

## PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Good morning honourable 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 2014-our annual technical, cultural and sports festival. This year has been a year of great highs and lows, a year that tested our mettle, our patience and our determination to bring ideas into reality.

When I was instituted as the president of council, I had a plan, a vision. It was very simple and yet it was extremely challenging. I wished to get all the student chapters to work together in coordination and help each other out. I wanted all the students to know about what their college is planning for them and I wanted them to take up initiatives and come to us.

I am happy to say that, though I could not fulfil all of it, we have bettered ourselves a lot from earlier.

So let me briefly walk you through the academic year 2013-14 .

The year began with the orientation for the first year students (*pause*) and formation of the student council, the NSS council and the student chapters such as the IEEE, CSI, IETE ,the entrepreneurship development cell, Women's Development cell, and also the SAE for the very first time.

The Student **council and Music Club collectively organised Instrumedley, an event that helped our students display their skills on musical instruments.** Music and literature was one area that we **specialy focussed** this year. And not long after that, Voice of GST, an intra-collegiate singing competition was organised by the Music club for the very first time. Another first for SIES GST was the formation of literary club .The literary club was an instant success and it soon gave birth to lot of events –(*pause*) debates , Elocutions, GD's , Spell Bee, Quiz competition along with SIES GST's debut newsletter, (*pause*) The GST Gazette.

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A motivational seminar was conducted by renowned speaker Mr. Suresh Srinivasan, at the start of the year and it recharged the students minds and it gave a positive start to the year.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, (*pause*) every corner was adorned by the tricolour and every wall was decorated with beautiful sketches as we celebrated Independence day (*pause*) reflecting love, respect and patriotic fervour in all the speeches, skits, songs and art.

One of the highlights of this year was the International Conference on Green Computing Technology organized in collaboration with the ONGC on 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> September. Several renowned delegates presented papers, case studies, speeches, etc. and aptly commemorated the idea of going green.

Techopedia and Business synapse were two successful national level events organised by the IEEE student chapter and the CSI respectively and were instrumental in testing the debating and **entrepreneurial** skills of students all across the county.

Engineer's day was celebrated in a consummate manner where the students displayed extraordinary talent with projects and working models many of which were designed to cater to real world problems.

Teachers Day too was celebrated with great enthusiasm (*pause*) with dance and music performances, fun games organised by the Dramatics Club, Arambh, and appreciation notes for the teachers,

Soon it was time for Cognition, the technical festival of odd semester. (*pause*) Conducted on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September, cognition was received with immense gusto and grandeur and included many new events this year.

Matrix 2013 the annual inter collegiate Olympiad of SIES GST was bigger and better this year .It materialised alongside Cognition and was an event that catered specifically to the First Year students. 87 teams participated and went through several challenging and innovative rounds like the library round which was introduced this year. Another first for the SIES GST was the Gravitas –literary fest that was organised alongside Cognition. Our college's first newsletter, the GST Gazette, was launched during cognition thus recording yet another milestone for the 3 month old literary club.

A refreshing change after the October exam tension was brought on by the Traditional Day celebration where every GSTian proudly dressed up to their ethnic backgrounds. All during this while, we had our NSS council constantly working towards social development, an area, I believe, we must all selflessly support. Representing SIES, the NSS members organised numerous Street plays and set up a Blood Donation Drive in September. They also organised a camp to Ambadvet, a local village, to educate the unprivileged and disabled children of various social problems. Their efforts are truly commendable. I thank all the members of the NSS for this noble endeavour.

Along with all these notable events, SIES organised several seminars and workshops like NPCIL, Advanced IC engine, Autonomous Robotics, etc . . (*pause*) . . throughout the year , under the banners of the student chapters of IEEE, CSI , IETE and SAE. The Printing and Packaging department, also has been very active this year with weekly guest talks for students and also organised Impressions, --- which was a huge success.

Started for the first time, the SAE organized a workshop on Advanced Internal-Combustion engines and already has few other plans in the pipeline.

What is surprising is that , all this were managed by the students even though had to be at their personal best at campus drives of several companies organised all through this year. We recorded a placement of  $0\%$  students. A total of ---- companies visited the campus so far and a few others have been scheduled ahead.

This year we also effected a rule following which SIES has become a cell phone-free campus. I commend everyone for supporting this idea.

The New Year began with some noteworthy events too.

Old bonds were refreshed, new bonds were formed, and nostalgia was at its peak at Reconnect 2014, SIES GST's annual alumni meet, organised on 4<sup>th</sup> of January, which saw the reunion of many ex-students.

The ISF forum of SIES GST was lauded for its magnificent management in organising Techxter 2014, an internationally sponsored Technical Paper Presentation which received more than 200 abstracts from different corners of the country. It materialised on Feb 1 and also became an apt platform for the celebration of the IETE Students Day.

SIES GST continued its strong association with the IIT-B through the E-yantra initiative for empowering students. With the establishment of a full-fledged robotics lab, we conducted orientation lectures and an intra-college robotics competition is already underway.

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I think I echo the minds of my fellow GSTians when I say, that , this academic year has been a defining year for us in terms of exhibiting leadership , stepping up for responsibilities and taking up initiatives.

I feel very proud to announce that several initiatives were idealised and brought to reality by students alone with the teachers' support at every turn. Some examples are the Scintilla Reports, which is a fantastic initiative. Started by a student of FE, Scintilla reporters, which are all students of GST, cover each and every event and they put up a report the same day online.

Robotics workshops and hands-on training on Firebird V research robot, was organised by final year students. AVR robotics workshop was organised under IEEE, again by students alone. The NSS members also participated in a one year leadership program, joining hands with the Blue ribbon

Movement. Self Defence Workshop for women by a Martial Artist and an Awareness seminar on health and lifestyle, were all, again, initiatives of students. A technical display pertaining to robotics and others, was organised at Center One Mall as part of our publicity drive. And even though we have been doing so much out of the academic curriculum, there has been no compromise on the academics front. In fact we have a **record** number of University rankers this year. But all this, (pause), all this, has been possible only because of the constant guidance and motivation by our Principal, Dr. Alka Mahajan.

On behalf of everyone in the student body, I thank you maam.

I am also proud to announce that this year we had a major project named “ Autonomous Intelligent Surveillance quadcopter “ sponsored by RS components and realised by four BE students of EXTC and COMPS under the guidance of Sumitra maam, and was developed as a solution towards solving the surveillance problem in the crammed areas of Mumbai. Already this project has won prizes at two national level events and a paper has been published through a Research Conference.

Imprenditore 2014 is another intra-college mega event, organised by the EDC that has stayed abuzz in the social circles for over a month now. This intra-collegiate event with a length of over 5 weeks has been EDC’s biggest initiative yet.

Just last Sunday, SIES GST also organised a 6km Marathon to support a social cause through the Forum for Autism, a registered NGO• We made collections to the tune of 25000, all of which will go to this NGO in helping the specially abled kids.

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. I would be doing injustice if I don’t give a special mention for our creative team ,for, what they have done all through the year, working behind the scenes , is really extraordinary. And finally No amount of praises would be enough to describe the efforts of Sumitra maam. She has been the, the shepherd of this herd, the commander of this force, our leader, our guiding light and our mentor through all the highs and lows, throughout the year. Thank you maam .

And Once again , I thank everyone, everyone for being there at every step of this wonderful journey.

The theme for this year's TATVA MOKSHA is fiction . And I hope you all enjoy it being the reality today. Thank you