



# MBCET e-bulletin

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## Principal's Desk



During a daytime drive from Thiruvananthapuram to Kozhikode, this week, it was seen that, except for the low turnout of passengers on the public conveyance, the traffic was heavy on the roads, restaurants were open and people had come out in large numbers to the towns and

cities. It is a good sign of retreat of pandemic and the return of normalcy, at least slowly. The post-Covid time needs our proactive approach in enabling the people, who have got sidelined by way of the loss of their occupation, loss of job in the countries abroad, loss of the chances of higher studies, and so on. Engineering colleges have to join hands with the Government to train these people with some locally relevant skills so that they can get into new professions or can start their own ventures.

Our College is getting ready to receive the Third year students, who are expected to be on the campus from 18th morning onwards. This time also, students will come in two batches on alternate days.

The contact classes for the Final Year UG and PG students are getting completed without any cases of emergency. We are praying for their well being after they get back home so that they can appear for the End Semester Examinations in February 2021.

**Dr. Abraham T Mathew**

## Certificate of Appreciation



**Mr. Jinu Baby**, Asst. Prof. Dept. of ECE, was awarded the certificate of appreciation in January 2021, for volunteering as proctor to guide and oversee competing teams for the IEEEExtreme 14.0 programming competition that hosted +7,300 participants, on 24th October 2020.

## Young Innovators Programme

**Mr. Jinu Baby** and **Ms. Teena Rajan**, Assistant Professors in the Department of ECE, have been selected as the evaluators for the preliminary evaluation of Young Innovators Program 2020.

**ISTE State Faculty Convention**  
23rd January 2021  
for details: <http://mbcet.ac.in>

## MBCETAA New office Bearers



**Fr. John Vilayil**, Bursar handed over the charge to the New office bearers of MBCET Alumni Association in the presence of **Dr. Abraham T Mathew**, the Principal.

## Rejuvenation of Rivers

A group of students from S5 CE have been selected to do Detailed Project Report (DPR) in association with the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) (vide OA No. 673/2018 dated 20.9.2018) for rejuvenation of 21 rivers identified as 'Critically Polluted Rivers' in the State. They will conduct site visits, collect data, carry out a series of tests for assessing the level of pollution and prepare an actionable DPR in the assigned area.

## Industry Expert Talk



Automata, the Mechanical Engineering Students Association of MBCET organized an Expert Talk and Interactive session. **Dr. Venkataraman Balaji**, President TVS Sensing Solutions (Pvt) Ltd was the Resource Person (see Photo Gallery- P3).

## Student Achievement



**Ms. Sredha Prem**, S7 ME2 got admission to the Post Graduate Programme in Mechanical Engineering at NYU Tandon New York School of Engineering as a Full Time Student with scholarship.

## IEEE Student Branch



EMBS society of IEEE MBCET SB organized a circuit designing competition on 27th December 2020. **Mr. Vishnu A.J.** of S7 EC1 was announced the winner on 7th January 2020.

## Higher Studies



**Ms. Sreelekshmi Soman G.**, Assistant Professor, MED secured admission for Ph.D. at the Department of Engineering, IIT Kharagpur.

## Career Guidance Activity

Webinars on Career Guidance were organised in association with CGP Career Avenues for S3 & S5 Semester Students of CSE & EEE. The topic for the seminar was 'What After B.Tech'. The session was handled by **Mr. Rajesh Sasidhar**, HR & Admin Manager, Kerala Operations, CGP CAREER AVENUES, on 8 & 11 January 2021.

Illumina in association with the Placement Committee, Dept. of EEE held discussion on career options, such as

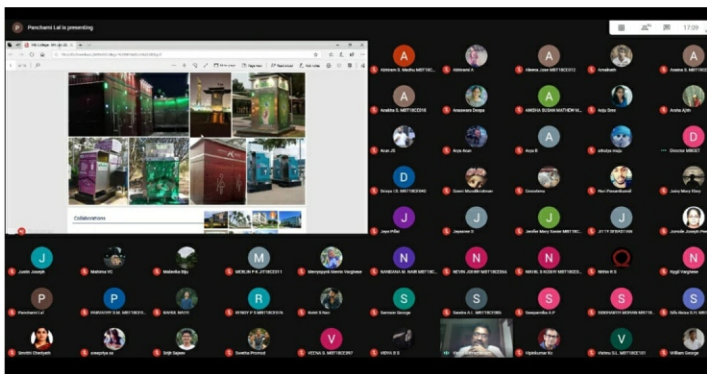
- Job & Internship Opportunities
- Exam pattern of Central & State Govt jobs
- Higher studies options in India
- MS and MBA outside India

by the same Resource Person. The Illumina Activity was coordinated by **Ajish Ashok** (Asst. Prof, EEE).

