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The Chancellor of SRM University with an award winning student on Research Day. Looking on are Dr. T.K. Chandrashekar, Secretary, Science and Engineering Research Board of the Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India and Dr. R.P. Sathyanarayanan, President of SRM University.



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Participants at the workshop

## Trouble Shooting and Repair of Electrical Appliances

### A Staff Reporter

The Department of EEE and IET, YPS Chennai network jointly conducted the community service programme on ‘Trouble Shooting and Repair of Electrical Appliances’ recently. Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Professor and Head, Dept of EEE, welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Rathinam gave the inaugural address. About 35 participants from various

schools, colleges attended the programme and got benefited. The participants were from various places like Potheri, Kattankulathur, Guduvancheri, Maraimalainagar, Kelambakkam and Sholinganalur.

The workshop’s main objective was to educate the participants about the trouble shooting of the home appliances like food mixer, ceiling fan, iron box and air conditioner. Practical

session was conducted post lunch to demonstrate the causes of fault in the home appliances. The session ended with certificate distribution by Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Professor and Head, Dept of EEE. Feedback from the participants was overwhelming and they requested the coordinators Ms. J. Divyanavamani and Ms. A. Lavanya to conduct many such programmes in the future.

## MoU with Alumni

### Staff Reporter

Mr. Jayadev Mahalingam an alumni and his brainchild ‘PiQube’ has established “Big Data Analytics Research Centre (BDARC)” in collaboration with SRM at Department of Software Engineering for the advancement of teaching, research and graduate education. An MoU was signed recently at PayPal, Chennai.

Mr. Jayadev Mahalingam studied Bachelor of Engineering in the Mechanical Engineering during the year 2004 from SRM. Now he is the Founder and CEO of the

‘PiQube’ Chennai and Fellow in the Startup Leadership Program in Chennai.

This Research Centre will primarily focus on research in the areas of Big Data, Analytics, Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing. Students selected to be part of this elite research group will be subjected to comprehensive real world problems involving all the above technologies. They will be trained and guided by industry experts who are employees at PiQube to give them the exposure and edge that employers crave for today.



Mr. Jayadev Mahalingam with the Director of Engineering and Technology and other participants at the MoU ceremony

## A peek at the outside industry

### A Staff Writer

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering along with the support from SRM University conducted a two day intense workshop on the subject Advanced Power Electronic Converters and its Control Techniques for Renewable Energy Systems.

The workshop was attended by over 120 participants from various colleges across the state.

The workshop was inaugurated by Mr Johnson Varghese, Managing Director – Wind operations, Asia-Pacific, Sun Edition India Pvt, Ltd.

The session was followed by

Mr S. Vinod, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE, Jerusalem College of Engineering who gave a lecture on Matrix converter and its control techniques. After which Mr S. Kumaravel, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE, NIT – Calicut gave a presentation on Integration of Res with Micro grid.

Mr Nivas, Associative Director, Steinbeis Solar Research Center on Practical Integration of Solar Inverter to the Grid gave an informative session.

Day Two saw a practical session on Power Converters Controllers Design and Various MPPT Implementation using D-Space under the professional guidance of Mr M S Kamelesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics

Engineering, Kongu Engineering College Erode.

Mr C Bharatiraja, Assistant Professor, Department of Electricals and Electronics Engineering, SRM University lectured on PWM Implementation for Z Source Inverters followed by Mr G Rajaganesan, Director-Technical Operations, Solar Division, VATIO Energy India Pvt, Ltd., successfully captured the attention of the participants on RES’s of Micro Grids.

The successful workshop ended with Mr H S Sagar and Mr Hariharan, Applications Engineer, Tektronix India Pvt, Ltd., by giving a live real time demo on Results Measurement using DSO and Power Analyser.

The session was ended with certificate distribution by Dr.

K. Vijayakumar, Professor and Head, department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. The worthy feedback from the participants was overwhelming

and they requested the coordinators Mr. C. Bharatiraja and Mr. S. Raghu to conduct sequence workshop in the future.



Participants at the two day intense seminar





Dr. Chandrashekar addressing the gathering on Research Day and a snapshot faculty members, research scholars, under-graduate and post graduate students receiving awards from the Chief Guest, Chancellor and President.

# SRM University Celebrates Research Day

*Research is not Just for Professors; It is for Everyone... Chancellor*

## A Staff Writer

Maintaining that Research has an important career with incentives, the Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Board of the Dept. of Science and Technology, Dr. T.K. Chandrashekar, argued that research and development efforts over the last two decades are paying dividends, especially in the realm of the health sector in India.

"Research and development activities may not yield results the next day but over a period of time it offers hope... the quality of life has gone up" Dr. Chandrashekar said while delivering the Chief Guest Address at SRM University's Research Day celebrations. "No country can survive without research and development. Things have changed. The gap between the developed and developing countries is shrinking. And this is because of Research".

"In India we have reached the stage when we have enough money for Research" the top DST official said making the

point that the Government of India has set apart substantial money for Research and Development that includes funding and setting up new research institutes. Dr. Chandrashekar complimented SRM University for coming up with the unique "Research Day". "Inter-disciplinary research is the mantra of the day. SRM is the right place. You have the diversity" Dr. Chandrashekar said.

Picking on the theme of quality versus quantity, the President of SRM University Dr. P. Sathyanarayanan said that research should be all pervasive with a definite accent on quality and quality publications in high impact factor journals. "It is not the quantity that matters" the President said making the point SRM University has a separate Research Directorate with a concentration on Research.

"Research should become a habit be it in school or in higher education. It should be inculcated in you", the President remarked stressing that SRM University has created a platform for faculty and students in the promotion of research activities. "Research should be

all pervasive in an institution", he said. "Always question what, why and how", the President of SRM University said.

"Without Research no country can develop" the Chancellor of SRM University, Dr. Paari Vendhar, said while announcing that SRM University is setting up a separate laboratory for Research in association with SIEMENS where researchers and students will be encouraged to work in diverse areas. "Research sharpens your knowledge and we have a long way to go" the Chancellor said. "Research is not just for the Professor. Everyone must have the habit of doing Research" he added. "Research is about asking questions. At SRM University, aside from granting degrees, we bring out the skills and talents of the student community" he said making the point that one would have to get away from the mindset of memorizing, writing examinations, getting degrees and still struggling for a job. The Chancellor held out the expectation that the University can contribute 10,000 researched publications in scholarly journals in the next two years.

