

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
(AAGCE, SALEM)
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History:

The Government College of Engineering, Salem, established in 1966, occupies a 120 hectare (400 acre) land, nestled among picturesque hills. Initially, the college offered three main engineering disciplines: Mechanical, Civil, and Electrical. The inaugural class, consisting of 110 students, graduated in 1971, marking the beginning of a legacy that has seen the college produce hundreds of Engineers annually.

Exactly after 18 years of college inception the likeminded Engineers Er. Muralidharan, Er. J. Prabhakaran from 1979 - 84 batch, Er. M. Ashok Kumar and Er. Valluvan from 1978 - 83 batch, supported by Er. P. Kuppusamy from 1966 – 71 batch and assisted with two fresh graduates Er. S. Sudhakar and Er. V. Muruganandam from the 1982-86 batch, founded the Alumni Association. This organization aimed to connect former students of the Government College of Engineering, Salem.

The inaugural Alumni Gathering took place during 1990 under the guidance of Professor Er. E. Ramasamy and then Associate Lecturer Er. P. G. Venkatakrishnan of Metallurgy Department. The inaugural committee included Er. M. Muralidharan as the first President, Er. P. G. Venkatakrishnan, and Er. J. Prabhakaran as committee members.

On April 29, 1990, the college celebrated a significant moment as the First ever Alumni Meet in the college auditorium, with the presence and blessings of Principal Prof. K. N. Sanmugasundaram.

The second Alumni Meet was held on the October 6, 1991, with a large turnout from the college administration, faculties, alumni and final year students. The event also marked the release of the first-ever Alumni "Together to our Best" souvenir, which included details of alumni by batch. Additionally, on that day, it was decided to hold the Annual Alumni Meet every second Sunday of August, making it a tradition and a customary event.

Er. P. Kuppusamy, from 1971 batch, took over as the President of the Alumni Association in 1991, leading the organization with his capable leadership and a dedicated team. During his tenure, the team expanded its reach, collecting donations and funds from the public and various establishments and organizing the Annual Alumni Day every year.

In 1992, the first ever paper advertisement in The Hindu was published which was wholly sponsored by Er. S. Sudhakar and Er. V. Muruganandam from 1982 - 86 batch, marking a significant financial milestone. The 1978 batch celebrated their First Silver Jubilee reunion in 2003, followed by other batches.

During Prof. E. G. Venkatakrishnan's tenure as the placement officer, various leadership programs, campus interviews and communication skills training were conducted by alumni

volunteers Er. Loganathan 1988 batch, Er. Sasidharan 1991 batch, Er. Muthusamy 1996 and volunteer from different batches. Subsequently 1996, 1998, 1991, 1999, 2003 and 2006 had volunteered in the above process.

Er. K. Pandian from the 1983 batch, along with Er. J. Prabhakaran from the 1984 batch, led their respective teams to significant achievements in 2009 and 2010. They achieved a major milestone at the institute of GCE by securing NBA ACCREDITATION for all its branches, except for ECS. Additionally, the institute was granted autonomous status. Er. K. Pandian, who graduated in 1983, played a crucial role in securing the land and approval from the Government and the relevant authorities like DOTE for the construction of an Exclusive Alumni Building inside the college campus.

Er. A. V. Sekar (1977), Er. K. Ramesh Babu (1979), and Er. K. Eswaran (1980) established a trust as a Special Purpose Vehicle to gather donations from various alumni to meet out the cost of Alumni Building. Er. M. Kamarajan (1978) and Er. V. Janarthan (1979) were at the forefront of the fund raising efforts. The alumni of the GCE generously contributed a significant amount, accounting to several crores, towards the construction of the Alumni Building at GCE, Salem.

Through their collective efforts, the Alumni Building was successfully completed and inaugurated on August 9, 2014, by the Additional Director of DOTE. Prof. P. M. Kavimani, a distinguished alumnus and former principal of GCE, Salem, was honored during the event. The ceremony was led by the then principal, Dr. R. S. D. Wahida Banu.

Another milestone Achievement of The Entrance Arch at the Central Gate was successfully constructed by 1989 - 93 batch. The total project cost was Rs. 40 lakhs which was exclusively, contributed by 1989 – 93 batch alumni. It was inaugurated by the former Principal Mrs. Vimala Roseline.

Since then, the alumni association have been actively involved in various initiatives to support the students, including conducting Up Skill Programs, training and leadership programs.

The journey of the Alumni Association has been marked by the continuous support of the generous alumni, who recently came together on June 24, 2024, to officially Registered the Alumni Association of GCE, Salem, under the Tamil Nadu Society Act 1975 in partnership with the esteemed institution, GCE, Salem, with blessings and guidance by the esteemed Patron cum principal, Dr. K. Vijayan.

Let's Ignite our passion for Innovation and Inspiration and continue to serve the students with dedication and enthusiasm, giving back to our beloved institution and society.

Together, Let's build the Name and Reputation of GCE, Salem, on a global scale.