## CORPORATE RELATIONS

Corporate Relations Wing of the College in collaboration with the Civil Engineering Department organized a talk by **Mr Vinod Subramaniam**, Director, SustaLife Foundation for the third year Civil Engineering students on 9th January 2020. Mr. Vinod spoke about their current projects on Sustainable Solutions.

The SustaLife Foundation (SLF) is a no profit organization engaged in developing sustainable and green solutions accelerating innovations towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Their focus areas are Agriculture productivity and food security, better healthcare and sustainable water and sanitation. Currently, they are working with Caltech and Bristol Universities. Talks with SLF have been initiated exploring possibilities for working with them on their projects.



## Tensorz Club

Tensorz MBCET held its second session of Meraki Talks, a one and a half hour interactive session (7pm-8:30 pm) on January 12, 2021. This session was handled by **Mr. Sandeep Kochhar**, Storyteller and Founder, BlewMinds Consulting, on 'Art of Storytelling'.

**Mr. Sandeep** gave an insight into how storytelling can bring about radical changes in people's lives and help in bringing out the best in them. He also briefed about his EEE model of storytelling and how it can help in brand building. He also stressed on the concept of DOTS, Doing One Thing Surely. More than 60 students attended the session.

## Expert Talk

**Mr. Pradeep M**, Associate Professor, MED delivered a talk on 'Stress Management' during the online FDP on Product Design sponsored by AICTE ATAL, organized by CET. Session was on 4th and 8th January 2021.



## ISTE NEWS



**Dr. Nidhi M. B.**, Associate Professor MBCET and NEC ISTE inaugurated ISTE STIST Chapter and delivered the Inaugural address on 12th January 2020.

## ISTE Student Chapter

**Mr. Jomy Joseph**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of CE delivered a talk on 'A Walk towards MBCETs Water Conservation Practices', on 9th January 2021 in association with ISTE MBCET Student Chapter.



## ISTE Student Chapter Activities

### 1. Experimere

Experimere, a Report writing Competition was held as part of this Talk from 9-14 January 2021. **Indrajit V**, S3 ECE was the winner.


### 2. Aqua Trivia

Aqua Trivia, an online quiz was conducted on 13th January 2021. **Vasundara G**, S3 ECE was declared the winner.

## Leadership Programme

**Mr. Arun J. S.**, Asst. Prof. ECE, attended the 3 day Innovation Project Leadership Program (IPLP) organized as a part of 'One District One Idea' program of K-DISC from 4th January to 6th January 2021 held at the Collectorate Thiruvananthapuram. It was envisioned and executed by The Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology.

## Training and Placement

Company	Additional Shortlisted Candidates
	6

*Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it!*

-Albert Einstein

## A perspective on the Online-Certificates Phenomenon



Disclaimer: This is an opinion piece based on personal observations. Nothing more and nothing less.

For every 25-30 updates (a rough estimate) regarding online certifications that I see on my LinkedIn feed, there will be a snide post by some person about how these certifications are not worth the time, money or effort. And every time I see those comments by the detractors of online education and certifications, I am reminded about one of my favorite quotes from the movie Good Will Hunting which goes like this: 'You wasted \$150,000 on an education you coulda got for \$1.50 in late fees at the public library.'

EduTech is a buzzword today. And why not? With high-speed internet, webRTC there was already a steady move towards digitally consumable courses of varying sizes and complexities. Since the pandemic, the numbers, for companies in the space of 'education technology', are at an all-time high.

When I joined for my Executive MBA for working professionals at IIMK, the first advice I received was, 'It is better to be a full-time student in a part-time course than be a part-time student in a full-time course.' I have followed this to a T and I believe that I have greatly benefited from it.

Karthik Kesav  
Director - Pragmatix Learning

### PHOTO GALLERY

#### Industry Expert Visit

(See News item on P1)



Bursar receiving the Guest

Interaction with Principal

Interaction with Faculty Members



Campus Visit

Interaction with Students

#### A View of the MBCET Girls' Hostel



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