

GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE AURANGABAD,
CHHATRAPATISAMBHAJINAGAR
ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET 2024

The 10th of March 2024 witnessed a heart warming reunion at the Government Engineering College, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad). The much-anticipated Alumni Meet unfolded not just as a reunion, but as a vibrant tapestry woven from shared memories, professional exchange, and the celebration of remarkable achievements.

A Grand Welcome: Setting the Stage for Rekindled Bonds



As dusk settled in, anticipation crackled in the air at 6:00 PM. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of chief guests, N.D. Deshmukh Sir and Jayant Deo Sir. Joining them were Mr. Shrikant Umrikar, the esteemed President of the Alumni Association (AAGECA), and Dr. Sanjay Dambhare, the respected Principal of the college, Dr. Uttam Kalwane, the Vice President and the secretary Dr. Sanjay Shinde sir. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as former classmates reconnected after years, their faces etched with the familiar warmth of shared experiences. Faculty members, some retired and some still actively shaping young minds, were greeted with respect and gratitude by their former students. This heart warming exchange transcended generations, creating a shared space where the past, present, and future of the college converged.

More Than Memories: Strengthening Bonds and Fostering Growth



The Alumni Meet wasn't just a nostalgic walk down memory lane; it served a multitude of crucial purposes. First and foremost, it aimed to solidify the bond between the college, affectionately referred to as the "alma mater" (Latin for "nourishing mother") by its alumni, and its graduates. This connection is a two-way street. The college benefits tremendously from the experience and expertise of its alumni. These seasoned professionals provide invaluable mentorship to current students and contribute significantly to the college's continued growth and development. Alumni, on the other hand, can stay connected to their roots, rekindle the spirit of camaraderie that fuelled their academic journey, and leverage the college's ever-evolving network for professional opportunities.

Knowledge Exchange and Professional Networking: Building Bridges for Success



The event organizers meticulously crafted a program that fostered knowledge exchange and professional networking. Panel discussions, featuring successful alumni from various engineering disciplines, took centre stage. These discussions served as a bridge between the theoretical knowledge acquired in classrooms and the practical realities of the engineering world. Alumni shared their career journeys, the challenges they faced, and the valuable lessons learned, offering practical guidance and inspiration to the next generation of engineers. Dedicated networking sessions were woven into the fabric of the event, facilitating interactions between alumni from different graduating years and industries. This allowed them to share their experiences, explore potential collaborations, and build mutually beneficial relationships. The event fostered a sense of community, where alumni could rely on each other for professional support and career advancement.

Celebrating Individual Brilliance: A Beacon of Inspiration



The college brimmed with pride as they unveiled the accomplishments of their student body. Distinguished graduates, who had made significant marks in their respective fields, were presented with awards. These accolades served not just as a token of appreciation, but as a powerful inspiration for current students, showcasing the vast potential that awaited them after graduation. The arena reverberated with thunderous applause as each Honour took centre stage, their triumphs a resounding testament to the college's dedication to fostering excellence.

The felicitation ceremony specifically recognized the remarkable achievements of several individuals and teams. Pritam Nikumbh, a final year student, was the first to be honoured as the college's Best Outgoing Student. Following him was Mayuri Sangekar, another exceptional student, who was acknowledged as the Best Outgoing Student of her third year. Team Aryans' impressive performance in the Baja SAE competition was duly recognized, while Team Cyber Optics' victories in both Taksha Antra and Robocon competitions were met with resounding cheers. Team Kalarpan members were also lauded for their stellar performance in Firodia Karandak and Purushottam Karandak. Mr. Bhushan Borde Patil and his team were then recognized for their exceptional performance in the Taksha Antra competition, further amplifying the evening's spirit of achievement. Finally, to ensure a complete recognition of all contributors, the ceremony concluded with the felicitation of Mr. Vishant Charak, head of the student-alumni team, for his exceptional contribution.

