

Respected Principal Ma'am, dignitaries on the dais, teachers and all my dear friends.

It gives me immense pleasure as I stand here today and present before you the annual report of the Student Council for the academic year 2015-16.

The great Greek philosopher Socrates once said, "The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not in fighting the old, but on building the new". And this very vision to build something new is what the student council has adopted and abided by in the last one year.

The process of building something new started right away with the formation of the council. The first major initiative for the year was taken by the technical team in the form of the GST Developer's Program in the month of June. Under the GDP, students, especially from the First and Second year of Engineering are mentored and given hands on experience of upcoming technologies by their seniors in the fields of App development, Web Development, Robotics, Media and Design. The success of this initiative is evident by the fact that the new website for our college is currently being maintained by two of our first year engineering students namely Harish Balasubramaniam and Omkar Prabhu.

The month of August saw the student council organizing an orientation program for welcoming the newly enrolled students of the first year of engineering. Also we received an enthusiastic response for a health seminar conducted especially for the faculty by Dr. Anuradha Chakrabarti, the medical officer -in - charge, of Anushakti Nagar in BARC. The seminar was organized by the Women Development cell of our college.

September was the time for the much awaited annual Technical festival 'Cognition'. Celebrating the occasion of Engineer's day, Cognition 2015 encompassed events like National level Paper presentation, project competitions, technical debates, quizzes and so on. These events were held under various student chapters of college. **Moreover, in its first, the world cube association visited our campus to conduct a national level rubix cube challenge which saw the participation of many internationally acclaimed record holders.**

Also as a part of Cognition, the Entrepreneurship development cell of the college organized a Speaker Session by Rashmi Bansal, the bestselling author of books like 'Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish', and a panel discussion for startups consisting of Jai Mrug – CEO of M76 Analytics, Rakesh Rajeev – In-charge of SINE incubator, IIT Bombay and Rajeev Godbole – CEO of Drona Aviation. The edc also deserves a special mention for securing second position in the National Entrepreneurship Challenge held at IIT-Bombay

Another highlight of the festival was the series of workshops for 'Internet of Things' and App development held in association with Microsoft.

The NSS unit of the college has indeed stood by its oath of social responsibility and this is evident by the success of their campaigns and activities all throughout the year. The NSS blood donation drive collected more than 200 units of blood in a single day. Also a special mention to the NSS team that secured the 3rd position in TCS Road safety campaign. Further in the annual NSS camp, this year held at Timburli, our volunteers helped the local villagers in solving the water crisis by building bunds across river streams.

The last year also saw a tremendous amount of participation and eventual success of students in various University competitions. The credit for this does go to the Cultural team for their facilitation of the

required platform for students. Also, the cultural team has been proactive all throughout the year having organized workshops on freestyle dance, instrumentally and so on.

The dawn of the new year brings with it a wave of energy and cheer in the campus as students engross themselves in preparations of our annual technical, cultural and sports festival 'Tatva Moksh Lakshya'.

This year, we saw many new initiatives being taken by the sports team in an effort to make our sports festival Lakshya a grand success. Kabaddi which was introduced for the first time gathered a huge participation and tremendous appreciation from the students.

Also as a part of pre-festival activities the Literary Club of the college organized a series of insightful and creative sessions like 'Interaction with Mohan Sivanand' the former editor in chief of the Reader's Digest and a writing workshop by the Terrible Tiny Tales.

As I come towards the end of my report today, I realize that one cannot sum up the selfless contributions made by different teams and students towards making the SIES GST Student council a professional and a successful unit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our principal, Dr Alka Mahajan, from whom we have learnt the art of rational thinking and hence coming up with the best possible actions for the institute and its students.

Before I conclude, I would especially like to share with our dignitaries present here today that in our college, the words Student Council are synonymous with the name of 'Sumitra Ma'am'. Being the faculty in charge of the council, ma'am has been a source of guidance and inspiration to all of us. Simply put, we are what we are today, because of her belief and support. We would like to thank you ma'am. And thank you everyone.