

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 2017, our annual 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 IOT, Drone making, Ethical hacking, and android development to name a few. Soon it was time for COGNITION, our annual inter collegiate technical festival. This time, we decided to take up the challenging task of presenting events based on augmented Reality and Virtual reality technology. 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.**

The NSS council undertook activities like Celebrity International Yoga Day, waste management, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, tree plantation drive, and the Save Electricity project. A blood donation drive was also organized by the NSS and Lokmanya Tilak hospital, Sion, which managed to collect a total of 250 units of blood.

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 Bursunge village at Murbaad from 31st December to 6th January. We then organized an alumni reunion, Reconnect, on the 7th of Jan attended by over 250 alumni. To bring out the patriotic fervour of students, a ceremony was held on the 26th of January. This celebration was dedicated to our Indian soldiers. Students from the National Institute For the Mentally Handicapped were also invited to perform.

For the first time this year, the Student Council took initiative and obtained the license required to conduct a TEDx event. They successfully pulled off TEDxSIESGST, the first TEDx event to be hosted in Navi Mumbai. The event saw seven accomplished speakers share their views on a range of topics to a lively audience.

Dream Run, the 6.3km SIESGST marathon, was organised in association with Queen Mary's Technical Institute for Disabled Soldiers, Pune. A record amount of Rs. 4 lakhs was raised through this event.

Soon it was time for SIES GST's National Level Technical Paper Presentation, TECHXTER 6.0 organized by IETE, which saw over 50 entries submitted from colleges across India.

Kicking off TML, Lakshya was a grand success owing to the fierce competition and sportsman spirit on display. For the first time, we organised a round of kabaddi at an intra-collegiate level for all teams to participate in. In another first, we organized a Hackathon, ByteCamp, in association with Facebook Developer's Circles, Mumbai. The event was the **first Internet of Things hackathon** to be organised in Navi Mumbai, a pilot project by our Student Council Technical Team.

Over 2 months of toil and hard work put in by the technical, cultural, sponsorship, publicity, designing and media teams have enabled TATVA MOKSH to reach its fruition. 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. Our media team has also been the driving force for the excitement and hype created for this fest among students by making a wonderful trailer heralding the fest.

Principal Sir (pause) thank you for all the encouragement and backing that you provided us with, all through the year. The experience of organising this plethora of events has only made us more responsible and steeled our resolve to give our best in everything we do. 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.