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-Dr. Chandrashekar

As many as 121 projects with a total outlay of about Rs 53 crores from various funding agencies are being currently implemented at SRM University; in the last few years nearly 4400 papers have been published in national and international journals with nearly 1050 research scholars pursuing their Ph.D program in the University.

Earlier welcoming the gathering the Director of Research, Dr. Narayana Rao talked of science

as a "limitless ladder" with science and technology being the "driving force" of India. Arguing that SRM provided limitless opportunities in the realm of research, Dr. Rao called on the teaching and research community to "come out with a challenging project".

Dr. Kasmir Raja, Dean of Research, proposed the vote of thanks.





## My Incomplete Dream

**Nivedta Paul**

I have always dreamt of becoming a Flight Attendant and I was lucky enough to score a job with a domestic airline carrier. That was the best thing I have ever done and experienced, it was once in a lifetime achievement and I am proud to say that I was a member of aviation industry. Every flight is a challenge and every destination can be a is different as you would like it to be. You can bid for whatever destination you would like to go every month. If travel is important to you this is a good way to do it. Unwillingly I had to leave the job; it was like heartbreak as I loved my job. You work at all hours and in unsociable hours but it is a unique experience and I would surely become a stewardess if I were to be born again. I am glad to have followed my childhood dream to become an AIR HOSTESS as flying is an addiction.

It's not a job for everyone if you are into money and ambition and career in the narrow sense of the word; a flight attendant

job is not for you otherwise if you value the lifestyle then it is a great job. Be aware that it is one of the most sought after jobs. Responsible for everything inside the aircraft, listen to and answer questions, report passengers, medical emergencies, lost and found articles and conditions of cabin equipments. You have to be prepared to save lives as well as you have to be mentally prepared that passengers don't always survive no matter how hard you try. You may have to fight a fire or prepare for a landing, and control an evacuation in the middle of the ocean. If you are calm under pressure then this job will be great.

It is not as glamorous as some make this out to be. This amount of travel up there in the skies makes one imposed to certain type of radiation. Sometimes, it's really not worth. Besides one can't do this job forever. It's horrible as you have to work ridiculous hours, fly up and down seeing nothing but airports, have no life, nobody acknowledges your existence, nothing but rude inconsiderate and nasty passengers who think

you are slaves to serve them as you get paid. You will be away from home; it can be isolating and quite lonely at times. Some day can be extremely long 12-14 hours on your feet in the air, it is both a physically and mentally demanding job, passengers see you as glamorous waitress. Family and love life is a real challenge, you rarely eat a nice home-cooked meal or be with close friends.

Out of all the odds needless to say; yes this job is what you make it. As a flight attendant you have the opportunity to see the world. Travelling for work, unlimited travel for pleasure on your time off, you will never work on monotonous 9 to 5 shifts, everyday is different with new destination and the thought of you might not return alive makes it all the more adventurous and excited. You meet new people from different parts of the world. Last but not the least you can have your breakfast in New York City, dinner in Miami, and shop in Seattle, the next day if you are lucky and have seniority it might be Paris, Hongkong or Dubai.

## Mathematical Techniques and their Applications

**A Staff Reporter**

A two-day National Conference on Mathematical Techniques and their Applications (NCMTA-2015) was organized by the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, SRM University. The Conference was inaugurated, by Dr. S. M. Amuthan, Deputy General Manager (Operations), Chennai Metro Rail Ltd. He appreciated the role of Mathematicians, as the mathematical formulae are being used in all real world situations, in particular, in the running of Metro trains. The function was presided over by the Controller of Examinations, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, who felicitated the efforts of the staff of the department for organizing such Conferences every year.

On the first day, there were two invited talks by eminent mathematicians Dr. R. Sahadevan, RIASM, Chennai and Dr. Debanik

Roy, Scientist, Bhaba Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai. Those invited talks were thought provoking, illustrative and a fusion to the minds of researchers. About 33 paper presentations took place by the delegates hailed from various parts of our country, in multiple streams of mathematics such as Fluid Dynamics, Fuzzy Techniques, Graph Theory, Algebra, Analysis and Management Science.

On the second day, two invited talks were delivered by Erudite scholars, Dr. P. Veeramani, IIT Madras and Dr. Tamizhmani, Pondicherry University, who highlighted the importance of amalgamation of Algebra, Classical Analysis and their applications. About 22 delegates presented their papers and there was also an exchange of ideas knowledge sharing and suggestions between the participants and chairs.



*Release of the Proceedings of 7th National Conference organized by Department of Mathematics*

## Self branding-A strategy for being successful!



*Prof. Abraham Koshy*

**A Staff Writer**

Living Legend - Professor of Marketing, IIM Ahmedabad and the Co-Author of the Best Selling Book "Marketing Management"-A South Asian perspective authored by Philip Kotler, Abraham Koshy, Kevin Lane Keller & Mithileshwar Jha was at SRM University, to address the Management

students and Faculty members. His session was on Self Branding as a strategy to achieve heights of success. He motivated the students to do a self analysis and follow a 3C concept. Choice, Commitment and being Current are the mantras of being successful. His experience and association with Dalailama gave a lot of insight to the students. Learning, abstracting, synthesizing and utilizing the input to discover new creative ideologies is when the networking of Brain is displayed. Google can give information and information is not knowledge. Professor Abraham Koshy infused into the students that Phenomenal networking of brain

is reflected when there is synthesis of knowledge and Time spent on Social networking cannot dawn on such a genre. He did awaken the students on the path they need to take.

Thoughtful and intellectual Student interactions on product launches, Marketing strategies, Marketing Philosophies and product failures etc., reflected their interest, curiosity and passion for Marketing during the Question-Answer session. On his concluding remarks - the Guest remarked that he was happy interacting with the students of SRM and it was Awesome! ..as he put it!



# Butterflies' 2015

## A day to cherish

**Shruthi Vatsyayani  
Bipul Lohia**

Happiness increases manifold when shared with others. With the intention of bringing happiness to under privileged students, Butterflies' 2015, a pre-Milan event was hosted this year. The event involved the participation of 12 schools located from in and around Kancheepuram district.

The event was presided over by Dr. S. Ponnuswamy, Controller of Examinations. About 596 students and 56 faculty members attended the proceedings. The University arranged for transportation as well as food for the students. 'Butterflies' started off with track and field events such as 100m, 200m and 400m for both boys and girls followed by a sack race for boys. Other events like Essay writing, Speech competition, Science Exhibition, along with special events like Memory game,



Quiz, and Drawing were also conducted. The 'Dental and Health check-up' provided for the students at the Auditorium lobby and Dental College comprised a key section of the event.

