seshasayee, Founder SIT by Prof.R.Sethuraman, Vice-Chancellor SASTRA UNIVERSITY, Release of VS's biography by Sri.N.Gopalaratnam, Chairman Seshasayee Paper and Boards Limited, Release of DVD about the life and work of VS by Sri.R.Palaniappan, Chairman Jothi Malleables, Trichy, Special Cover release in VS's memory by Sri.J.T.Venkateshwarlu, I.Po.S., Post master General of Tiruchirappalli and a Souvenir by Sri.K.V.Rangaswamy, Whole Time Director (Retired) L&T Chennai. Sri.V.K.Seshasayee, (Son of Founder) ,Chairman Governing Council, SIT presided over the function. Eminent people including Sri.Ramesh Krishnan, International Tennis Player, two of the grand daughters of Sri.VS, Mrs.Priya Krishnan and Mrs.Uma Ram Narayanan also graced the function. The following pages chronologically present the function.





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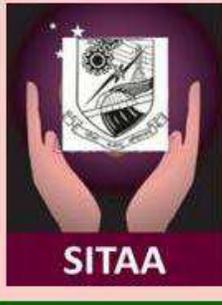
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Students welcoming the Guests



Hon.Secretary & Principal, SIT welcoming the Chief Guest Prof.R.Sethuraman



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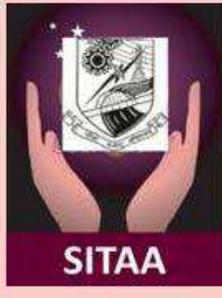
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Sri.V.K.Seshasayee, his daughters, Prof.N.Ramanathan being welcomed



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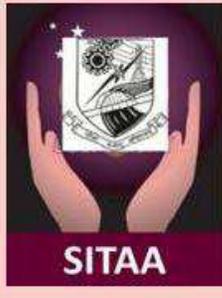
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Sri.J.T.Venkateshwarlu, I.Po.S., PMG Tiruchirappalli being welcomed



Prof.R.Sethuraman, VC SASTRA University planting the sapling in SIT campus



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Sri.V.K.Seshasayee planting the sapling



Sri.V.K.Seshasayee and his daughters Mrs.Uma Ram Narayanan and Mrs.Priya Krishnan with her husband Sri.Ramesh Krishnan (International Tennis Player)



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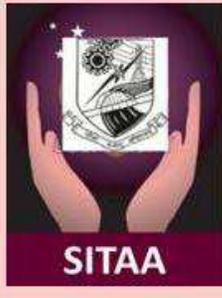
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Prof.R.Sethuraman VC SASTRA University unveiling the life size Statue of (Late) Sri.V.Seshasayee, Founder SIT among august gathering





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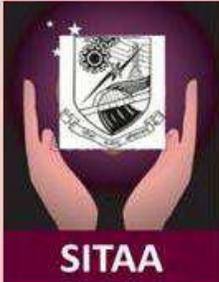
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Sri.V.K.Seshasayee offering his respects to his father (Late) Sri.V.Seshasayee, Founder SIT



