

Engineer's Day Celebration
15th Sep'2018

The Engineering Community across India celebrates Engineers Day on 15th September every year as a tribute to the greatest Indian Engineer Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. Born on 15 September, 1861, Sir Visvesvaraya went on to become India's most prolific civil engineer, dam builder, economist, statesman, and can be counted among the last century's foremost nation-builders. Visvesvaraya was not only known for his contributions in the field of engineering but was also called the "**Usherer of economic planning in India**", according to the Institution of Engineers India (IEI). It stated that he is best known for his discourse "Planned Economy for India and Reconstructing India" which is the first of its kind to describe the country's planning efforts.

India has marked September 15 as the National Engineer's Day to appreciate the contributions of this eminent personality.

L. D. College of Engineering, Ahmedabad in association with Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., celebrated Engineers' Day on Saturday, 15th September, 2018, to commemorate 158th birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.

L. D. College Engineering has been celebrating this day every year, whereby distinguished panel of experts from various engineering disciplines are invited to deliver expert talk pertaining to the theme that corresponds to a current or future challenge and also to motivate the young engineers by sharing their experiences.

This year the college has taken opportunity to felicitate its luminous alumni from various disciplines on this day. The invited alumni visiting the Alma Mater after a long time, felt thrilled to be back in the campus.



The celebration began by offering prayer to the almighty and Lighting of the Lamp. Dr. G. P. Vadodaria welcomed and presented bouquet to Shri Vijayan K. Pandya whose consistent support helps the institute to organize such knowledge sharing events. Dr.M.B.Dholakia welcomed and presented the bouquet to Shri Parth Kotecha, who is founder of ‘Mentor’- a finishing school and A Corporate Training Consultant and an inspiring motivational speaker.



Respected Principal sir, Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, who is working with zeal and spirit towards carrying out the mission to realize institute's vision of being on the forefront of technical

education, delivered the Welcome Address to the august gathering, setting the appropriate atmosphere for the occasion.



Shri Vijayan Pandya, Zonal Head, Technical Services, Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., Gujarat introduced the audience to the need for celebrating the day and to various aspects of the services they render and presented the highlights of the programme to follow.





Noted motivational speaker Shri. Parth Kotecha, founder of 'Mentor' - a finishing school and A Corporate Training Consultancy, who is an inspiring motivational speaker & has conducted many training programs for the corporate and student community, enlightened the audience mostly comprising of Faculty members, Students and Professional with roles, responsibility and deliverables expected from them in Nation Building.





On this occasion, 17 of the eminent Alumni of LDCE were welcomed and felicitated by the Principal Dr. G. P. Vadodaria and respective Heads of the Departments as well. The alumni promised to extend their technical knowhow and services for developing high-tech laboratories within the institute and facilitate the industry need based training of faculty & students as well.



Dr. M. B. Dholakia, Professor, Civil Engg dept, delivered the Vote of Thanks and concluded the occasion.



The illustrious alumni of LDCE during the felicitation ceremony ...

Civil Engineering Department

Mr. Pavan Bakeri, who is one of the most illustrious alumni of this institute, is Master's in Engineering from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), U.S.A. He has over 2 decades experience in construction and real estate development in India. He is also a serial entrepreneur, having started an alternative energy firm exploring wind and solar energy; and also, a software firm which developed VoIP solutions and made significant contribution in the development of voice recognition technologies during its early days of these technologies.

A firm believer in the use of technology and design to solve social problems, he is currently involved as an investor and mentor with several start-ups, in diverse fields such as nanotechnology, biochemistry, logistics, ecommerce, environment, etc. He is also working quite actively in the field of education, social development, promotion of art and culture, heritage preservation. His notable contributions in these areas has been recognized through several awards and privileged memberships. He has also been recently nominated to receive one of France's highest civilian honours, l'Ordre National du Merite (The National Order of Merit) by the President of France.





Dhiren Vora, a qualified Civil Engineer from LDCE, is having an illustrious record of promoting and running real estate development company HN Safal of Gujarat. The Group HN Safal has to its credit several real estate projects in both residential and retail / commercial space. Under his able leadership, HN Safal Group has achieved a high trajectory of growth and has transformed the landscape of Ahmedabad city and lifestyles of people. With his sharp business acumen coupled with aggressive leadership, HN Safal is poised to make an indelible mark on the real estate map of India.



