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# **SITAA VOICE**

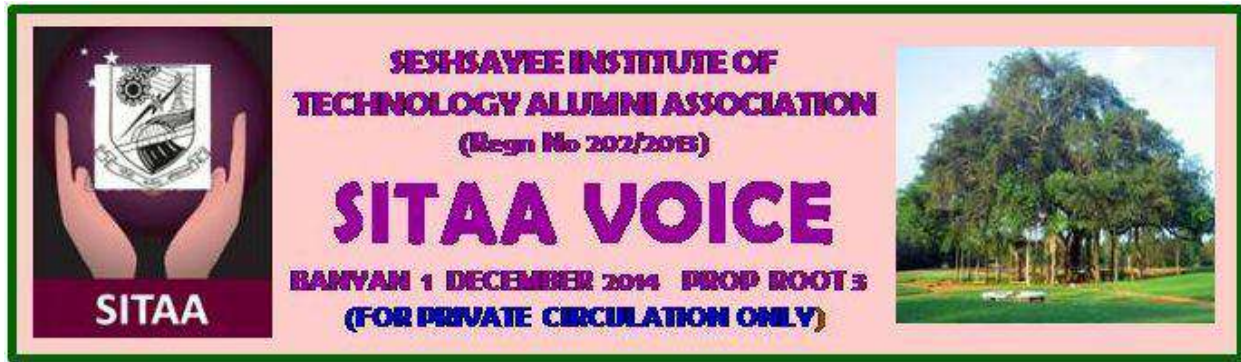
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**To all our friends it's our wish, to touch somebody's heart; every little smile matters. No one is happy all the times, but all of us are to create happiness. May god give us the ability!**

**- SITAA**

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015**



## From the Editor's Desk

Dear SITians,

Season's greetings and Best wishes for happy New Year 2015. I pray to Lord almighty to usher in lots 3Ps-Prosperity, Plenty and Peace in the lives of All and in particular all SITians.

SITAA has crossed one year of age on 2-12-2014 and has stepped into its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. A simple sparkling function was held to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> birthday of SITAA on 2-12-2014. A brief on this is in the following pages. With the dawn of 2015, another important milestone is on the anvil-125<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Legendary Founder (Late) Sri.V.Seshasayee, on 14-8-2015.



EC meeting held on 2-12-2014 decided that a full size statue of founder be installed in the frontage of SIT and unveiled on 14-8-2015. SITAA is also endeavoring to release the Biography of Founder on that day. These two are part of Alumni building project. ***I request all members to contribute liberally for the Alumni Building Project.*** Donations for this purpose will be eligible for IT exemption u/s 80G. Donations are certainly welcome from beneficiaries and well wishers of SIT also. I request our members to accelerate their efforts on this count.

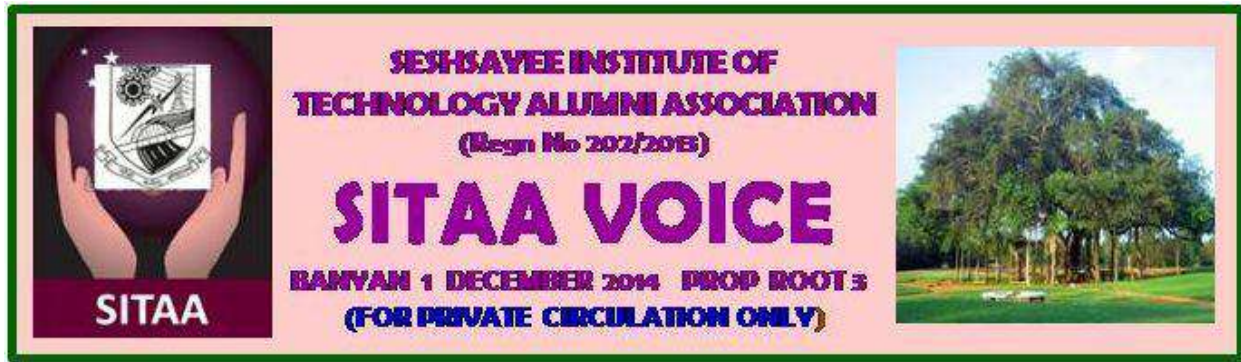
This issue also gives a glimpse of the 1<sup>st</sup> ever formal batch -specific Alumni reunion. In a way the 1985 batch is the pace setter cum fore- runner by celebrating their Silver jubilee Reunion on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> may 2010. Hallmark of this meet was the presence of our Revered ANC Sir, to bless the SITians then. Scholarships under GS-ANC MEF were distributed to 5 freshers of 2014 batch on 2-12-2014. There are also other interesting reporting and articles.

**I am also glad to inform that SIT has obtained ISO 9000-2008. Hearty congratulations to SIT!**

Please read on.....

With Greetings for a happy new year  
Your SITian  
Dr.S.Sudharssanam

Editor



**PROFILE OF LEADERS – SITIANS  
Prof P.KOTHANDARAMAN.**

AN ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNUS OF SIT AND FOUNDER SECRETARY OF SITAA.



Sri. P.Kothandaraman is one of the highly successful SITians with Diploma in Mechanical Engineering belonging to 1965 batch in First class. He has upgraded his qualifications by getting B.E. (Mechanical) from University of Madras (passed out from then Regional Engineering College, Trichirapalli). He obtained Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers (India), Kolkata, in Electrical Engineering followed by MBA from Madras University with specialization in Marketing and International Trade.

