

A brief report on the ' Alumni meet ' (Platinum Jubilee function)

Platinum Jubilee (Amrut Mahotsav) is a series of events organized by the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering, COEP Technological University (COEP Tech) round the year 2022- 23 on completion of its 75 years. As an integral part of these events, an 'Alumni meet' was organized on 7th Jan 2023 (2.30 - 7 pm, Saturday) in the Main Auditorium. The event was attended by 600+ Alumni of the Department and present students. Inaugural Programme began by Lamp lighting and COEP Geet by students representatives. The event was sponsored by Meta tech industries, Aacharya Acedmy, N.D. Gupta Enterprises and Conation Technologies, Pune. In his welcome speech, Prof. S. P. Butee, Head of the Department addressed huge gathering of the past and present students, ex faculties & staff and current faculties & staff. Dr.P.N.Bhagwati, Chairman & Managing Director, Bhagwati Spherocast Ltd was chief guest of the function. This medium scale company, located in Ahmedabad, Gujrath, produces high duty grey iron and ductile iron castings as per international standards and cater the need of various industries. He pointed out various issues in foundry engineering and also suggested solutions. Sanjeev Tambolkar, Managing Director, Sanjeev Auto Parts Pvt. Ltd, Aurangabad, was guest of honour. The company is leading manufacturer of gears, shafts, fork shifts, gear assemblies and other precision components for automobiles, agricultural, power and construction machinery. He explained how advanced technology can be used to increase the productivity. Prof.K.R.Satyanarayn, Ex- Head of the Department and the then Ex- Principal of the College of Engineering Pune, traced history of the Department in his brief speech. He joined the Department in 1959 and worked as Head of the Department from 1970 to 1990, served as a Principal from 1990 to 1995. All the alumni were extremely pleased to see him on Dias. Prof. M. J. Rathod narrated how industry supported lab can work by citing the example of EATON- COEP Advanced Materials Lab in the Department. He cited the example of financial support received from Firodiya foundation for the retrofitting of metallurgical workshop. Hon Pratap rao Pawar, Chairman of Board of Governors, being metallurgist, demonstrated in a beautiful way how academics and industries can collaborate on various issues and contribute to the society. Mr. Bharat Gite, Managing Director ,Taural India, Pune explained designing and making of CBCC Cylinder block crank case. Towering personalities in Metallurgical Engineering such as Dr. Prabhakar Renavikar, Dr. V.D. Kodgire and Nalini Nene, first lady metallurgical engineering graduate were in the audience. The Department came up with an innovative idea, felicitated illustrious alumni who excelled in their

respective fields along with ex faculties and ex staff who contributed in the department substantially through their service. Prof. S.P. Butee, Head of the Department, presented progress of the Department since autonomy. His lecture paved the way for the researchers in materials engineering. In his presentation, he emphasized importance of ‘waste management and energy materials’ as futuristic research areas and appealed all the alumni to take the department the next level by their contribution. The Inaugural Programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. P. P. Deshpande. Large number of alumni visited various labs of the Department and noted state of art equipments, up gradation of the experimental and infrastructural facilities in the Department. At the end, alumni representatives shared their past experiences during studies and enjoyed a ‘drama’ performed by Cultural team. To sum up, the meet attended by large number of Alumni and currently enrolled students, was extremely successful in the decided objectives, made each and every one aware of the recent progress of the Department and encouraged all for their contribution in the progress of the Department. All the faculty members, staff and the department student volunteers very hard contributed in successful organization of this event. *The search for new and better materials and their technologies is never ending.*



Welcome by Prof. S. P. Butee, Head of the Department



Chief Guest Dr. P. N. Bhagavti's speech



Guest of honour Sanjeeve Tambolkar delivering his address.



Guidance by Hon Pratap rao Pawar, BOG Chairman, COEP Tech.



Address by Bharat Gite, President, Alumni Association, COEP Tech



Felicitation of Dr. K. R. Satyanarayn by Prof, M. J. Rathod, Deputy Director, COEP Tech



'Way ahead' presentation and appeal to alumni by Prof. S.P. Butee, Head of the Department

Selected Photos



Felicitation of Nalini Nene, the first lady metallurgical engineering graduate and renowned foundry engineer



Felicitation of Dr. Prabhakar Renavikar



Vote of Thanks by Dr. P. P. Deshpande, Department of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering, COEP Tech



Felicitaton of Vineet Marathe as an illustrious alumni



Drama by COEP Tech Cultural team



Alumni attending the function



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