

Good morning honorable delegates, respected principal, teachers, staff members and my dear friends.

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Inauguration Ceremony of TATVAMOKSH 20-12, our annual technical and cultural festival.

But before getting onto that, let me first reflect upon all the happenings in this academic year. (Pause) AND INDEED, what an eventful year it has been!!!

The ball was set rolling by the formation of the Student Council and the NSS Council. Then the councils of the various student chapters like IEEE, IETE, CSI and the Entrepreneurship Development Cell were formed. The first event of the year was the orientation for first year students. This was followed by a wave of technical seminars and workshops on Computer assembly and Troubleshooting, Game Designing, Steganography and Brain Fingerprinting and Level 1 & 3 robotics. Engineers Day was celebrated on the 15th of September with great enthusiasm by the students. Soon it was time for COGNITION, our annual intra collegiate technical festival. To make the first years feel at home, MATRIX, a national level general science Olympiad was organized just for them. The months of September and October witnessed placement activities in full swing as **7 companies recruited 150 of our students**. Around the same time, officials from the National Board of Accreditation visited our campus to assess our college. I'm thankful to Principal ma'am for giving us an opportunity to contribute to the process of accreditation. The NSS council undertook activities like teaching in NMMC schools and shed light on environmental issues through programmes like water conservation, electricity conservation and tree plantation. A blood donation and stem cell registration camp was also organized by the NSS and Lokmanya Tilak hospital, Sion.

The new-year ushered in a spirit of excitement and enthusiasm as it was the beginning of the festive season. The NSS camp was held at Yusuf Mehrali Centre in Panvel between 2nd and 7th January. Our National festivals were celebrated with pomp and gaiety. We then organized an alumni get together. Soon it was time for SIES GST's first ever National Level Technical Paper Presentation, TECHXTER organized by IETE, which saw entries from over 80 colleges all over India. We organized the second edition of the SIES GST Mini Marathon in Nerul and Seawoods, which was the curtain raiser for LAKSHYA, our annual inter and intra college sports festival. Lakshya was a grand success owing to the fierce competition and sportsman spirit on display. In another first, we organized Level 1 robotics "on-the-spot-" workshops and some entertaining games at Center One Mall in Vashi for the general public along with showcasing a couple of our robotics events. The response was overwhelming as there were more than 700 registrations in just 2 days!! Over 2 months of toil and hard work put in by the technical, cultural, sponsorship, publicity, designing and media teams have enabled TATVAMOKSH to reach its fruition. LAKSHYA, our annual inter and intra college sports festival was also a grand success owing to the fierce competition and sportsman spirit.

All this while, the creative team was doing what it does best; working behind the scenes to breathe life into our festival by creating some of the most beautiful works of art. A special mention must go out to our robotics coordinators who have contributed immensely to make this festival a memorable affair.

Principal ma'am (pause) thank you for all the encouragement and backing that you provided us with, all through the year. Yes, we made several mistakes along the way and were reprimanded for them, but that only made us more responsible and steeled our resolve to give everything we do, our best. I also thank the teacher in-charge of the student council, Sumitra ma'am for guiding us at every step of the way. I cannot express my gratitude to the office staff enough for bearing with us on innumerable occasions. Be it help with the sound systems, with stationery and sometimes even waiting late hours helping us manage events. There are several of my peers and juniors who ran many an errand in helping us organize TATVAMOKSH. Their names don't appear anywhere, but thank you guys. Finally I would like to thank my council members without whose efforts, none of this would have been possible. When I became president of the student council, I had a dream. The growth of an organization depends not on what your predecessors did, but what you leave for your successors. And I believe that in my tenure as President of the Student Council the activities undertaken by the students have reached new heights. All of you present here have helped me in my endeavor to realize that dream. THANK YOU ALL and this one's coming straight from the heart.