A Glimpse into the Future: Embracing Innovation and Collaboration



The Alumni Meet provided a platform for the college to showcase its advancements and future endeavours. The alumni meet buzzed with activity as each club proudly showcased its achievements and contributions. From Team Aryans, Light Samvedna, Catalyst, Cybotics, EDC, Evolve, Udaan, Ventures Kalarpan, Hackslash to Electronova, every stall provided a platform to introduce distinguished alumni to the current clubs in the college. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with the rich legacies and noteworthy accomplishments of each club, fostering connections and inspiring future endeavours. Engaging presentations and interactive sessions highlighted the institute's evolving curriculum, state-of-the-art facilities, and ongoing projects. Alumni weren't just guests; they were seen as valuable stakeholders whose feedback and guidance are crucial for the college's continued progress. This open exchange of ideas fostered a sense of shared responsibility for the college's future success.

Beyond Formalities: A Celebration of Camaraderie



The organizers ensured that the event wasn't all serious discussions and presentations. Ample time was designated for informal interactions and socializing. The vibrant alumni mingled, reminiscing about shared experiences – late-night study sessions, challenging projects, and the camaraderie that defined their college years. A cultural program featuring captivating performances by students and alumni added a touch of festivity to the occasion. Nandini , the cultural head, along with her group, presented an enchanting Ganesh Vandana, setting a tone of traditional elegance. The audience was further enthralled by diverse performances – soulful singing by Gaurangi and Ayush, Riddhi Lakde's mesmerizing renditions, a graceful Bharatnatyam dance by Shravani, and a unique fusion of mouth organ melodies and beatboxing by Akshay and Nagsen. Soham's soulful bansuri performance added a melodious touch, and Kalapana's energetic deepotsav dance infused the event with vibrant cultural richness.

Beyond Reunions: Building Bridges Between Generations

The GECA Alumni Meet transcended the confines of a simple reunion. It served as a powerful reminder of the enduring bonds that are forged within the college walls. Laughter filled the air as former classmates reconnected, their faces mirroring the warmth of shared experiences. The reunion wasn't just about reliving the past; it was about rekindling old friendships and building new connections across generations. Faculty members, both retired and current , were greeted with respect and gratitude by their former students. This heart warming exchange transcended generations, creating a shared space where the past, present, and future of GECA converged.

The Maestro's Baton: Venkatesh Dhotre Sir's Guidance

Faculty advisor Venkatesh Dhotre Sir acted as the maestro, skilfully guiding the orchestra of volunteers and organizers. His experience and dedication provided a steady hand, ensuring all aspects of the event ran smoothly. He fostered an environment of open communication and collaboration, allowing each individual to contribute to the success of the Alumni Meet. Sir Dhotre's leadership resonated throughout the planning process, ensuring a cohesive program that catered to the diverse interests of alumni, faculty, and students.

The Engine of Innovation: The SAT Team led by Vishant Charak

Mr. Vishant Charak, the head of the SAT team, acted as the engine driving the entire event. He spearheaded the planning process, leading a team of enthusiastic students who worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was meticulously planned. The SAT team's energy and innovative spirit were evident in every aspect of the event, from the captivating presentations showcasing GECA's advancements to the vibrant cultural performances. Mr. Charak's leadership and collaborative approach empowered the SAT team to utilize their diverse skillsets , fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility for the event's success.

A Network of Mutual Support: Fostering Collaboration beyond the Event

Dedicated networking sessions were woven into the fabric of the event, creating a platform for alumni from different graduating years and industries to connect. These sessions facilitated interactions that transcended geographical and professional boundaries. Alumni shared their experiences, explored potential collaborations, and built mutually beneficial relationships. Essentially, the event fostered a sense of community, where alumni could rely on each other for professional support and career advancement. Alumni who had established themselves in various sectors could mentor current students and offer career guidance. In return, the college could benefit from the alumni's expertise and networks, creating a symbiotic relationship that would continue to benefit everyone long after the event concluded.