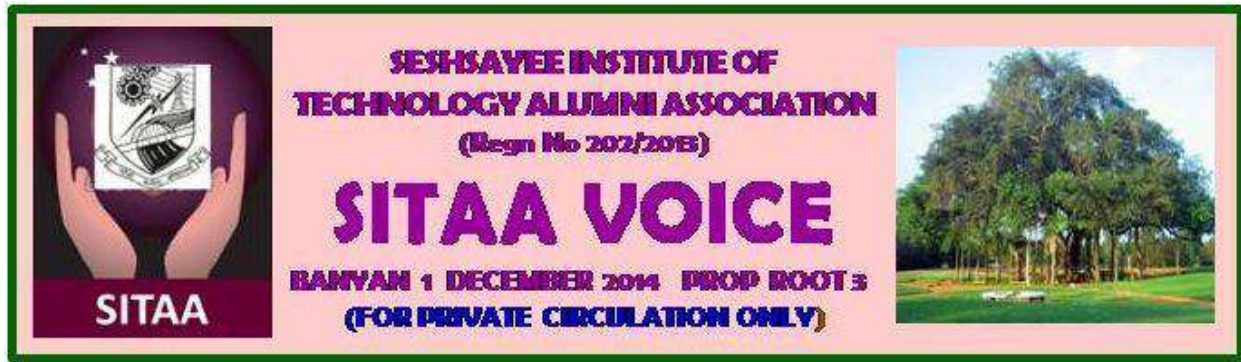
He is a Fellow member (FIE) of Institution of Engineers (India) and was Honorary Secretary of IE (I)/Trichirapalli Local Centre

He possesses over 38 years of rich experience in Engineering, Production, Field Erection, Commissioning, Testing, Trouble shooting related to all mechanical and electrical equipments of thermal power plants in India and abroad. He gained experience in Commercial and Marketing, Project & Operations Management. He has held various positions from induction level to senior corporate level Positions in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, a leading MNC and one of the prestigious Navaratna (Now a MAHARATNA) Indian Companies.

He joined as Design Assistant in 1966 in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Trichirapalli. He has been promoted and reached the position of Deputy General Manager and retired from services on attaining age of superannuation in 2004

He was a visiting faculty member for about 20+ years in various engineering colleges including Regional Engineering College, Trichy (Now NIT/Trichy). During 2004 – 2010 he was Professor and Head of the Department of MBA in an AICTE approved engineering college.

Presently he is an 'External Faculty' with Petroleum Conservation and Research Association (PCRA), Chennai. He is also Advisor for Engineering and Management Studies to AICTE approved engineering colleges and polytechnics in and around Trichy.



He is a consultant in Engineering & Management on selective assignment basis to Industries and Institutions.

He was an in-house trainer in BHEL Human Resource Development Centre and imparted industrial Training and Teaching to all levels of employee's right from artisans to senior executives in the area of Engineering, Field Activities, Marketing and General Management. His long and varied experience has helped in training the various clients and customers in operation and maintenance of various industrial and power plant equipments to draw attention and get over-all appreciation of all concerned in the factory as well as various sites and fields.

Actively associated with industries and professional bodies and organized/arranged number of symposia, workshops, seminars in tune with needs and current topics of relevance for the day at regional (35 nos.), national (11 nos.), and international levels (4 nos.)

Sri.P.Kothandaraman is the Founder Secretary of Seshasayee Institute of Technology Alumni Association (SITAA). Few months back he relinquished this due to ill health

### **Dr S.SUDHARSSANAM.**

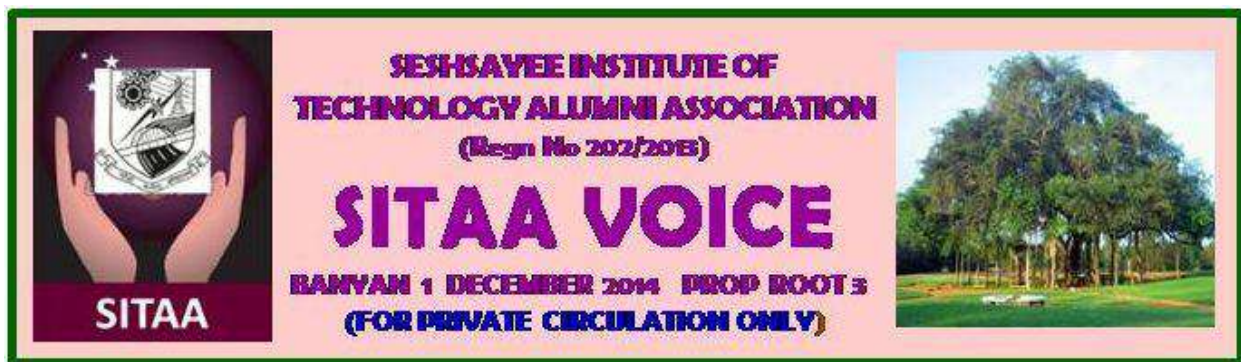
AN ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNUS OF SIT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF SITAA.