Post lunch, a dance competition was organized which encompassed energetic performances put up by students from various schools. The event concluded with the valedictory ceremony during which the winners- Kattankulathur Government School (1st prize) and Nandivaram Girls Higher Secondary School (2nd prize) were announced.



## An Enlightening Science Camp

**Niharica Pingala  
Satamitra Ghosh Dastidar**

"Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)" is a program designed to communicate to the youth of the country the avenues for the creative pursuit of science, to attract talent to the study of science at an early age and to build the required critical human resource pool for strengthening and expanding the Science and Technology system and Research and Development base. The Department of Physics and Nanotechnology hosted the DST INSPIRE Science Camp 2014 at SRM University from the 27th to 31st December, 2014. The camp was attended by students from 52 schools, and faculty members.

The convener, Dr. D. John Thiruvadigal spoke about DST and its contribution towards social development. He also

talked about highlights including Active Learning Laboratories, the visit to Madras Atomic Power Station, Kalpakkam etc. Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Director Engineering and Technology, spoke of the advancements made in the science and technology sectors. An educational CD – Lecture series of Richard Feynman was released as a part of his presidential address.

The Chief Guest for the event Dr. Gangan Prathap, Outstanding Scientist, NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram briefed those in attendance about three factors - evidence, reasoning and logic which were preached and followed by Gautama Buddha in India during 500 BC. Prof. D. Narayana Rao, Director Research, interacted with the students and encouraged them to learn from the eminent mentors present at the science camp to serve people at all levels of society.

## The Mother in a family

**Shruti Ganesh  
Yazhini**

The SRM Medical College was teeming with students, professors and medical experts from the 21st – 24th of January for the 58th All India Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AICOG) Workshop. The national level workshop, consisting of delegates from various states such as Bihar, Assam, Orissa and Tamil Nadu was hosted by SRM University for the first time.

Training sessions for 600 students were conducted at two venues - Simulation Centre

and T.P Ganesan Auditorium in six stations namely, Loading Inotropes, Ultrasound in Obstetric Emergencies, CVP Access, Hemodynamic Monitoring, Basic airway Management, CPR & AED

The workshop was chaired by Dr. K Sridhar, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Medical) who expressed his views on Maternal Health and stressed the importance of the role of a mother in a family. Dr. Rajanarasingha Rao, Critical Care Consultant of GVR/EMRI 108 services, Hyderabad discussed the importance of 108 Ambulance services and insisted

that basic life support training should be given to all medical & paramedical professionals.

Dr. Mahendran, Critical Care Consultant of SIMS enlightened the audience on oxygen delivery and devices in Obstetrics emergencies. Dr. Kurian Joseph, Chairman of the AICOG 2015 congratulated the delegates for the overwhelming response.

The afternoon session consisted of the much awaited SimWars and prizes were awarded to the winners. Dr. Karthiga Prabhu, thanked the administrators for their guidance and support throughout the event.



Delegates at the AICOG workshop at SRM Medical College.





*The visiting Delegation with SRM University faculty and students*

# The Korean Connection

**Razaq Saheel  
Shubham Sahu**

SRM University is riding a wave of international popularity with multiple MOUs being signed recently with reputed foreign Universities for cross-country educational and cultural exchanges. Hannam University (HNU), located in South Korea, is one such international partner who has made use of their relationship with SRM to introduce their students and faculty to India for the first time.

Responding to a request made by the Korean University, SRM agreed to host a contingent of six professors and twenty-seven students from January 12th to February 6th. HNU wanted not just a detailed experience of classroom practices and teaching methods followed in Indian institutions but also a cultural tour of India. "What makes this event different from all the other exchange programs and SAPs is the fact that this has been customized to meet all their specific requirements.

This is a new experience and has turned out to be highly educative for both sides." Says Mr. Siva Subramanian, International Relations Manager.

Officially termed as the 'HNU-SRM Linton Global Leadership Meet', the collaboration has been a multi-department effort as SRM has taken the visiting students and faculty through a meticulously planned study schedule that centers on Computer Science concepts, Entrepreneurship and Leadership skills, coordinated

by the School of Management. They have also been treated to a tour of Tamil Nadu to showcase its rich culture and its heritage sites, a program that also had them participating in the recent Pongal celebrations. Don Lee, a student of HNU appreciated the teaching standards maintained and found India very fascinating. "We have weekend trips where we visit nearby tourist spots and so far India has been quite interesting and fun." he said. SRM University has also provided the Korean

students with student companions to promote understanding and relations.

The connection with South Korea strengthened even more when popular band 'N-Sonic' from the country were invited to perform during Milan'15 which was also attended by the South Korean Counsel General Mr. Kyungsoo Kim and his wife, capping off a memorable collaboration that is set to continue for years to come.

## RoboBoat and Humanoid take Innovation to the Next Level

**Khushboo Agarwal  
Nandita Adityan**

A marketing and innovation expo - Bazaar 2014, organized by the Faculty of Management at SRM University saw many teams from Faculty of Engineering showcase their innovation, bridging the gap between practical and theoretical approach. Out of all the exhibits displayed, SRM RoboBoat and SRM Team Humanoid bagged first and second prize for innovation respectively.

The team RoboBoat aims at participating in the 8th Annual International RoboBoat Competition to be held in 2015, a race through an aquatic obstacle course. The team led by Simran Pal Singh, is striving towards building an autonomous vehicle, which can be used for Nautical Surveillance and also as

a water cleaning vehicle. Also, the RoboBoat team has been instrumental in the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan" initiated by our Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi by using their ASV to clean a water pond.

On the other side of our campus, the Humanoid Team is building biped and full humanoid to participate in the most coveted Robotics Challenge, DARPA and subsequently in RoboGames to be held in May 2015. SRM Team Humanoid has been successful in making the tallest biped (88.5 cm) walk about 8 steps in 90 seconds. One of the two official humanoid teams in India, this team, led by Hari Krishnan and Vikram Kumar, has a vision to put India as a forerunner in the field of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

## Young wits shine at JNU

**Kavya Jayanthan  
Shruti Ganesh**

Fourth year students from the Department of Biotechnology - Ajeetha Ramachandran, Keerthana Rajendran and Vishal Mohanakrishnan, under the guidance of Dr. N.Selvamurugan, at the Tissue Engineering and Cancer research laboratory (TECRL) were recently awarded 'The Best Oral Presentation Award' at the 5th International Conference on Stem cells and Cancer, held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

The topic of their presentation, 'A Network of MicroRNAs of Differentiation of Mesenchymal Stem Cells towards Osteoblasts' focused mainly on the study of the expression of MSC specific and osteoblast specific miRNAs and their functional role during stem cell differentiation towards

osteoblast. The study was funded by The Indian Council of Medical Research, India.

