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Proceedings of the 10th Annual General Body Meeting.

Annual general body meeting (AGM) and Get together at the AU College of engineering college was held on 15th December,2024. The event took place at the Dr. YVS Murthy Auditorium, AUEC campus and commenced from 0830Hrs. A free medical camp, in collaboration with Apollo Hospital, Arilova was set up from 0830Hrs onwards for the benefit of the alumni members and their spouses, a new health promotion initiative. This included basic medical check-up, ECG and early cancer detection for women among other check-ups. Around 75 members availed the facility and some spouses also joined. This is the first time such an event was organised by our alumni association that benefitted a few, who got early warnings with new detection.

The meeting was attended by over 140 alumni comprising the distinguished alumni members currently employed in various organisations along with retired high ranking officials, some with spouses, unique in this AGM, women alumni, good number of budding alumni members and associate members attended the meeting.

The meeting was preceded by the spot member registration and fostering networking breakfast for alumni to reconnect and walk back on the memory lanes of the life at the alma mater. The meeting commenced with a theme "Engineers make a better world" at 1030. Shri K.V.V.Rao, President, AUEC Alumni association presided the festive grand meeting.

Prof G. Sasi Bhushana Rao, In charge Vice Chancellor, AU & Principal, AU College of Engineering(A) was the chief guest, Dr.A Gangagni Rao, our alumnus, Chair, Department of

Energy and Environmental Engineering, CSIR, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad as keynote speaker, Prof. GSN Raju, proud alumnus of AUEC, former vice chancellor, AU and Chancellor Centurion university and Prof. Bela Satyanarayana, proud AUEC alumnus, former vice chancellor, AU graced the occasion and seated on the dais. Continuing the tradition of honouring our distinguished alumni, invited Shri B Ramabhadra,1973 (Elec) Alumnus, Entrepreneur & founder Na Ra Japan hub, Hyderabad, Shri.Venkatesh Valluri, our 1982 (ECE) alumnus, IIM Ahmedabad, founder Chairman, Valluri Technology Accelerators, Bangalore and Dr.M.Venkateswarlu, our 1983(civil) Alumnus, Post Master General (Rtd.), Govt. of India on to the dais. Shri Kumar Raja, our alumnus, permanent Senate member, AU, was also seated on the dais.

Proceeding began with the invocation of prayer by mesmerising devotional voice of our 4th year Mechanical students Ms V Sai Rohita and Ms B Lakshmi Sri Sowdamini followed by auspicious lighting of lamps by the distinguished persons on the dais. The highlight of the event is same students anchored the entire event so professionally that prove Engineers are always allrounders.

Beginning form last year's AGM, a special homage paid observing two minutes silence in loving memory of the demised faculty members, non-teaching staff and alumni. Floral tributes were paid. A pleasant surprise occurred in unveiling a group photo of Executive committee, construction committee and alumni members present on the grand occasion of house warming of Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Hostel in 2023.

President ,in his address made vision statement of the alumni association and the mission that they are committed to. He emphasised on focus in connecting alumni with the alma mater promoting the Institution success at par with the Institutions of world repute. He cited importance of reputation and recognition that it rests with its faculty, administration, students and most importantly alumni. He continued that our AUCE should attain standards of top five recognised global Institutes and get accreditation as a college of academic and research excellence. He thanked alumni members, office bearers and executive committee members for their commitment, team work and dedication to elevate the association with a strong foundation for set growth and seamless functioning. He complimented the team for their best practices and good governance during the entire term of the committee.

The chief guest, Prof.G Sasi Bhushana Rao, I/C Vice Chancellor & Principal AUCE explained the various activities of the University and its geographical importance. He announced that the Centennial Celebrations of Andhra University would be started in the year 2025 to commemorate 100 years of its legacy in continuing producing eminent Engineers, Scholars, Scientists and galaxy of eminent people . He informed that many ambitious programmes are planned for the grand celebrations. He sought the cooperation of AUEC Alumni in this regard. He thanked immensely for the gesture of the alumni association for coming forward adding additional floor to the Sir M Visvesvaraya hostel, a venture by AUEC alumni association and first ever two wheeler exclusive parking for hostel mates.