Sri.S.Sudharssanam is an alumnus of SIT. He passed LCE in 1964 in First class securing First rank in the Civil Branch in SIT in that year and was awarded Gold Medal. He was also declared STATE FIRST among 1964 pass outs of all branches of studies in the State in Diploma in that year. He was the first to open the account as State Rank holder for SIT.

He joined state PWD as Supervisor in July 1964. After serving PWD, he joined as Junior Instructor in Civil Engineering in Government Polytechnic in September 1965. He served Technical Education Department in the State in 2 more polytechnics on transfer and The Directorate of Technical education in Examinations section in various ranks, moving up to Lecturer (Gazetted). While in state service he passed sections A & B of AMIE in 1970. He obtained ME (Structural Engineering) of Madras University in 1978. He has authored two Text books for Diploma students.

He shifted to Central Government Service in 1984 as Education Officer (Technical) in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), New Delhi. He rose to Assistant Educational Adviser (Technical). He was Southern Regional Officer of Ministry of HRD stationed in Chennai, covering the states of AP, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu and UT of Pondicherry during 1986-1989. From October 1986



to June 1993 he was Consul (Education & Culture) in the Consulate General of India in New York (USA). On completion of this tenure he was back in the ministry as Deputy Educational advisor (Technical) in the MHRD in charge of a World Bank Project for Polytechnics, implemented in 17 States and UTs.

From May 1998 to April 2001 he was Director in AICTE, in the Southern Region (stationed at Chennai) covering the states of AP, Tamilnadu and UT of Pondicherry. Back in MHRD, (in May 2001) New Delhi, he was looking after IIMs and several other schemes of Technical education at National level. During the academic year 2003-04 he had Dual postings as DIRECTOR of IIM at INDORE while holding the post of Deputy Educational Advisor in MHRD, New Delhi. In 2004 he was promoted as Additional Apprenticeship Advisor in MHRD (a singular post at national level) and he retired from this post in August 2005 on attaining age of superannuation.

During his career in MHRD he was member of Board of Governors of several RECs (now known as NITs), IIMs, and Grant in aid Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics. He was Secretary of a National level review committee related to Rural Development (HR related).

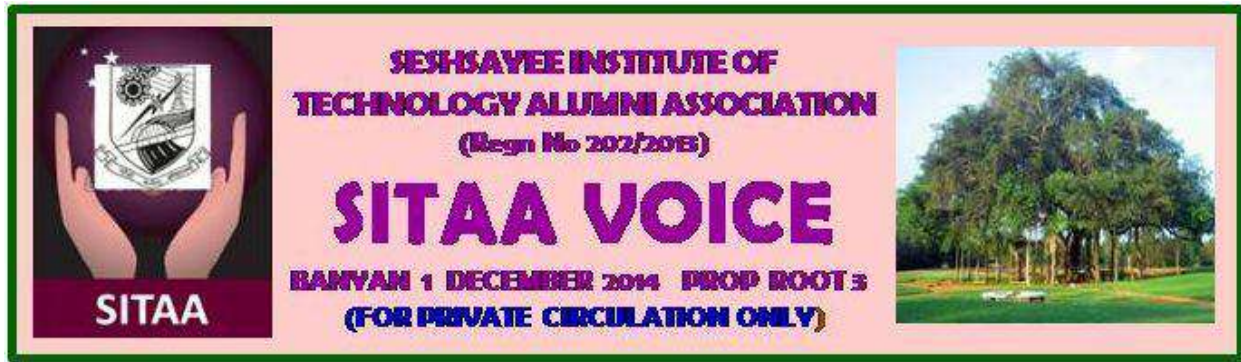
He had visited Canada, France, Italy, Singapore, Spain, Srilanka, Sweden, UK, and USA , related to Technical education. He has visited number of Technical Institutions and Industries in India and abroad. He participated in several seminars and symposia at national and International levels and presented papers including delivering Key note address.

He is Life member of several professional bodies- Institution of Engineers (India), ISTE, CSI, and IAAP. He is a Chartered Engineer of IE (I) He was also a former member of American Society for Engineering Education.

After retirement he was Director (Education) and Advisor in Computer Society of India (CSI), a professional body, at national level till August 2007.

He completed his PhD in Engineering Education of Madras University in 2008.

He attributes his success in his career to the firm grounding he got in SIT and College Of Engineering, Guindy, through eminent teachers like, (Late) S/Sri ANC, G.S, M.R, S.Kunchithapatham, K.K.V, D.V, TAN, Dr.S.R.S, Dr.N.V.A, etc; his Parents, Gurus, and several mentors, to whom all he is ever grateful. He donated 50% of his DCRG (Gratuity) to SIT, and remaining 50% to the Srirangam Boys High School. He also contributes one month pension to SIT since 2010, every year.



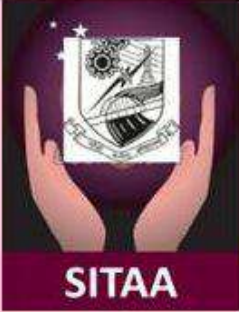
### FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SITAA ON 2-12-2014



SITAA was registered as a society under the Societies registration act on 2-12-2013. Its first birthday was held on 2-12-2014. A meeting of EC and distribution of scholarship to the First year students of 2014-15 academic session under GS-ANC MEF were scheduled.