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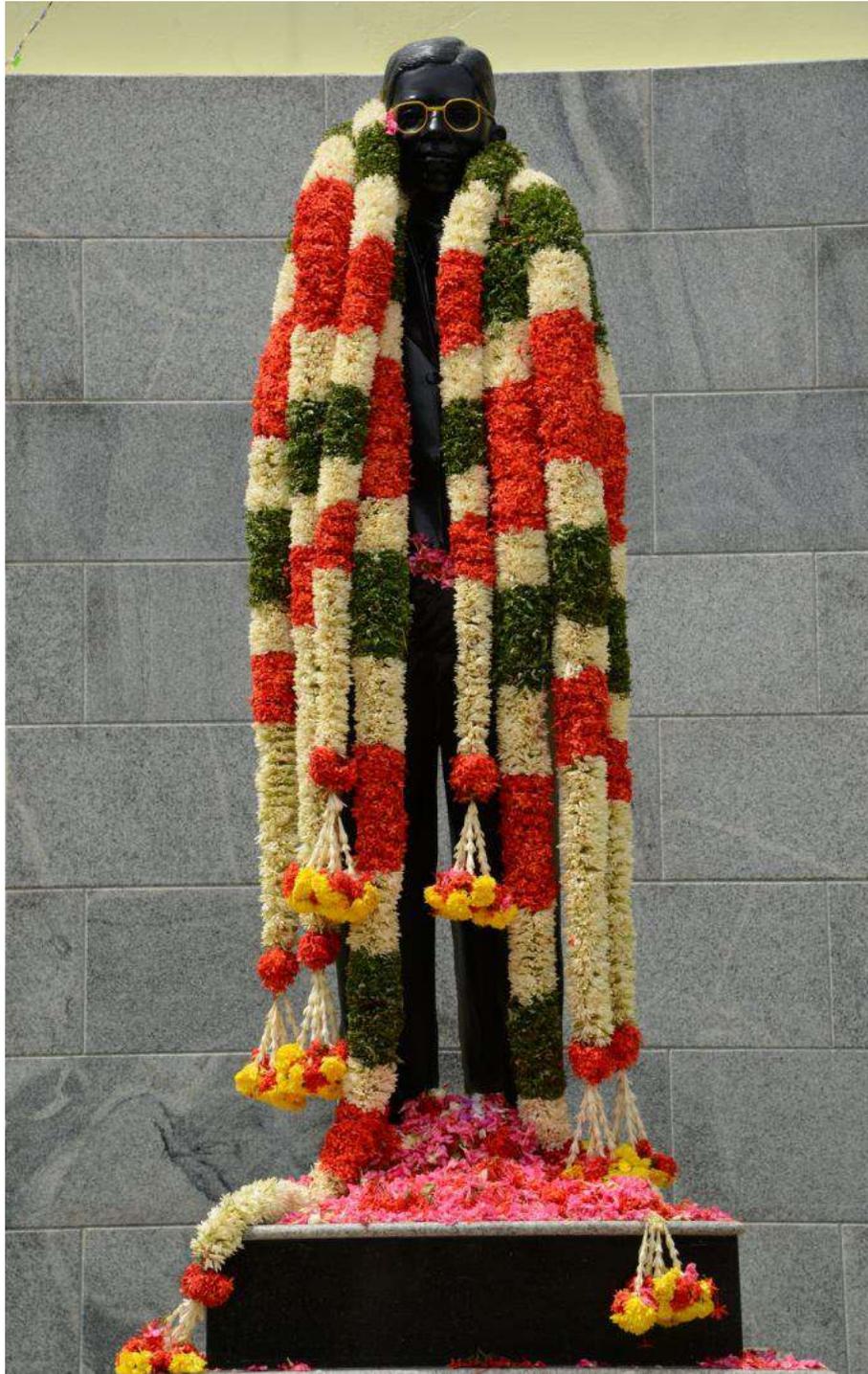
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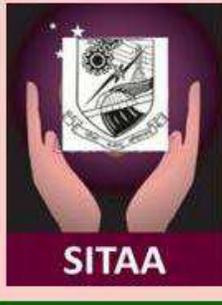
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Gathering of Staff, Students, Guests



Dr.S.Sudharssanam, Hon.Secretary, SIT delivering welcome address.

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Lighting Kuthu Vilakku by Prof.R.Sethuraman, Chief Guest of the celebrations



Sri.V.K.Seshasayee Chairman Governing Council SI T delivering Founders day address



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Prof.R.Sethuraman, Chief Guest delivering Special address



Sri.N.Gopala Ratnam Chairman SPB Ltd, Vice Chairman Governing Council, SIT releases the Biography of the Founder- Received by Sri.R.Palaniappan

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Sri.N.Gopalaratnam presented VS's biography to Mr. & Mrs.Ramesh Krishnan



Sri.R.Palaniappan released the DVD-documentary on VS. Sri.N.Gopalaratnam received the first copy.

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Sri.R.Palaniappan presented the DVD to Mrs.Priya Krishnan and Mrs.Uma Ram Narayanan (grand daughters of VS) in the presence of Sri.Sangappillai



Sri.K.V.Rangaswamy released first copy of the Souvenir to Prof.N.Ramanathan

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Sri.J.T.Venkateswarlu, I.Po.S. Post Master General released the Special cover on VS to Mrs.Uma Ram Narayanan



Sri.J.T.Venkateswarlu, I.Po.S. Post Master General presented a copy of the Special cover on VS to Sri.G.M.Rajendran, Joint Scretary SI T.

