From the Editor’s Desk

A thought that has been enduring in mind when it becomes real; is truly an interesting and exciting experience. This news letter was one such cherished work that had its roots in the persuasion. It would be a snapshot of the various activities and advancements for all associated with GEC Idukki. Proper communication plays a vital role in institution’s development. This news letter will serve to reinforce and allow increased awareness, improved interaction and integration among all of us. Usually we fail to appreciate the good deeds of many people and activities that happen around us as we are engaged in irrelevant talks and assumptions. It could all change if we just pause to think of what is our contribution to the society from which we have been gifted with this blessed life. The progress of the society is mainly depends on many people who are working behind the scenes, overtime round the clock planning things to the smallest. This news letter will be a medium to provide proper acknowledgement and respect all of these efforts and its results.

This newsletter is intended to be published twice in an year. This inaugural issue is a brief account of the important events held up to August 2012. It is expected that wide support for this mission will be provided through the reader’s valuable suggestions and comments. This is only a small step towards a long journey. To achieve progress and to meet objectives we have to cross numerous milestones. This maiden issue of newsletter should inspire all of us for a new beginning enlighten with hope, confidence and faith in each other in the road ahead......

Happy Reading !

Principal’s Message

Government Engineering College Idukki (GECI) is one of the new Government Engineering colleges, has been progressing at an exponential rate since its inception in 2000. Many notable achievements have been recorded since then. These merits and credits have seldom been known to public and the authority due to the lack of showcasing or projecting through a medium. This newsletter is a medium, first of its kind in the history of GECI, will bridge the gap between achievements and publicity. Activities published—that too not all—in the newsletter are sufficient to prove my claim that GECI is progressing at an exponential rate. All credits and thanks go to the dedicated staff and their team work. GECI has been selected for TEQIP grant, another proof of its achievements. No doubt that TEQIP will definitely lead the college to the centre of excellence. Signing of with a quotation "If you want to go fast, walk alone, If you want to go far, walk together".

Dr. R Sathikumar

Director’s Message

I am happy that Govt. Engineering College, Idukki is bringing out a College Newsletter. The college newsletter will definitely help to showcase the activities that are happening in the campus. It also helps in building up teamwork which is very much needed today in the world of competition. It provides a platform for exposing the merits and academic achievements of the faculty. This enhances the documentation culture of the institute. This would definitely create an impact in the minds of readers, by way of providing larger visibility and dimension to the campus. I hope that this culture of releasing Newsletter continue for ever and become a quoted example for all other colleges to follow.

Dr. J Letha
Welcome

GEC Idukki warmly welcomes all the first year B. Tech students and wishes them all success and bright future. On the opening day Principal addressed the students and their parents at Seminar hall. After that a welcome function was arranged in the respective departments. Head of the Department’s gave a brief description of the facilities available in the departments and introduced the faculty to the students. The staff advisors briefed the students about B.Tech curriculum and procedures to be followed. Motivating talks, and interactive session, were also given, from which the students could gather valuable information about the carrier prospects during their engineering study. The PG classes also started on August 9th 2012.

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes"

TEQIP Activities

The world bank assisted Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase II is in progress. Three core committeew namely Finance chaired by Dr. B Jayanand, Procurement chaired by Smt. Lakshmi J Mohan, and academic chaired by Dr.Abhilash Suryan are monitoring the activities of the scheme. All TEQIP activities are coordinated by Dr. P P Sajith. So far following Programmes are carried out under this scheme for the students

Android Training (July 11 – 13)
Conducted three days training programme on “Android” for the selected 30 students from 5th and 7th semester IT students. The selection is based on the marks obtained in online test in Moodle. The classes are carried out by NIIT Ernakulam.

ECT through Language Lab (July 11-13)
A class on communication skill in English language conducted for S3 students on July 13th. The class for IT & CSE students was handled by Dr. K J Varghese, Associate Professor, Christ College, Irinjalkuda. For EEE & ECE Students classes were handled by Sri. Jose Andrews.

Scientific documentation using LaTeX - Training given to First year PG students on 13 & 14th August’ 12, by Sri. Preenu C S, AP, Mathematics.

One day Workshop on “Moodle” conducted to Teaching staff in the college on August 23, 2012 by Sri. K R Remesh Babu , AP (IT) & Sri. Sinith, AP (ECE).

Independence Day

Independence day celebrated with special function. Principal hosted the national flag on the day and delivered message on the occasion.

Onam Celebrations

Onam was celebrated with a vivid display of cohesiveness among whole of the college community. Principal Dr. R Sathikumar gave Onam message of prosperity, equality and togetherness. On August 24th, as part of the celebration the staff members and students prepared a beautiful Pookalam. The celebration ends with Onam feast.

Language Lab

Language Laboratory with software and hardware is established and one STTP conducted in this. Several other courses are going on for improving the communication skill of the students.

CGPC

In the previous academic year through Career Guidance and Placement Cell (CGPC) 44 students placed in various MNCs. Also Several students placed in various MNCs other than through CGPC.

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom"
NSS volunteers at GEC Idukki conceived a project “WASTE IS WEALTH”, aimed at decentralizing the processing of kitchen waste at the source itself. The project propose a method for the proper disposal of kitchen waste by converting it into an organic fertilizer at the source itself. The project is easy to implement and inexpensive.

On 30th July, 2012, NSS unit of GECI conducted an orientation programme on the implementation of pipe compost project at Vazhathoppu Grama Panchayat seminar hall. The President, all ward members, 7 representatives from each ward, Kudumbashree CDS members, NSS volunteers and the Programme Officer Sri. Anoob Sebastin, AP Civil Engg, of GECI were present on the occasion.

The 7 days special camp, WASTE IS WEALTH, was conducted during 24th to 30th August, 2012 at St. George Higher Secondary School, Vazhathoppu to implement the said project. The camp was inaugurated by Sri. Roshi Augustine, MLA. 71 volunteers were participated in the camp. During the camp period project implemented in 450 household of Ward 5 of Vazhathoppu Grama Panchayat.

MoU with ITS
MoU was signed between Inometrics Technology Systems (P) Ltd, Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram and GEC Idukki as part of IIIP under III Cell of the college. The aim is to strengthening and growth of mutually beneficial research, and to cooperatively conduct educational and outreach programmes.

NSS Special Camp Inauguration by Sri. Roshi Augustine, MLA

“Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking”

GATE Coaching
To enable the students to succeed in the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering, the college conducts coaching classes to final year B. Tech students. The classes commenced on 2nd week of September 2012. The eminent persons from the respective field of study will handle the classes, besides our dedicated faculty members.
PTA is actively involved in aiding smooth functioning of the college. The executive committee chaired by the Principal coordinates the activities of the PTA. Its efforts are oriented towards improving facilities in the college. A counseling cell is functioning in the campus with a qualified faculty sponsored by PTA.

Faculty Training

- Dr. Thajudeen Ahammed V I, Professor (EC) STTP on Signal Processing for Communication, GEC, Wayanad, 9 - 14 July 2012.
- Sri. Ramani T, Associate Prof, (EEE) STTP on Advances in Control Strategies and Instrumentation, GEC Thrissur, 1 – 8 August, 2012.
- Sri. Vigilkumar (IT), Sri. Finny George (IT) and Sri. Premkumar (CSE), STTP on Networking and LAN Technologies, Engineering Staff College, Hyderabad, 16 – 20, July, 2012.

Staff Club

A general body meeting of staff club elected new office bearers. Smt. Anu George, AP (ECE), elected as new General Secretary and Sri. K R Remesh Babu, AP (IT) as Treasurer.