It was a simple but a sparkling function. Our president Sri.N.Venkatramani garlanded our founder's bust. Members present lauded the singular contribution and magnanimity of the Founder (late) Sri.V.Seshasayee in establishing SIT, which gave and is continuing to give professional life to alumni of SIT, not withstanding providing technical manpower to the national development. SITAA will do its might to continue the mandate set unto itself so that SIT stands out from the crowd.



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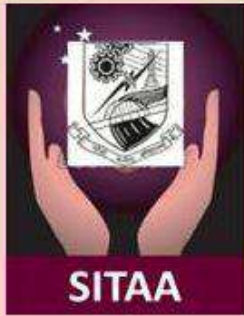


Followed by the paying encomiums as above, cheques of Rs.5500/= each to 5 students who were selected for award under GS-ANC MEF were distributed.

**First year GS-ANC MEF scholarships Awardees-ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15**

Scholarship amount of Rs 5500 each was awarded to five students of first year. Cheques were presented to the candidates on 2-12-2014, on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of SITAA. There were no eligible students in branches of ECE and CSE.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>S.KEERTHIVASAN FIRST YEAR - MECHANICAL</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>M.MANIKANDAN FIRST YEAR - PAPER TECHNOLOGY</b></p>



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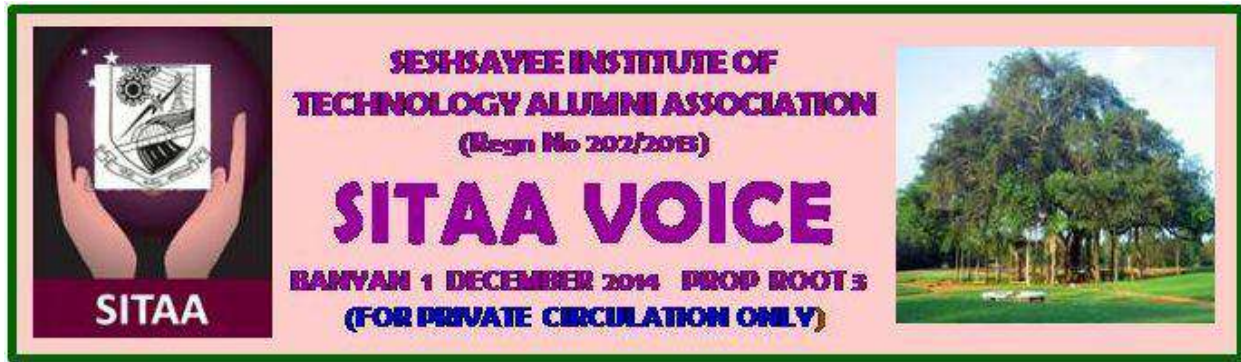


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**A.VAISHALI  
FIRST YEAR - CIVIL**



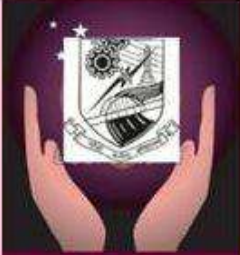


## SILVER JUBILEE REUNION OF 1985

Silver Jubilee Reunion of 1985 Batch (All branches) was one of the well conceived propositions at the behest of our former principal Sri Anantha Narasimhachar on 29th and 30th May, 2010. It is gratifying to state that Sri ANC took active part in the meet that was held in Ramyas Hotel, Trichy. On 29<sup>th</sup>, 65 members belonging to various batches participated and had a lively get together among themselves exchanging nostalgic memories of SIT days. Another hallmark of this reunion was that they managed to track almost all the teachers of their times and brought them together to pay their respects to them as a matter of gratitude and to present themselves as to what they are today. To name teachers of yore like Sri S.S.Raman (Mech), Sri K.K.Viswanathan (Civil), Sri R.Ramanujam (Elec), Sri P.A.Balasubramanian (Civil), Sri N.Srinivasan (Mech), Sri K.Varadharajan (Civil) etc.

The highlight of the function was electrified by the presence of Sri ANC in his inimitable attire. In fact after this function he relinquished this formal dressing. All the teachers present were extremely delighted that their students dating back to quarter century with varying background have shaped themselves as noteworthy engineers and professionals. A kaleidoscope of the meet is below.