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Sri.J.T.Venkateswarlu, I.Po.S. Post Master General felicitates.



Sri.K.V.Rangaswamy, Whole Time Director (Retired) L&T Chennai, addressing the gathering.



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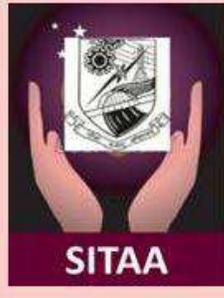
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Sri.N.Gopala Ratnam Chairman SPB Ltd., addressing the gathering.



Sri.G.R.K.Raju, IRSME (Retd) Alumnus felicitates.



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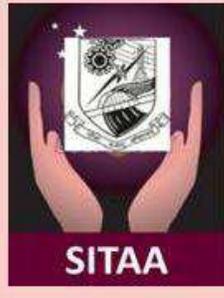
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Sri.R.Mananathan, Alumnus, Chairman, Manatec Group, Pondichery, felicitates.



Sri.P.A.Balasubramanian, Alumnus, Former Lecturer, SIT felicitates.



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Mrs.Kamatchi, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Tiruchirappalli being honored by Dr.S.Sudharssanam and Sri.S.Sangappillai



Sri.VKS honoring Sri.Raghavanantham Sthapthi of VS's statue

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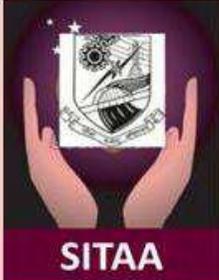


Sri.N.Raju, Vice Principal, SI T delivered Vote of thanks



SIT staffs and Principal, Government Polytechnic, Tiruchy with Mrs.Priya Krihsnan, Mrs.Uma Ram Narayanan and Mr.Ramesh Krishnan

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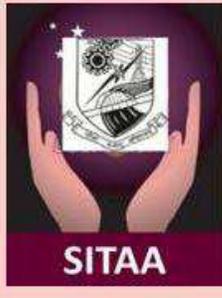

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SIT Alumni with Sri.V.K.Seshasayee and Sri.J.T.Venkateswarlu, I.Po.S., PMG, Principal & Vice Principal SIT



VS - STANDING TALL



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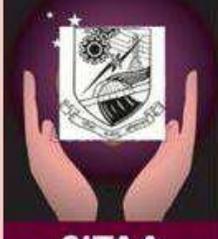


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FRONT VIEW OF SIT WITH FOUNDER'S STATUE



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On 28-07-2015, Condolence meeting was held in SIT to pay Respects to our beloved
 People's President Bharat Ratna Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam

		
<p align="center">We know you are in Heaven smiling down</p>		

	
<p align="center">(Late) Sri.T.G.Ramamurthy (Former Lecturer, SIT)</p>	<p align="center">Sri.R. Gopalakrishnan</p>

Sri.R.Gopalakrishnan, Alumnus of Seshasayee Institute of Technology, Trichy, (1983 batch Mechanical branch) created an endowment with SIT. He is presently employed as Senior Deputy Director in CPF Board, Singapore. This endowment is in the memory of his father (late) Sri.T.G.Ramamurthy, formerly, Lecturer (Civil) in S.I.T., Trichy. Value of the endowment is Indian Rupees two

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lakhs only (Rs.2, 00,000/-). From the interest of this endowment, he will be helping a poor student of Civil branch, every year. For this purpose he has deposited Rs. 2 lakhs as endowment with SIT. He also paid Rs.12,500/- separately to start the scheme this year itself. SIT will select a deserving student by November 2015. SITAA thanks Sri.Gopalakrishnan for his gesture

	<p>Dr.S.Dharmalingam, Former General Manager Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Tiruchirappalli made an endowment with SIT for a value of Rs. 40,000 to give an award in memory of his mother Mrs.Southeram Sivanantham to a student with outstanding Community Service, every year. SITAA thanks Dr.S.Dharmalingam for his gesture.</p>
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RESPECTFUL REMEMBRANCE ON TENTH YEAR MUKTHI DAY OF (LATE)
 SRI .G.SUNDARAM FORMER PRINCIPAL, SIT ON 04-09-2015