The major aims of the study included the manipulation of cells, to conduct an intensive study at the miRNA level and also to find an answer to all bone disorders and defects.

The Conference was graced by several international attendees along with a distinguished panel of judges from Poland and Auckland among others.

"As B.Tech students, our study was very well-received by the audience and the judges. In a sea of elite researchers and scholars, we were praised for being able to present it credibly and answer queries precisely during the Questionnaire round" said Ajeeta.

Along with them was the poster group comprising of

Sainitya.R, Kalyana Raman.V and Sriram.M. The poster presented by Sainitya.R, which secured the 'Travel Award' focused on Biomaterials. The main topic of the poster was 'Effect of Mesoporous Wollastonite on Mesenchymal Stem Cells: A Molecular Study'.

"The crowd was surprised by the amount of results discussed by us and attacked us with questions which were met with accurate answers. We received a lot of appreciation and encouragement." said Sainitya when asked about the crowd response.

When asked about what advice they would they give to juniors who aspire to go down the line of research, they advised them to start on their projects early and pursue their interests with confidence.





# Pongal-O-Pongal...!

**Gaurav Sinha  
Vaibhav Sharma  
Tuhina Das**

Keeping in lieu with the traditions of South India, the annual Pongal Fest, Tharigida 'Thai' Koothu, was held in campus in the month of January. This occasion saw members of the SRM family revel in the festivities and come together as one to celebrate the onset of the harvest season.



The program started with the Pongal Preparation event where the students cooked the traditional dish under the guidance of the Chief Guest for the event, Mrs. Sathya Priya, warden of the girls' hostel. Following this, a Kabaddi competition was held which saw the team of 'SRM RIDERS' from the BCA department clinch the top spot after seeing off all challengers. A Rangoli competition was also organized where the first prize was won by the M.Tech (Embedded Systems) team of Rijin, Joel, Janani and Divya. Several varieties of traditional dances such as Kummidi, Karagaattam and Kuli Attam were also performed. "We are very pleased by the turnout for our event," said Vignesh.B, who alongside Sathyaraj organized the fest. "It is heartening to see everyone celebrate Pongal together in such a manner as festivals



*Cutting across disciplines, SRM University celebrated Pongal with gusto and along traditional lines. Here, a glimpse of the joyous environment.*

are meant to bring people closer." After the festivities, the participants were treated to a display of Silambattam which was presided over by the cast of the Vijay TV serial

'Office'. The various events and the enthusiasm of both the participants and the audience ensured that the beginning of the New Year was an auspicious one.





# MILAN'15

## 100 hours to the World Record

**Aashish Boddeti**  
**Kavya Jayanthan**  
**Tuhina Das**  
**Satyaki Ganguly**

Milan-15', the annual national cultural and sports fest of SRM University, sponsored by The Hindu, is best described as a vibrant and popular platform to foster social and cultural exchange among the student community. The fest was held from 28th of January to the 1st of February under the supervision of Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA). More than 100 colleges from around the country participated in the festival making it a spectacle for all to savour.

The inaugural function was presided over by Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical), Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. P. K. A. Muneeswaran, Director, Students Affairs and Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Director (E&T). Celebrities like the popular choreographer, Kala Master and cinematographer, Mr. U. K. Senthil Kumar also graced the event with their presence. Dr Sridhar, the Pro vice Chancellor of SRM Medical College, during the welcome address, mentioned the need to bring out more creative ideas. He also pointed out that student initiatives in various arenas would aid the university in reaching new heights and that these cultural exchanges should also become a regular feature in SRM.

A plethora of events were conducted during the 100 continuous hours of the fest which saw active participation by students and faculty alike. The daredevil bikers wowed the crowd with their stunts. This was closely followed by a music show amplified by performances by the Korean-Pop band N-Sonic who surprised the audience with a Bollywood track as part of their vibrant concert. On the 29th of January, many bands from different parts of Chennai participated in "The Battle of the Bands". The Battle of Bands comprised of two parts- Eastern and Western music. Our very own SRM Music band - Sparsh, won in the Eastern music criteria.

The Environment and Sports domains stood out in the average footfall statistics with Pricey Papyrus and Milan 6's being the show stealers. With a record breaking common registration figure of 10000+ a very happy Arghya Sen, Organiser of Registration Milan '15, said, "The hard work has paid off and the total credit goes to the organising team of Milan, right from the Convener to the Volunteer". As Alisha Aman, Organiser of the Environment Domain, remarked, "We should never rest on our laurels, let us strive to get better each day". At the end of 100 hours of the energetic fest, one could only hope for an even bigger and better Milan-16'.











A group of students enjoying the festival

## Spirits Soar High at the Kite Festival

Kavya Jayanthan  
Satyaki Ganguly

A Kite festival conducted by Aaruush and The Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) was recently held at the Auditorium grounds. The DSA organized the initiative as a pre-Milan event.

The festival which marked the auspicious day of Makar Sankranti, was met with enthusiastic participation. Makar Sankranti, which is celebrated in almost all parts of India in various forms, is a harvest festival. It marks the transition of the Sun into the zodiac sign of Makara Rashi (Capricorn) on its celestial path. In Gujarat, the major kite festival is known as 'Uttarayan' and receives widespread participation both nationally and internationally. Also, it is celebrated in Tamil Nadu as Pongal, which spans over a period of four days. "The Kite Festival, being an

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important part of Sankranti festivities was held so as to coincide with the auspicious day of Pongal. In Gujarat, the kite festival is one of the most awaited events in Sankranti celebrations. We hoped that it would bring about a spirit of unity and excitement among the students.” said Lakhan Patel of final year, Mechatronics, who

was among the main organizers.

The festival saw large numbers attend on both days as one could see the colorful kites floating about in the sky. Smiles adorned the faces of the students who participated as they tugged at the strings of their kites, welcoming the New Year as colorfully as possible.

## Shoulder To Shoulder Chefs – Young Chefs Development Program

Staff Writer

IFCA Young Chefs Forum in association with SRM Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology have come together to host "Shoulder to Shoulder With Chefs" – Young Chefs Development Program.

This exciting event was designed to help students of culinary education & young chefs to meet executive chefs of several leading hotels under one roof.