Shri. S. Jogendra, our 1980 alumnus, Vice President, introduced the keynote speaker and guest of honour Dr.Gangagni Rao, our alumnus and a chief scientist with CSIR, Govt.of India

Dr.Rao , in his address congratulated alumni association for inviting to this platform and expressed appreciation to the alumni association for connecting him with the alma mater. He presented a most vital and burning topic of most relevance to the global issues on climate change, waste management and Energy security for sustainable development. He explained on the pillars of sustainability and sustainable development. He dwelled on the climate change, growing energy demands and waste management crisis. He explained the role of Bio Gas Technologies in sustainable development and mitigating climate change. Due to limited time he made best efforts to cover maximum possible wider topic of global importance.

He showed his solidarity and commitment to the alma mater by announcing his personal contribution of Rs.10,000 every year to our alumni association for giving award to top excellent performer from 4th year student of Chemical Engineering in the name of his mentor Dr.Kishore.

General Secretary, in his report, recalled the generous and benevolent contribution made by the alumni in the construction of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Hostel, a venture by Alumni, that was inaugurated in 2023 and fully ready to occupy hostel building handed over to Andhra University early 2024 after providing additional facilities and now fully occupied since July by the male students across all branches. The Secretary in his report placed on record activities of the association during the year 2024 which included setting up fully functional office, digitisation of alumni data base and other activities, supporting AU in getting NAAC's respectable rating to AU, conducting Seminars/lectures, interactive sessions for the benefit of Mechanical, Marine and civil engineers and arranging a seminar for chemical engineering students(16th December), providing Stainless steel dining tables and benches in the dining hall among others. Provided solar powered street lights on the access road to the hostel. The alumni association web site is fully functional

Most notable activity is the starting construction of two wheeler concrete roofed parking shed, a first in the AU campus, for the benefit of inmates of Sir M Visvesvaraya hostel. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor vide his proceedings dated 26th November 2024, passed orders for the construction of 3rd floor which validates and authenticate construction of the hostel and assured to allot four additional rooms for the use of the alumni members and guests. This committee is committed for the construction of 3rd floor to the hostel and a traditional auspicious puja was performed by our Senior alumni member Shri V R Rao on 14th November'2024. A competent construction committee was formed and engineering, designs and drawings were prepared by Dr.Madhav Babu, Vice President. Currently closed competitive bidding tender process is under progress for the construction of 3rd floor.

The Treasurer submitted most vibrant and simple report in the recent past years reflecting his arduous work put in setting right long pending building fund accounts. The treasurer's report detailed about audited balance sheets for the years pending since 2019 and completed as of the date.. The report contain current balance of construction account and alumni association account. The closing accounts were audited up to and including 14th December,2024 complying to best accounting standards and certified by a auditor. Some hard copies were distributed to some alumni in the meeting for reference. Treasurer in his report elucidated that this committee performed both engineering and accounting functions which is a hall mark to our association.

The Treasurer in his report given separate accounts on two different heads being hostel building fund and alumni association fund that included receipts and expenditure. Report further states that donations received in cash, cheques and in kind in construction Account were capitalised in the asset value. Corpus fund for the maintenance of AUEC Alumni office being raised and some funds started pouring in. The accounts were approved by voice vote.

Hostel Building Account:

Bank balance as on 1/4/2024 Rs. 7,00,650.25 Fixed deposits with the bank as on 1/4/2024 Rs.70 Lakhs Total Building fund as on 1/4/2024 Rs.77,00,650.25 : Liabilities as on 01/04/2024 Rs.9,11,261/-: Receipts from 1/4/2024 to 14/12/2024 Rs.33911/-: Expenditure from 1/4/2024 to 14/12/2024 Rs.779102/-Balance as of 14/12/2024 Rs.955459.25 Fixed Deposits with the bank as on 14/12/2024 Rs.60 Lakhs Total balance building fund as on 14/12/2024 Rs.69,55,459.25 Liabilities as on 14/12/2024 Rs.945261/-**Total donation received** : Rs.41107601/-**Received in Kind (Granite)** Rs.8 Lakhs -: **Received in Cash** : Rs.875000/-**Total Building Cost as on date** Rs.34508408/-

Alumni Association Account :-

 Opening balance as on 1/4/2024
 : Rs.98226/

 FDRs as on 1/4/2024
 : Rs.800000/

 Total balance as on 1/4/2024
 : Rs. 898226/

 Receipts (Membership fee, corpus fund
 : Rs.187596/

Donation, interest etc) from 1/4/2024 to 14/12/2024

Expenditure from 1/4/2024 to 14/12/2024 : Rs.312500/-Balance as on 15/12/2024 : Rs.91322/-FDRs as on 15/12/2024 : Rs.800000/-Total Balance as on 15/12/2024 : Rs.891322/-

Prof. GSN Raju in his eloquent message exhorted the alumni and provided insights on various aspects of life relevant to the Alma mater, AU, alumni and students.

