

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

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the inauguration ceremony of TATVA MOKSH LAKSHYA 2013-our annual technical, cultural and sports festival.

This year has been a year of great highs and lows, a year tested our mettle and our willingness to make things happen.

We started off with the formation of the student council, followed by the formation of the NSS council and the councils of the student chapters such as the IEEE,CSI, IETE and the entrepreneurship development cell. The first event of the year was the orientation for the first year students.

Under the banners of the various student chapters ,seminars and workshops on desktop assembly ,microprocessors, PCB assembly artificial intelligence and neural networks were organized. A B-plan writing workshop and Entrepreneurship awareness drive were organized in collaboration with the E cells of IIT B and IIT Kharagpur. The womens' development cell organized a nutrition and diet planning session for girls , a leadership program for girls in association with Avanti foundation and a seminar on cervical cancer awareness. Techopedia an intercollegiate technical debate was organized by IEEE. Linux spoken tutorial was organized by CSI in association with IIT Bombay's spoken tutorial team.

Soon it was time for COGNITION ,our intra collegiate technical fest that proved to be a great success-Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved. MATRIX ,our intercollegiate science Olympiad was organized solely for the first years as an attempt to welcome them and help them to build better bonds with the peers.

The months of September October and November were period of great tension for the final year students but our fears proved to be unfounded as over 14 companies visited our campus and we achieved a placement rate of 80%.

The NSS council did its bit towards making the world a better place to live in by organizing waste management drives, AIDS awareness seminar and tree plantation drive .A blood donation drive was organized by the NSS in association with Lokmanya tilak hospital,Sion.215 units of blood were collected.

The NSS camp was held at Sane Guruji Rashtriya Smarak,Mangaon from January 2 to 8.

Reconnect ,our alumni get together was held in the first week of January.

Techxter ,the national level technical paper presentation organized by the IETE was a grand success and received over a hundred abstracts from all over the country.

Moving on to the outstanding achievements of students, our chess team came 9th in the university tournament .The table tennis team reached the quarter finals of the university tournament. A member of the music club won the second prize in classical singing and first prize for solo instrumental in the university level competition.

Also three groups of SIESGST qualified for the second round of E-yantra –a robotics challenge by IIT-Bombay for college students.

At the start of the year ,we envisaged a very high quality of student activities at SIES GST. Also, we wanted to give back to society in our own small way .Pragati was a result of this vision .Under Pragati, the robotics club organized basic robotics workshop for over 400 students from Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, free of cost

LAKSHYA, our annual inter and intra college sports festival was a great hit thanks to the uprightness and competitive spirit of both the participants and the organizers. Weeks of hard work, planning and efforts put in by the technical, cultural, sponsorship, publicity, design and media teams has lead to the actualization of TATVAMOKSH. A special mention must go out to the creative team for their relentless efforts. They have indeed managed to transport us into space with all its splendor and fierceness by making some of the most amazing structures and works of art. Kudos also to the robotics team for outdoing themselves. In a first, the technical team contributed towards making TML a green festival by making an online registration portal. This has enabled us to reduce usage of paper.

Principal ma'am 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 incharge of the students council, Sumitra ma'am for making sure that we channelized our efforts in the right direction and for being a constant source of inspiration and guidance. A special thank you to the office staff for putting up with our innumerable demands. To all the invisible hands that helped us through this wonderful journey, a huge thank you. The theme for this year's TML is 'To infinity and beyond' and I can proudly say that all my peers and juniors have pushed themselves to infinity and beyond to make TML a possibility; a success. This journey has been a steep learning curve for all of us as we have had to deal with a variety of problems but we always came out triumphant. This wouldn't have been possible but for the camaraderie and passion exhibited by the students even in the most difficult of times. What we had envisaged in the beginning of the year has indeed come true and I owe this to all of you. Thank you.