The event was seen as a great opportunity for students and young chefs to nurture them by imparting key skills & basic techniques required to shine in the profession. It can be also considered as a learning lab to help them prepare better to take on the professional mantle comfortably. This forum will definitely act as a stepping stone to elevate the culinary standards of the country.

The one day event saw lectures on global culinary trends, cultural background of a global cuisine,

panel discussions, gourmet quiz, Q&A session & much more. All participants received certificate for participation. Executive chefs of leading hotels across Chennai were a part of this culinary event.

The following industry experts graced this prestigious event & make this forum a learning hub Chef Manjit Singh Gill, Corporate Chef, ITC Hotels Mr. Hidehiro Ishiura ( Director General of JETRO) Chef Dr.Chef Soundararajan, Corporate Executive Chef, IFCA, Mahindra Holidays & Resorts India Ltd

Chef Vijaya Baskaran is the Head of F&B operations and Executive Chef at Le Meridien Bengaluru, and President of Bengaluru Chapter IFCA Southern region.

It's a great opportunity for all the young chefs to meet who's who of the industry who have achieved several milestones in their respective fields & also a great source of inspiration for all aspiring chefs.



The Director of FSH Dr.R.Balasubramani giving Mr.Gill a memento. At left is Dr. Antony Ashok Kumar, Director of Hotel Management

## A Course on Power System State Estimation

Staff Writer

A four day short term course on "Power System State Estimation", was organized by the Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering in association with IET SRM Student chapter, recently. Dr.R.Jegatheesan and

Mrs.J.Preetha Roselyn were the co-ordinators for the programme. Dr.K.Vijayakumar welcomed the gathering and explained the objectives of course which was mainly focused on state estimation, network observability and optimal PMU placement. Also he briefed about the IET student

chapter and student members benefits. Around 31 external and 30 internal participants from different institutions have participated in the workshop. Dr.C.Kaliaperumal, Chief Engineer/operation, TNEB, Chennai was the chief guest for the function and delivered the

inaugural address and released the workshop handouts. Useful lectures have been delivered by the keynote speakers as follows: "Online load dispatching" by Dr.C.Kaliaperumal, "Network observability" by Dr.C.Kumudini Devi, Prof/EEE, Anna University, "State estimation in Energy management systems" by Dr.Shanti Swarup, Professor/EEE, IIT, Chennai, "State estimation - an illustration", "State Estimation in DC and AC systems", "Optimal PMU placement in large scale systems"

by Dr.R.Jegatheesan, Professor/EEE, SRM University. Hands-on training on power system state estimation have been introduced to the candidates during lab sessions. The course also consists of a field visit to TNEB load dispatch centre, Chennai. The session was ended with feedback session and valedictory function, Dr.K.Vijayakumar, HOD/EEE distributed the certificates to the participants and the programme ended up with National Anthem.





The Chancellor Dr. Paari Vendhar with visiting delegates and senior dignitaries at the function.

## ‘An SRM-SAE Production’

**Sanika Lakshman**

AMoU was signed between SRM Sivaji Ganesan Film Institute and SAE Institute Australia at Vadapalani campus. This collaboration with the Australian institute, an initiative by Mr. Prabakaran M, is the first of its kind for

the Sivaji Ganesan Film Institute. The ceremony commenced with the welcome address delivered by Mr. Kartar Singh (Director of International Relations). Dr. T.R. Paarivendhar (Chancellor, SRM University), Mr. Sean Kelly (Consul General of Australia-South India) and Dr. Balasubramanian (Director of Faculty of Science and Humani-

ties) addressed the gathering, speaking about the program and their future endeavors. Renowned Film Director Mr. S.P. Muthuraman and Mr. Ram Kumar Sivaji Ganesan (Managing Director, Sivaji productions) graced the occasion with their presence. The MoU was signed by Dr. S. Ponnusamy (Controller of examinations, SRM University)

and Mr. Vivek Ponnusamy (International Marketing Manager, SAE Institute Australia).

SAE institute, with 53 campuses in 27 countries, offers government accredited certificates, diplomas, and bachelors' degrees across 6 disciplines, namely animation, audio, design, filming, games, web and

mobile. Students can now gain global exposure necessary for a successful career in the form of exchange programs as well as projects and training during the course of their degree in Film Technology. This program also provides a platform for cross-cultural exchanges amongst students.

## Challenges in the IT Sectors

**Staff Reporter**

The Department of Computer Applications (UG & PG) and Department of Computer Science organized a National Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology (NCCTIT 2015). The primary objective of the conference was to bring together academicians, researchers and industry experts to share their experience in the recent developments of IT sectors for the National growth.

Dr. R. Balasubramanian, Director (FS & H) in his presidential address stressed the importance of information technology in the day-to-day life. He has advised the participants and students to take up innovative projects for solving practical problems arising in real life situations. He has also stated that liberal financial assistance for supporting innovative projects

taken by the students.

Mr. P.S. Praveen Shankar, One of the VIP alumni members of our MCA program, Associate Vice President, MAPLES Imaging Pvt Ltd, Chennai, narrated the challenges existing in IT sectors and cautioned the students to prepare themselves for successful career in the coming years to come.

Mr. Purushothaman, Senior Director, NASSCOM, in his key note address gave the full scenario of IT sector in India and its share in Indian's economic development. The participant students have interacted with him with reference to the current problems in IT sector and it's important on the career growth of youngsters.

There were two technical sessions in which research papers relating to the areas like Cloud Computing, Business

Intelligence, Green Computing, Adhoc Network, Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems, Image Processing were presented by the students. Most of the research papers concentrated on the topics like Network Security and Handling of e-wastages.

The discussions among the participants in respect of the research paper were fruitful and many young researchers were confident that they can make improvement in their research work.

Dr. Ananthi, Head, Department of Network Systems and Information Technology, AC College of Technology Campus, University of Madras, Chennai, has given a detailed talk on Adhoc Network and many researchers interacted with her.

Dr. J. Jothikumar, Associate Dean (FS & H), mentioned the importance of deep learning,



The Director of FSH (Middle) watches the Chief Guest receiving a memento from the Head of the MCA Department.

which is essential for academic and career growth.

Mr. Sridhar Pandurangiah, Director – Engineering, Sastra Technologies Pvt Ltd, Chennai, in his valedictory address presented

the importance of research in IT related. He also spoke of the advantages of certain areas in IT, which has potential applications in Healthcare and Hospitality sectors.