Prof. Bela Satyanarayana, proud alumni of AUCE, in his address brought out many useful thoughts that would be beneficial to alma mater and parent AU. He suggested that the AUEC alumni work with AAA interactively while maintaining its identity. He congratulated the President and his team for their excellent contribution and great work being done by them.

The audience witnessed a pleasant moment when Dr.Ramesh, a farmer and practicing Homeopathy practicing Doctor and an eminent practicing and farming organic sustainable healthy crops was invited on the stage to speak few words in the area of his strength that would benefit the community. He gave a pleasant message on life cycle and organic way of living. He enthralled audience with his knowledge and wisdom.

The stage management team introduced distinguished alumni guests of honour Shri B Rama Bhadra, 1973 Elec, Entrepreneur and founder Nara Japan, a cultural exchange centre for India and Japan, Shri. Valluri Venkatesh, 1982 ECE, Founder Chairman Valluri Technologies accelerators, Bangalore, IIM(A) alumnus and Dr. M Venkateswarlu, 1983 civil, retired post Master General (AP). These distinguished alumni brought glory, name and fame to our alma mater with their continued excellent service to the society and in particular engineering fraternity. They were honoured befittingly with mementoes and shawls amid thunderous applause from the audience.

All the dignitaries on the Dais were felicitated by our past Presidents, hostel project coordinator and office bearers.

1974 batch alumni were presented mementos on the celebration of Golden Jubilee year to mark fifty years of completion after leaving our college. First time in Alumni AGM, a Golden jubilee elegant cake was cut by 1974 batch alumni and some spouses on the stage. It is a memorable event to the batch and sense of pride for alumni association for celebrating the occasion uniquely.

This year AGM added a special event in awarding the toppers of 4th year across all the branches with a cash award of Rs.5000/- each and a certificate of merit sponsored by AUEC Executive committee members. All the sixteen toppers from various disciplines were called on the stage along with their parents and were felicitated by guests on the dais, alumni members and heads of the departments. A student from Angola who topped in Instrumentation is a special attraction. He dedicated his achievement to his mentor Head of the department and his friends. In turn The Students and our committee honoured proud parents amid tears rolling from parents for being part of this joyous occasion and had never been honoured in this manner. Traditional touching of feat of respective parents by the toppers displayed Indian culture a new feat none others would have attempted. The entire students form diversity in unity, a symbol of Indian way of living.

The Apollo medical team were felicitated by the President and office bearers.

Vote of thanks were proposed thanking all the dignitaries, alumni members, spouses, student associate members, Apollo Hospital staff and supporting staff who made this event stupendously successful.

The forenoon session was closed with national anthem and an announcement of working lunch. All the members were requested to reassemble after lunch for the next session.

After a wonderful and eventful morning session, we all broke for a sumptuous lunch around 1-30 noon. After lunch, our President had to leave to attend one urgent official conference call and as such, he requested our senior member Sri V R Rao garu to conduct the balance proceedings . Sri VR Rao explained at length the "procedure" that has been followed all the previous years and then proposed the name of Sri IVNSK VISWANADHA RAO as President . At this point of time some members sought some clarifications and Sri Rao answered them. One of the 1974 batch alumnus , specifically asked why a person from 1974 batch was not nominated as President, as we followed that procedure for some years previously. Sri VRRao

explained in detail why that previous procedure is discontinued. Sri Rao proposed that Dr Rambabu and Sri Bhaskara Rao be continued as General Secretary and Treasurer respectively for one more year. After some more deliberations, the members present gave consent to the proposals put forward by Sri V R Rao. One member suggested that the next Executive Committee should discuss and formulate suitable guidelines for conducting election for the three main posts namely: President, General Secretary and Treasurer. Sri Rao assured that the same will be conveyed to the next Executive Committee. With this, the meeting ended at 3-30 pm. After that, some 8 to 10 members paid a visit to Alumni Block, and after taking Tea, dispersed.

We, on behalf of EC Members, convey our best wishes and greetings for New Year and Pongal.

Kind Regards, Dr.G Rambabu General Secretary.