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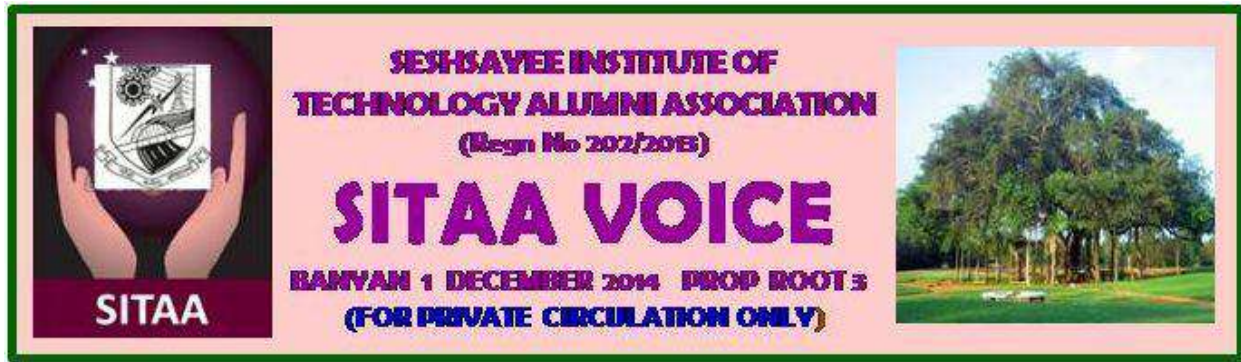
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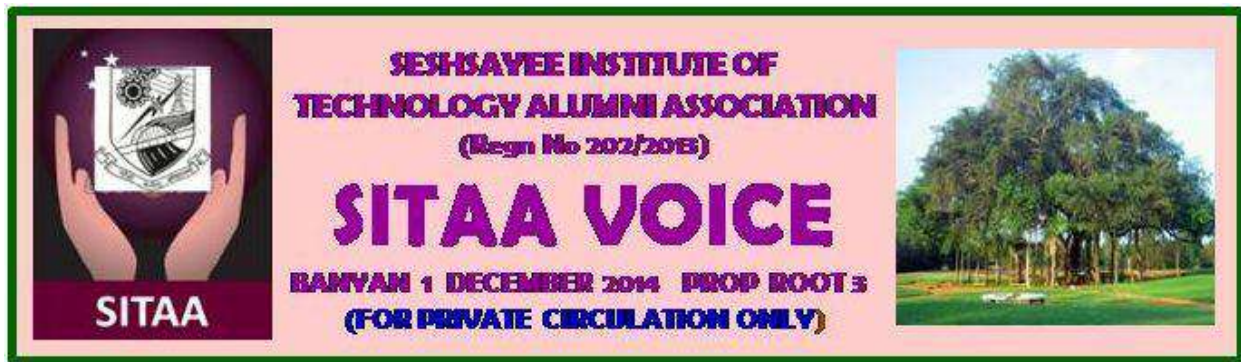


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It is worth mentioning that after the demise of Sri ANC, a thought was mooted out to establish a memorial endowment fund to perpetuate his memory. The organizers of this group came out spontaneously to donate liberal contribution being the balance of money collected for this reunion in full.



## The Dynamics of Corruption

P.SRINIVASAN (1981 Batch)

(Article submitted for Vigilance Week Celebrations in Railway in the year 2013)

The growth of corruption in Independent India over the past six decades is many-fold. Before suggesting ways and means to control or prevent corruption, it is better to understand the dynamics of corruption. For anything to happen in a systematic manner, the following elements are necessary.

There should be a need.

There should be a force to drive it.

There should be a system to sustain it.

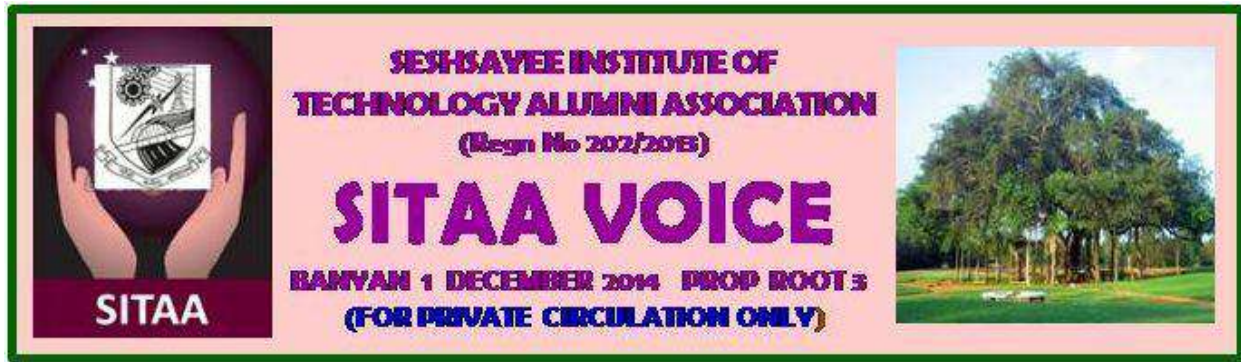
There should be benefits.

### The Need

We were only 30 crores when we were freed (or abandoned) by the British Rulers to govern ourselves. Now we have multiplied ourselves by four times without adding proportionally to our resources or employment opportunities, etc. In fact, the resources are on a depleting trend. Hence, there is a scramble among the masses to get their daily bread. To enforce order on such a crowd is impossible. There is a need for this crowd to break the queue and get their bread early. This is the "need" of the masses which fuel corruption. There is another "need" of the elite who have the responsibility to keep the order among masses. They know that it is difficult to keep the order and there is a lot of pressure to break the order. On the other side, this situation can be exploited and there is lot of money in it. As majority of the people involved in Governance, gain their positions for the purpose of power, this kind of exploitation is most welcome. There is one more need that is the need of the business community. It is convenient for the business community to break the order and get business through shortcuts that gives the business more stability and profitability. These three needs put together create an importance and necessity for a corrupt system to be in place.

### The Force

The force that drives the corrupt system is obviously money and the social status it can gain. People who indulge in corruption for the sake of earning their livelihood are negligible in numbers. Almost 99.9% of the corrupt indulge in corruption only out of greed. They want to gain a social importance or social status which they don't deserve in terms of their capabilities. For example, an ordinary Government Servant is forced to adopt an affluent life style – plush apartments, cars, etc. which only an executive can afford, because his peers have it. It will be pretty difficult for him to convince his family that honesty is more important than such a life style, because they see that people



who adopt such a life style are respected by the Society. Even if they get caught in the act and lose their jobs, their respect is retained by the money they already swindled. Very few get punished for being dishonest, whereas most of them get out of the clutches of law because of the very slow and lenient criminal justice system and lack of commitment on the part of law enforcing agencies.