## Merrytrips – Service by the Students, for the Students

Zafar Faraz

Merrytrips.com is a ride-sharing entrepreneurship endeavour initiated by Arvind Choudhary (4th year Mechanical Engineering student from SRM), Nirav Devpura (DIICT, Ahmedabad) and a team of five students scattered over SRM University.

Arvind is candid about the growing issues facing students seeking cost-effective transportation. “Sometimes you have to drop your plans to travel to the city due to lack of transportation, crowded trains, lack of availability of cabs or due to the burden of its cost, especially during the festive season. Merrytrips proposes an efficient alternative to travel at a much more affordable rate - Ride-Sharing.” Ride-Sharing issues cabs for multiple passengers travelling to the same destination around the same time, reducing costs significantly.

The idea that has been in the

pipeline for two and half years was finally implemented four months back. The venture was chosen as one of the top five start-ups by the ‘I-Create’ cell of the Gujarat government and was among the most inspiring start-ups of India in 2015. Further, the team has been interviewed recently by CNBC TV-18. The website is quickly gaining traffic and has plans of expanding to about six universities in Chennai and subsequently to cities such as Hyderabad and Pune.

Merrytrips claims to offer a different sphere of service compared to existing ventures. It’s prime and exclusive customer base comprises of college students. Merrytrips has served as travel partner to SRM fests such as Bioyatra, E-cell (AISEC) etc. Cabs provided to Merrytrips customers belong exclusively to OLA cabs. The site has targeted the most frequently visited location by SRM students and intends to gradually expand its target locations. To avail Merrytrips services, simply visit their website -[www.merrytrips.in](http://www.merrytrips.in)



## When Nostalgia Knocks

Vaishali Suresh

Four years seem like a long time, but the amazing paradox here is that time flies with the blink of an eye. Looking around today, I see how different things are as compared to that first semester. It seems like yesterday when I stepped into the campus for the very first time as a student, clinging onto a couple of fellow freshmen whom I had acquainted myself with. Most of our energy was spent on wiping the clueless looks off our faces- lest some senior should spot us!

The University has been home to numerous students. No

matter how many complaints each one of us has had over the years about college and the city itself, everyone is going to miss this place. All of us have had our share of lacklustre days but the days packed with fun easily outweigh the former. Aaruush, Milan, Holi, Diwali, New Years, Pongal— there is a myriad of occasions where the entire campus comes together to celebrate. The joy within a classroom is another integral element that’s unparalleled; rushing to class just as the bell rings, nagging the professors to end a lecture ten minutes early. Any extended weekend would find the student population

distributed over the distance between the heart of Chennai and Pondicherry. The memories are plenty. We will be leaving behind a part of us and taking in return, reminiscences and life-lessons that will be cherished forever. And for those who perhaps have had a bitter past in college, the time has come to drop grudges borne against former friends and rekindle old friendships. Let bygones be bygones and end things on a good note.

While it is the final year for us, it will soon be the start of a new adventure for yet another batch of freshmen!



## Data science crucial

Spectrum Reporter

The Data Science, the science dealing with procuring of data is becoming crucial for running business ventures, said Sriram Krishnan, Global Head, Tech Mahindra while speaking at the inauguration of two day international conference on data sciences in business application at SRM University premises today. As data would enable better performances in any commercial venture, its relevance can never be undermined.

Data Science would penetrate every field of activity, be it

healthcare or even biological sciences. He further said technological advancements have changed the way data is procured. Sample surveys which were once the trend in data procurement have now become a thing of the past owing to technologies like computers and internet, said Sriram.

Stressing the need for technology in handling data he said, today, though obtaining information was important for sustaining of commercial ventures, processing it in less time too is required to provide a boost to business activities.

It is here where technology can help faster process. Larger the data more will be the need of technology to process the information.

SRM University Chancellor Dr. Paari Vendhar said in his Presidential speech that taking a step further stressed activity should go beyond the boundaries of data science. Procurement of data while being critical for ventures, activity should go beyond that by focusing on using the information for implementing business strategies successfully.



SRM University Chancellor Dr. Paari Vendhar and Registrar Dr. N. Sethuraman felicitating Ms. Romy Smeding, International Relations, University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands. Also seen are Dr. Adrie Dassan, Course Director, University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands.



# Promoting Tamil literature and Culture

## Staff Writer

Tamizh Academy (Tamil Perayam), SRM University is inviting applications for presentation of awards to individuals who have contributed significantly for the progress of

Tamil literature and culture. Announcing this at a press meet here today Chancellor SRM University Dr. T.R. Parivendar said Pudumaipitthan Padaipilakkiya Award (for shortstory, novels and drama), Bharatiyar Kavidhai Award (for poetry), Azha Vallippa Kuzhandai Ilakkiya Award (for story, poetry and drama) and G U Pope Mozhiyeyaru Award (for literary translation) for literary translation are among the awards given every year.

The other awards are Pe Na Appusamy Ariviyal Tamil Award (For best book on Science in Tamil), Ananda Kumarasamy Kavinkalai Award ( for best book on sculpture/painting), Muthuthandavar Tamilisai Award (for book on Tamil

music), Ilam Aaivaringnar-Valar Tamil Award (for research book on language, literature and history), Vipulanandhar Padaippilakkiya Award (for book on poetry, fiction, drama, katturai ilakkiyam, for Tamil creative writers of foreign countries), Paridhinar Kalaignar Award (for high quality creative works, wide knowledge in any specific area of literature) and Paarivendar Paintamizh Award (Tamil Perarignar-Lifetime Achievement Award) are the other awards for which applications are being invited said Chancellor Dr. T.R. Parivendar.

The award carries a cash award of Rs 1.5 lakh each.

However, the cash component for the Paridhinar Kalaignar Award - Scholarship, High Quality Creative works, Wide Knowledge in any specific area of Literature was Rs 2,00,000 and Paarivendar Paintamizh Award - Tamil Perarignar - Lifetime Achievement Award it would be Rs. five lakhs.



*The Chancellor and the Registrar at the event*

Dr. Parivendar also said Foreign Scholars would also be eligible for this award. SRM University Registrar Dr. N. Sethuram was also present.

Nominations should be sent to The Secretary, Tamil Perayam, Central Library Building IV Floor, SRM University, Kattankulathur, Kanchipuram District-603 203.

Nominations should reach on or before 15 April. For further details log on to [www.srmuniv.ac.in/tamilperayam](http://www.srmuniv.ac.in/tamilperayam) or call 044-27417375.