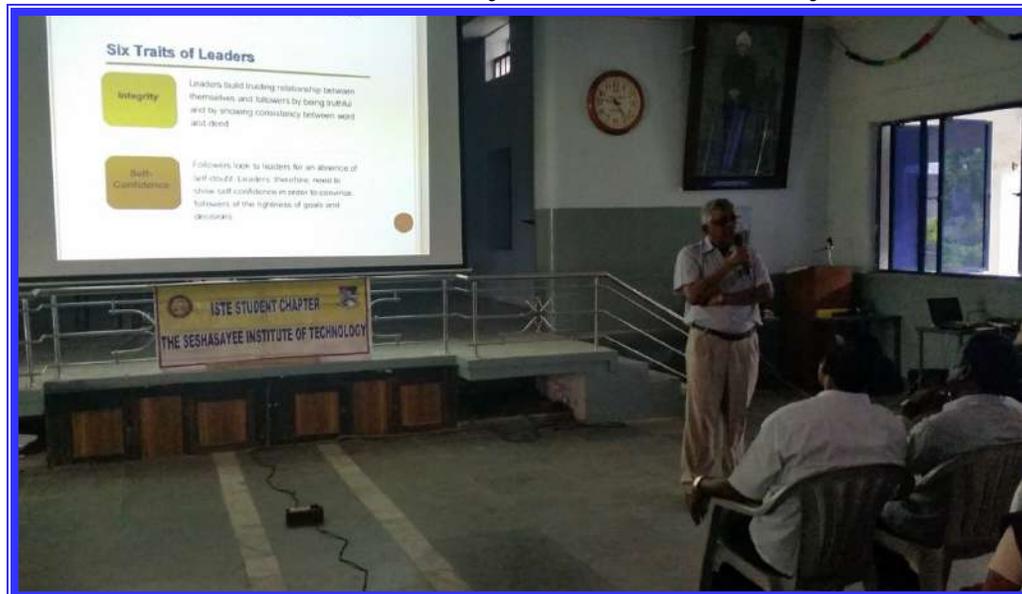


Former Principal, SIT (Late) Sri.G.Sundaram's Memorial lecture delivered by Sri.R.Palaniappan, President Emeritus SITAA. Sri.G.R.K.Raju, delivered his address in SIT, Trichy.



Sri.V.Nagarajan, Former Principal and SITAA EC Members

On 11-09-2015, Sri.P.Srinivasan Alumnus delivered Leadership Series Lecture in celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of (Late) Sri.V.Seshasayee Founder SIT





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DONATION OF A PAIR OF KUTHU VI LAKKU BY 1985-88 BATCH TO SIT

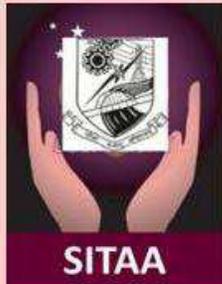


SITAA thanks great support extended by 1985-88 batch of alumni

Sri.N.Venkatramani alumnus , 1958 Batch, Chairman , Mangalam Estates renovated the canteen in SIT by refurbishing and creating additional seating places for the benefit of day scholar students to have their lunch. SIT thanks him profusely for the geature. Sri.N.Venkatramani is President of SI TAA. SIT will be thankful for simiilar support from the alumni in its future endeavour.

On 14-09-2015, Renovated Canteen was declared open by Sri.N.Venkatramani, President, SI TAA





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Canteen for girls students



Canteen for boys students, staff



Engineer's Day Lecture was delivered by Sri.T.V.Murali, Chairman, Manghal Home Builders & Hon.Secretary Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan on 15-09-2015





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Mr.T.V.Murali delivered special lecture to the staff and students of SIT on the eve of Bharat Ratna (Late) Sri.M.Vishwesriya's 155th birth day at Mettur Chemical Auditorium, SI T. Well received by the students and staff of SI T
 Sri.N.Raju, Vice Principal and Sri.S.Sangappillai Principal SI T offering a memento to Sri.T.V.Murali

Quote of the issue

“This centre of life and light which is coming into existence, will produce students who will not only be intellectually equal to the best for their fellow students in the other parts of the world, but shall also live a noble life, love their country and be loyal to the Supreme ruler”

Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya ...while establishing BHU

(Vision of Founder of SIT would not have been far less)

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