### System

All of us know that the systems which cater to the corruption are stronger than the systems that counter corruption. Because systems that cater to corruption exist for thousands of years and were established by the basic human instinct of survival. Indian mythology and history are replete with treacherous, cunning and dishonest people who did anything to turn events according to their whims and fancies. Let it be "Shaguni" or "Manthara" or the hundreds of Indian Kings who rolled out a red carpet for British Rulers, all of them did so only to suit their personal needs.

Further, the corrupt lot also tries to bribe the Gods and atone their sins. You can straight way say that the major portion of Hundi collection in world renowned shrines come only from the donations of the corrupt. Both "Shiva" and "Vaishnava" spiritual history has stories about "Nayanmars" and "Alwars" who robbed people or the treasury to build temples. Their only purpose of indulging in such acts was to build temples and not to amass wealth. But the millionaires of the current era primarily rob only to amass wealth and donate only a meager part of it. Still they have a feeling that all their sins are atoned.

### Benefits

Benefits of a corrupt system for those indulge in corruption are obvious:

- High standard of living;
- Social status;
- Money Power to deal with issues and
- Support from powerful groups.

The only threat is the punitive action they have to face if they were caught in the act or framed into a case due to rivalry or dispute in sharing the loot. The present statute and the criminal justice system allow people to go unscathed if they are able to engage good lawyers. If you look at the conviction rate in corruption cases this will be evident.

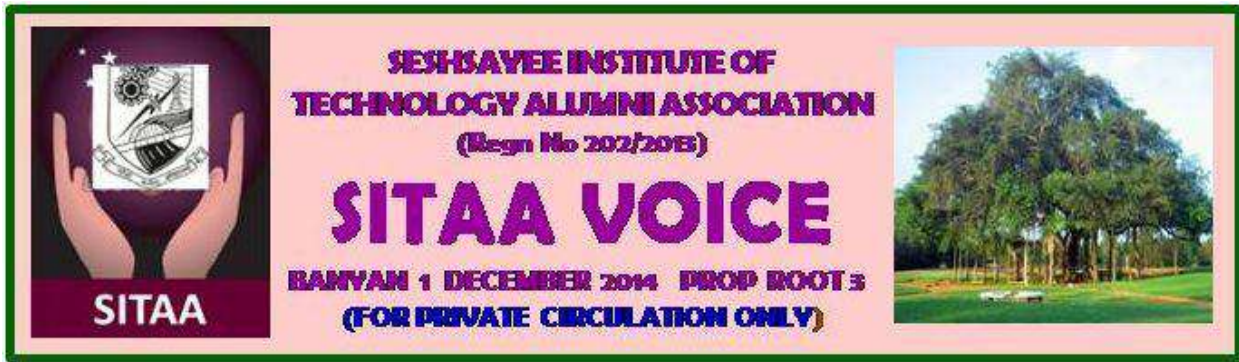
### Solution

The system dealing with corruption should become stronger than the systems that cater to corruption.