*Dr. A. Jesu Arockia Raj*

## Young Scientist Award 2014 in Biological Sciences

### Staff Reporter

Dr. A. Jesu Arockia Raj, Associate Professor (DBT-Ramalingaswami Fellow), Faculty of Science and

Humanities, SRM University, Kattankulathur has been awarded the 'Young Scientist Award 2014 in Biological Sciences' by Academy of Science, Chennai. He has been given this award for his 14 years contributions in applied research and teaching various aspects of biological sciences. Dr. Jesu has induced breeding and larval rearing techniques of commercially important freshwater fishes; and he has transferred these techniques from lab to land. His findings benefited many fish farmers economically. Also, he developed a novel method to keep Spirulina (an algal species grows in water and consumed as natural food by fishes) alive without water for 3-6 months. The idea of this invention is to deliver Spirulina in live form so that there is negligible loss in its nutritional value and also to maintain the ecosystem of the pond.



*Ms Seema Agarwal, IPS, being received by the Controller of Examinations, Dr. S. Ponnusamy*

## Railway Safety at SRM University

Accidents take a toll on the student community and SRM University is no exception to the tragic loss of youngsters. With a view to addressing issues of rail safety and the measures that are being taken and contemplated, Ms Seema Agarwal, IPS, Inspector General of Police, recently visited the Faculty of Science and Humanities.





Dr. Rajesh Venkat receiving prize from panel Judges Dr. Prahari Ghosh & Dr. Ramadoss at Chandigarh.

## National Conference of Neurology - 14

Staff Reporter

Indian Academy of Neurology has Conducted its 22nd Conference on 6th to 9th No. 2014 in Chandigarh. More than 1000 neurologists attended and more than 100 E-Posters presented at the conference on Various topics in Neurology.

Amongst the E-Posters our SRM Neurology PG students Dr. Rajesh Venkat Indala who presented the Paper titled "Four cases of Classical Hirayama Disease" was awarded best E-Poster. Four cases of this rare disease was identified in our department over a short span of 1.5 Years.

# Crunch Time

Akshay Kalyan  
Aashish Boddeti

Being students of SRM University, one thing we love to do after a long, tiring day at college, is eat. The variety and quality of eatables available in and around our campus doesn't fall short of our expectations. From fresh juices and ice-creams to pizzas and burgers, we have it all.

For those of you looking for continental food, Emo and Subway are the "go-to" places. The ambience is apt to sit down and lose yourself to subs, pizzas and the mocktails. Furthermore, whether it is the North Indian cuisine of the Queenscourt and Dinesh food courts, the mouthwatering fast food items

of The Biryani House, or the South Indian tiffins of the Sri Venkateshwara tiffin center, you are sure to get food worth every penny. Also, the donuts of The Zest Express and the juices and the sandwiches of Butty's are to die for. Apart from these, there are stalls where you can grab a quick snack like a samosa, coffee, soda etc.

As we venture outside our campus to Potheri, we come across even more restaurants to choose from. Real food mall, Rumali and The Delhi Durbar are known for their parathas and naans and have constant demand. Tandoori items and kababs are famous in Real Food mall which has now been renovated, with more customers than ever. The naans in the

new restaurant - Barbarian Hut has also been getting positive reviews. Biryani is a specialty in Tansen and Nawab's. If you are a traditional South Indian foodie, Naidu Mess provides homely food at great value for money. Amigos is another restaurant which has great value for money with cheap menu and large quantity. The best bakery without any doubt is Lava Cakes with moist cakes, scrumptious puffs and even pizzas, making it a favourite hangout spot for many SRMites. The Juice Corner and Blueberry serve fresh juices, in case you're looking to cool off.

We are blessed with so many choices of food, and have to make the most of them. So, get up, eat up. Like they say, spend like a miser, but eat like a king!

## The success and failures of entrepreneurship

Staff Reporter

Peter F. Drucker says "Innovation is the specific instrument of entrepreneurship... the act that endows resources with a new capacity to create wealth." Catching the roots of Drucker, the Department of Commerce, hosted a two day workshop on "Innovation in Business and New Venture Creation" in association with the International Professional Association from.

The organizers focused mainly on imparting the foundations of entrepreneurship to the vibrant youth. Hence the workshop was aimed, To create awareness

on Entrepreneurship among under graduate students; To convey the need for innovation and risk bearing in today's business world for survival and growth; To educate the young minds on success and failures of entrepreneurship and; To impart knowledge on starting new business ventures

The chief guest, Dr. M.A.M. Balachander, CEO - Partner, Winner Overseas, Chennai, inaugurated the programme by delivering a thought provoking inaugural address. He covered areas like the success and failures of entrepreneurship, organic growth of an enterprise, the economical view of an

organisation's functions, quality in business, delivery of goods on time and pricing of marketable goods. His sharing of thoughts on "Visionary Entrepreneurs" attracted the participants and his idea of "Extracting wisdom out of Knowledge" through simple examples captured the attention of young minds.

After fore technical sessions, the Valedictory session was set in motion with a warm welcome by Dr.S.Chitra, Head of the Department of commerce. The session was devoted to enlighten the participants on "Entrepreneurship Development Programme" and the chief guest, Shri. P. Mishra, Vice President, ITCOT, Government of India, Chennai, addressed the gathering with his hands on experience in the field of consultancy and training. He made the students unleash their superstitious knowledge on entrepreneurship and threw light on the greatness, ability of creation, hard work, risk bearing and innovation exist in an entrepreneur. He instilled in the mind of students a powerful thought that "Entrepreneurship is an opportunity and not just risk bearing" The valedictory session came to close with the distribution of certificates to the participants and the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. E. Sambasivan, Assistant Professor in Commerce, SRM University and the Coordinator of this workshop.



## Honouring Dr. Meyyappan

A Staff Writer

Prof. R.M. Meyyappan was awarded the Urology gold medal for his contribution to Indian Urology, specifically live and deceased donor renal transplantation. He delivered the prestigious "Himadri Sarkar Memorial Oration" during the recently concluded Urological Society of India conference (USICON) 2015 held at Ranchi. He was a former professor of

Urology at Madras Medical College, Chennai. He is an active member of International Urological organizations like AUA, EAU and SIU. He has delivered guest lectures in AUA 2010 conference at San Francisco, AUA 2013 conference at San Diego and USANZ 2013 conference at Melbourne. Prof. Meyyappan's main areas of interest are kidney transplantation and Endourology.



