

A very good morning to our chief guest Mr. Ashank Desai , our guests of honor Shri Sagar Naik and Mr. Vivek Kapoor, Hon. Secretary Mr. TN Subramanian, our Principal Dr. Alka Mahajan, all the teachers and students. I take this opportunity to welcome you all to the inauguration ceremony of SIES GST's annual intercollegiate festival TATVA MOKSH on behalf of the SIES GST Students' council 2010-11.

First of all it is a matter of great honor and privilege to share the dais with people of such great eminence both in virtue and work.

The Students' Council of SIES Graduate School of Technology believes in building a relationship between academics and co curricular activities to build a strong personality and an unshakable character of a student. It entails students to have the courage to extend the range of their experiences, their imaginations, their comfort zones and venture beyond those comfortable limits from time to time.

The Students' Council was formed in August 2010 and has since then, under the guidance of Mrs. Sumitra Padmanabhan has carried out activities ranging across a wide spectrum.

1) This academic year has seen the inception of an EDC-Entrepreneurship Development Cell in SIES GST to help students' achieve their entrepreneurial dreams. For the same a field trip was organized for the students to visit the SINE i.e. Society of Innovation & Entrepreneurship at IIT Bombay.

2) The NSS Unit of GST has been very active by organizing various activities like blood donation drives, disaster management seminars and a field trip to _____

3) The SIES GST technical umbrella houses the 3 prominent student bodies, the IEEE, IETE and CSI associations. These bodies have been very competent in delivering quality activities like a COMBOT workshop by IEEE, Technotronix by IETE and the C#.NET & SAP workshops conducted by the CSI.

Apart from this, the 3 student associations collaboratively hosted our Intra Collegiate Technical Festival- Cognition in September 2010.

3) The Training and placement committee under the able Guidance of Mrs Seema Khan has organized various workshops to tackle group discussions and interviews, in one of which experts from HCL delivered an industry oriented presentation on ASP.NET. Also all thanks to Seema Ma'am there has been an incredible never seen before growth in the placements of final year students.

4) Though being a part of the engineering discipline the GST Students' Council adds equal emphasis on cultural activities too. Thus the various dance & music workshops organized throughout the year.

5) We also have upcoming events like an Industrial Visit organized to Microsoft-Hyderabad for the third year students.

6) The magazine council of GST had come out with Campuss Buzz-our intra college newsletter in both the semesters. Soon after Tatva Moksh the Magazine Council would be coming out with our annual college magazine-Samanvay

7) As a predecessor to Tatva Moksh, GST hosted its annual sports festival- Lakshya which began with a mini marathon in association with the IDA-In Defence of Animals followed by Intra Lakshya and finally Inter Lakshya from the 17th to 21st of February . The events included football, cricket, throwball, badminton, table tennis, carom and for the first time ever-Cage football. And going by the statistics, Lakshya is rooted to be the biggest college sports fest in the whole of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai.

8) And now speaking of Tatva Moksh 2011, an extravaganza of a mix of varied technical and cultural activities, a platform for budding engineers to display their art & talent and definitely the most awaited event of the year for any GSTian. Tatva Moksh promises to get bigger and better with each passing year and this time too it promises nothing less.

I believe the odyssey for the college is analogous to those for the individuals who comprise it. That is, we need to have the courage to extend our reach, continually refining our character in the light of the present, with the guidance of our past. This means nothing more-but nothing less-than applying Socrates' simple but profound axiom that "the unexamined life is not worth living." Every aspect of our life as a college bears examination: our curriculum, our student composition, our physical

structure, our priorities. Examination will not always result in change; indeed, it may result in recommitment to existing strengths.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the dignitaries on the dais for sparing time from their busy schedule and gracing this occasion with their benign presence. Our Principal Ma'am Dr. Alka Majahan for guiding us when we ourselves were in doubt. Ma'am nothing of this would have been possible without you. Our Council Incharge- Mrs. Sumitra Padmanabhan for being a relentless support during our trying times and encouraging us in our quest to make this a success. All the Heads of Departments, teachers for being supportive of us and also the office staff-especially Viji Ma'am for the incredible help.

I just cannot move from the podium without thanking my team enough. Our Council Secretary- Megha Roy, Technical Secretary- Kaustubh Labhe, Cultural Secretary- Sugandha Rao, Sports Secretary- Vartan Mathais and Chithra Ganapathy. Also our Fest co-ordinators Gayathri, Mariappan, Sneha, Niraj, Shadab & Anurag for designing the creatives, priya & sanjana for their wonderful job in decorating the campus, Security heads- Atish & Akshay, Publicity incharge- Sneha Mohan, Deputy Sports Secretary- Akshay Kadam & EDP secretary- Nitin Shetty. Also Saahil, Ameya & Sachin for designing such an interactive and excellent tatvamoksh.com, it just couldn't get better. Magazine Council- Spandana, Shruti & Kiran. Special thanks richly deserved by Kiran Nair for being the backbone of Lakshya and Siddharth Sampath for being there no matter what. A big thank you to all the event heads, volunteers, participants and everybody involved to make this event such a huge success. And last but definitely in no means the least Late. Sriram Suresh. This is all his vision which was executed. Had he not implanted his ideas when amongst us, something of this magnitude would have never happened. Dude, this is all for you. Wherever you are I am sure you would be smiling now.

If we as individuals and as a college take part in this endless odyssey of education, then I would suggest a final, larger meaning for the concept "to seek a newer world." For, by increasing our capacity, for knowledge, reflection, and action we will also increase SIES GST's capacity to act in and transform our society. And so, I will conclude with Tennyson:

Some work of noble note may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men who strove with Gods.
The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks;
The long day wanes, the slow moon climbs;
The deep moans round with many voices.
Come, my friends,
It is not too late to seek a newer world.