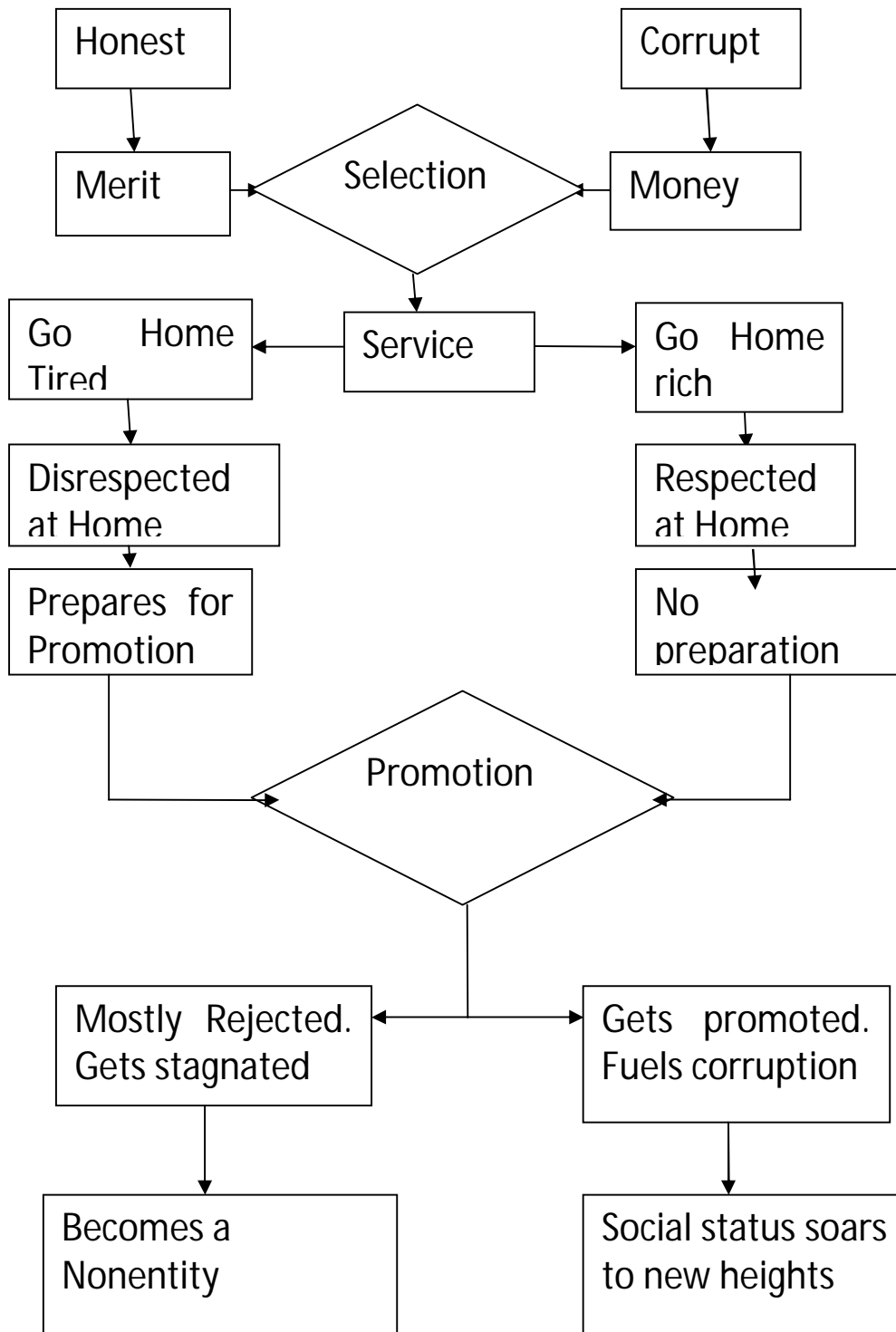
For designing such a system, there should be a committee of eminent public figures and lawyers who really care for the future of this nation. The presence of politicians and bureaucrats should be minimum in this Committee.

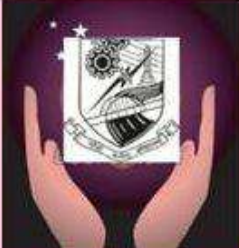

Like Election Commission, Central Vigilance Commission also should become independent and CBI should be brought under its control.

As people, we should stop respecting money and the status arising out of it. We should rather disrespect the corrupt and treat them like beggars.



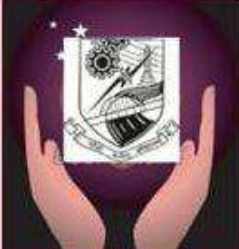

How a corrupt system operates is graphically depicted.





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**HAPPENINGS IN SIT.**

	<p>NSS Unit of SIT organized a blood donation camp on 24/11/14.</p>
	<p>IN-PLANT TRAINING for III Year Electrical and Electronics Engineering students was arranged DURING THE WINTER VACATION-2014</p>
	<p>Mr.V.G.Ravindhren, Lecturer(SG) HOD COMPUTER SCIENCE attended the following programmes:</p> <p>Three days FDP on "Information Storage Management" conducted by ICT Academy of Tamilnadu in association with EMC Corporation from 29/09/2014 to 01/10/2014 , held at MIET polytechnic college, Trichy</p> <p>UGC sponsored One week workshop on "Research Issues and Challenges in IoT on Cloud computing "from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore-14.</p> <p>"Further Education Leadership Development</p>

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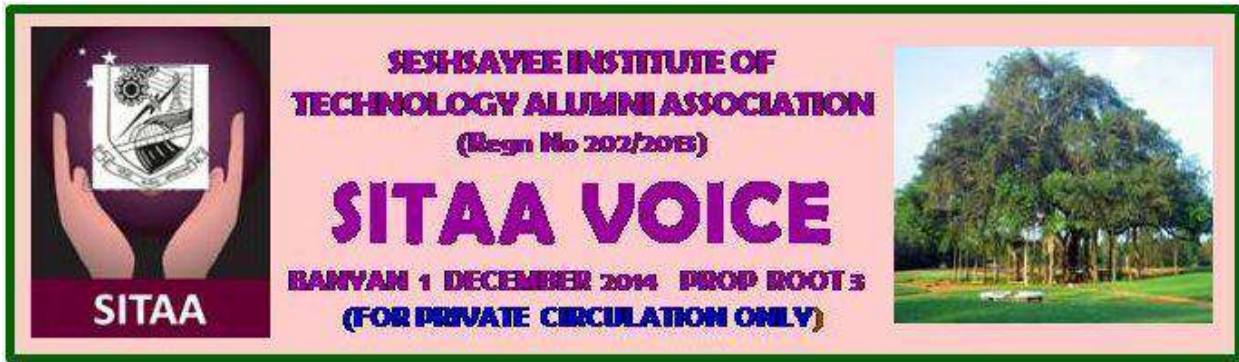
	<p>Programme (Phase-I) " , a UK India Education and Research Initiative(UKIERI), conducted by faculty of Dudley College, Dudley, UK at NITTR, Chennai from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014.</p> <p>. Mr.S.Vigneshwaran, Lecturer, attended 1 week "Train the trainers programme on Cloud Computing", sponsored by SPCU, DOTE, Chennai, at Karpagam Polytechnic College, Coimbatore from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.</p>
	<p>As per the AICTE recommendation a new course is introduced in the D-scheme curriculum of the department titled "Environmental Studies". As a part of the activities related to the subject Farmers day was celebrated by the IV Term Computer Engineering students.</p> <p>II year Students arranged Tree Sapling Plantation on 23/12/2014</p> <p>Principal, Vice Principal, HODs and faculties participated in the drive. Mr.S.Vigneshwaran, Lecturer/ Computer coordinated the activity.</p>