## School of Law students Shine

Staff Reporter

The Students of School of Law Mr. Ram Siddhartha, and Mr. Adil Ahamed have secured 2nd place in the Artem Disserendi British Parliamentary Debate Competition, 2015 held at NUALS. Kochi on 13th - 15th February - 2015.





## Presidential Award

### Staff Reporter

Dr.B.Jaiganesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Faculty of Science and Humanities has been conferred the "Presidential Awards for Classical Tamil - Young Scholar Award" by the President of India for the



Dr.B.Jaiganesh

year 2012-2013 for his research contribution. The award carries a citation and a cash prize of Rupees One Lakh.

This is the third time that a Faculty member from the Department of Tamil of FSH won a Presidential award.

## Mega Blood Donation Camp

### Staff Reporter

With the mission to motivate young students and instill in their mind "Blessed are the young who can give back life with their blood — Donate Blood! Save lives!", a Mega Blood donation Camp was organized on 10-02-2015 at FS&H Block by National Service Scheme (Unit V) and Red Ribbon Club of Faculty of Science and Humanities. The camp was organized under the leadership of our Director Dr.R.Balasubramanian and guidance of our Associate Dean Dr.J.Jothikumar, N.S.S Programme Coordinator Mr.S.Albert Antony Raj, N.S.S Programme Officer Dr.K.Selvasundaram and Mr.T.Sasikumar, Doctors and staff from SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre blood bank conducted the

camp. Students from F/S&H turned out in big numbers to contribute to this social cause. The camp was organized in a much disciplined manner checking each and every aspect of participant's health. During the blood donation process, the hemoglobin content of the participants was checked before donating the blood, clearly telling the participants about their health condition. Many checkups for blood pressure and other tests were conducted by the doctors. Among 130 students attended the camp, 84 Units of blood were collected. The donors were given refreshments and a certificate of appreciation. We hope that even in the future N.S.S of Faculty of Science and Humanities will continue to render support to such social causes and help humanity in all the ways we can.



An aspirant from Kerala presenting a bouquet to the Chancellor of SRM University. Also seen in the picture are Dr. R. Balasubramanian, Director of the Faculty of Science and Humanities, Dr. N.Balu, Dean of the School of Law (partly hidden) and Dr. Gladson Clifford Joe, Coordinator of the SRM IAS Academy.

## A flying start for the SRM IAS Academy

### Staff Writer

The 5th batch of the SRM IAS Academy got underway with its inaugural recently at the SRM University, Kattankulathur campus. The programme started with the invocation. Our beloved Founder/Chancellor inaugurated the programme and delivered the presidential address. It is to be noted that this academy is the brain child of our honourable Chancellor himself. The Director, FSH welcomed the gathering and the registrar of SRM University offered felicitations. The Dean, SRM IAS Academy also spoke during the programme and told the IAS aspirants to make use of the opportunity before them. Dr.Sridhar Krishnaswami, member of the Advisory board, SRM IAS Academy, gave the audience a brief insight into the history and achievements of the SRM IAS Academy. Our Founder / Chancellor advised the students to make use of the infrastructure and facilities offered at the SRM University campus at Kattankulathur. He stressed the importance of good bureaucrats in the administration of our country. He made a point in saying that the present aspirants will be the future leaders who can change the direction and development of the nation. He added that the free



“present aspirants will be the future leaders who can change the direction and development of the nation”  
- Chancellor

coaching service provided by the university should be positively utilized by the aspirants. He said that every year 100 aspirants were to be given free coaching through the academy. In four years so far, more than 52 candidates have cleared the preliminary examination through the coaching provided at the academy. Till date more than 25 candidates have reached the interview stage and almost 5 have become IAS officers under various cadres. The SRM IAS Academy boasts of a fully air-conditioned classroom, internet facility, library and rooms for the resource persons.

The classes are conducted from Monday thro' Friday with four session each day. Highly experienced and bale hands are roped in to give the IAS aspirants the best in this field of competitive exams. The Founder/Chancellor expressed his wish that the present batch of IAS aspirants should come out with flying colours and bring pride and laurels to the institution. Dr.C. Gladson, Coordinator of the SRM IAS Academy proposed the vote of thanks and the function came to a close with the National Anthem.





*Dr. Mohanakrishnan a Physical Director, being presented a shawl by the Chancellor on having successfully completing the Ph.D. Degree. Looking on are the Director and Advisor of Sports*



*Tamil Nadu Inter Deemed Inter University Tennis Men & Women Tournament 2014 – 2015 (Under the Auspices of Sports Development of Authority of Tamilnadu)  
Organized by Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai from 18th and 19th Feb 2015 SRM secured winner in both men and women*



*Tamil Nadu Inter Deemed Inter University Basket Ball Men Tournament 2014 – 2015 (Under the Auspices of Sports Development of Authority of Tamilnadu)  
Organized by SASTRA University, Thanjavur from 7th and 8th Feb 2015. SRM men secured runner's up*



*The Chairman of SRM Group Mr. Ravi Pachamoothoo, Mr. S.M. Nandagopal, Advisor Sports – SRM University, Dr. K. Duraiavelu, Dean (E & T), Vadapalani Campus and Dr. N.C. Jesus Rajkumar, Physical Director, Vadapalani Campus with the winning team.*

## Girls of Vadapalani Campus Freeze The Trophy

Amity University, Noida hosted Inter Zonal Tennis Inter University Championship - 2015 for Women, recently. Students of SRM University, Vadapalani campus secured the Second position.

SRM University beat Gujarat University in the quarter finals and Mumbai University in the semi finals, to reach

the finals. Our Varsity team grabbed Runner up trophy competing with Osmania University. Our team did not hesitate to exhibit their skills in the frozen temperature of Uttar Pradesh. The winners are Ms. Sharon Sanchana Paul – MBA I year, Ms. Elody M.I. – MBA II year, Ms. Sangita K.S. – CSE IV year and Ms. Sai Navya CH – CSE II year.



*Tamil Nadu Inter Deemed Inter University Volleyball Men & Women Tournament 2014 – 2015 (Under the Auspices of Sports Development of Authority of Tamilnadu)  
Organized by SRM University, from 17th and 18th Feb 2015, SRM University Volleyball Men & Women Team Secured Winner in Above Mention Tournament*



*Tamil Nadu Inter Deemed Inter University Basket Ball Women Tournament 2014 – 2015 (Under the Auspices of Sports Development of Authority of Tamilnadu)  
Organized by SASTRA University, Thanjavur from 7th and 8th Feb 2015. SRM women team secured runner's up*

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