### ISO 9000 for SIT

I am glad to reproduce a message received from Sri.T.R.Sivaraman, Hon. Secretary of SIT to me on 1-1-2015

*"Greetings for the New Year 2015. I am very much pleased to inform you that SIT has received the ISO 9000:2008 certification On 30<sup>th</sup> December 14. It is an important mile stone in the History of SIT. I started the preliminary 18 months ago. We have appointed one Consultant from SQAM and entrusted the job of preparing SIT for the same. He has done a monumental job of coordinating the Principal and Staff at SIT, prepared the manuals of all departments and submitted the same to the final Audit. Many meetings were conducted and lots of preparations were made. Ist audit was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> December with some discrepancies noted. The second Audit was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> December. The Audit team complemented SIT staff and*





*observed that no major non conformances were noticed. They have given some minor suggestions. We hope to get the certificate in 15 days.*

*I wish to conduct a small function after receipt of the certificate and request you to be there as our well wisher and Patron.”*

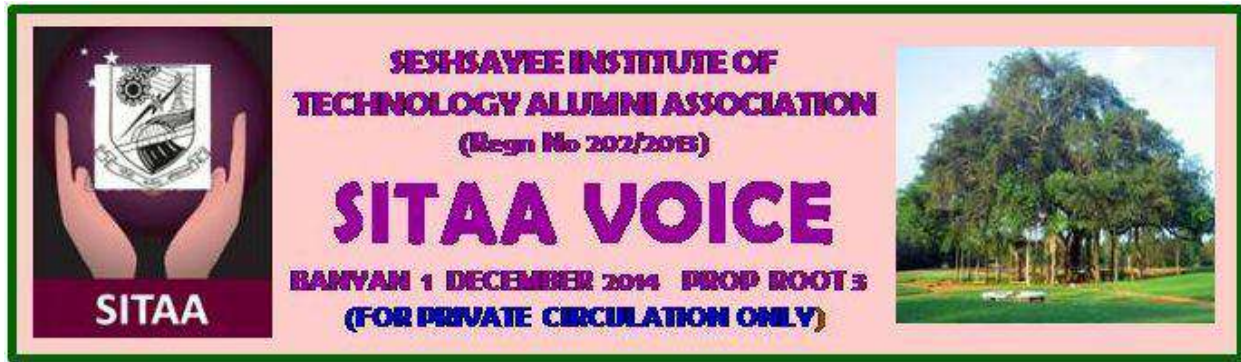
SITAA congratulates SIT for this achievement

**Benevolence- Gratitude - Dr. S.Sudharssanam**

Just a thought to ponder over

In the last issue of September 2014, I shared some thoughts on the life and munificence of Ms.Oseola McCarty, an illiterate, who donated a major chunk of her life's savings for Education. I am sure that article would have made an imprint on the readers. I read an article recently on the decisions taken by IIT Kharagpur Alumni Association, which I quote below.





“They pledged to donate Rs.1, 000/= per month or a percentage of their annual pay (minimum one percent) for the institution’s development. The funds will be used to assist with student participation in global events, giving financial aid to needy students, building student amenities or improving infrastructure, institutional development and brand building.” Their Alumni Affairs and International Relations cell enables a free flow of information and updates.

“The Institutional Development programme was launched to strengthen the domestic ranking of the institute as well as enhance their international image. Several alumni and non alumni members are involved in supporting growth plans and promoting the KGP brand.” The domestic and global chapters of IITs help in bringing back real-world knowledge and in uniting students of IIT. ....” (Courtesy- The New Indian Express dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013-Article Titled “INDIA’S FIRST TECH KID”)

May be SITians may take a leaf from the above to enhance participatory role of SITAA in the sustained development of SIT, for the years to come, with the intent of making SIT stand out from the crowd.

#### QUOTE OF THE ISSUE

“THE PROGRESSIVE WORLD IS NECESSARILY DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES: THOSE WHO TAKE THE BEST OF WHAT THERE IS AND ENJOY IT; AND THOSE WHO WISH FOR SOMETHING BETTER AND TRY TO CREATE IT” .

Florence Nightingale

**Let us all pray that SITAA becomes a vehicle for the latter.**

Dear Alumni, Please send your valuable experience / anecdotes / articles having compatibility to the news letter for publication in ensuing issues. Articles may be sent in MS Word format as an attachment by email to Sri.G.M.Rajendran, Secretary, SITAA – [gmsit@gmail.com](mailto:gmsit@gmail.com).

I record my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sri P.Srinivasan, Sri G.M.Rajendran, & Sri.S.Sangappillai, Principal, SIT for their unstinted supported and cooperation in releasing this issue.

Dr. S.Sudharssanam, Vice President, SITAA & Editor.