Environmental Engineering Department

Shri. Hardik Shah , who is a Master in Environmental Engineering from L. D. College of Engineering. His ardent quest for academic excellence can be reflected from qualifications he has received in diverse disciplines, which includes Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Environment Impact Assessment and Law. He also received fellowship from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in ‘Developing Design for Applicability of US Water Quality Trading Program in Indian Scenario’. Currently, he is serving as a Private Secretary to the Minister of State Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India. He has also served as Senior Technical Officer and Under Secretary, Department of Forests and Environment, Government of Gujarat; Additional Collector, Himatnagar (Sabarkantha) district, Member Secretary- GPCB, and Secretary - Gujarat State Expert Appraisal Committee constituted by the Government of Gujarat for implementation of EIA Notification,2006 in State. He has also received the “Special Recognition Award” as a Member Secretary, GPCB for ‘e-Governance under ‘Environment Category’ by CSI Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2009-2010.

Chemical Engineering Department

Dr. Nitin Padhiyar is Professor in IIT, Gandhinagar. He is an alumni of L. D. college of Engineering, Ahmedabad and graduated in Chemical Engineering from LDCE in the year 2000.

He did his Masters from IIT-Kharagpur in 2003 and PhD from IIT-Bombay in the year 2008. Prior to joining IIT, Gandhinagar as a faculty member, he worked as a Research Engineer, Asea Brown Boveri (ABB), Indian Corporate Research (INCRC), Bangalore. He has published several research papers in reputed journals. His research areas include Process Optimization and Control, Multi-objective optimization, Genetic Algorithms, Dynamic Optimization, Model Predictive Control etc.



Shri Mayank Parikh is Director of Macro Polymers Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad which is Government Recognized Star Export House & is an ISO 9001:2008, 14001:2004 & 18001:2007 certified company. The company has several units in and around Ahmedabad and produces specialty chemicals like resin and varnishes. They have a very good R&D facility which is recognized by Government of India, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology. Shri Mayank Parikh did his B.E from Chemical Engineering Department of LDCE, Ahmedabad in 1992.



Electrical Engineering Department

Shri Nikhilbhai N. Trivedi, earned his BE (Electrical) from this very institute in year 1983. Sir is the owner and Director of Shiralee Electricals, an established fast growing organization led by a competent management comprising of professionally qualified and highly experience qualified engineers & technocrats. This particular firm is EPC contractor of EHV switch yard and Industrial project that deals with engineering, designing, consultancy, testing & commissioning services of switch yard and EHV installations. Mr.Trivedi is also Government of Gujarat authorized Energy auditor.



Plastic Technology Department

Mr. Chetan Shah, Managing Director Drishti Polytech, graduated in Plastic Technology in the 1985 from LDCE. He is an experienced technocrat with a demonstrated history of working in plastic industry. As the owner of Drishti Polytech, who is skilled in Negotiation, Sales, Thermoplastics, Polymers, and Customer Relationship Management (CRM), managing distribution of wide spectrum of specialty chemicals, which includes Dyes and Dyestuffs, Polymer Compounds, Colour Masterbatches and Specialty Additives, catering to the needs of various plastics processing industries such as HDPE/PP pipes, cable compounds, pen manufacturers, multilayer films, injection & blow moulders, rotational moulders etc. Mr. Shah is an authorized distributor for Clariant Chemicals India Ltd.



Information Technology Department

Mr. Ruchir Bhrambhatt, who is Co-Founder & Director Ecosmob Technologies Pvt. Lt, Ahmedabad, has graduated with I.T. degree from LDCE in 2004. He worked for 2 years in software development companies in Ahmedabad. Later on founded a company called Ecosmob Technologies Pvt. Ltd. in 2007 that specializes in telecom solutions. Now they work on telecom, web, mobile and smart TV apps. Currently they have strength of over 100 people.



Mr. Kushan Dave, is Founder & CEO Foodini,, Ahmedabad. He graduated with I.T. degree from LDCE in 2014. He worked for 2 years in software development companies in Ahmedabad. He found a company called Foodini in 2016 that specializes in end to end development of restaurant and consumer side applications with the objective of enhancing the experience of dining out. About 20 Restaurants are actively using their applications like Client acquisition and Customer Relationship Management since June 2018. He is associated with developing Go-To-market strategies as well as planning digital marketing activities for promotion of the application, Creation of content for the consumer side application – including a description and picture for the top-rated dishes of every restaurant.



Electronics and Communication Engineering Department

Dr. Nilesh Desai, is a Scientist and an Deputy Director Space Application Center at Ahmedabad. He is also the Group Director of Microwave Censors and Digital Electronics Group at SAC Ahmedabad.



Dr. Manisha Upadyay, earned her B.E.(EC) and M.E (Communication system design) from L.D.College of Engineering, Gujarat University in 1994 and 2004 respectively. Dr.Upadyaya is currently Asso.Professor at Nirma university. She has been associated with Nirma university since 1998. Madam has done her Ph.D. in the field of cooperative wireless communication from Nirma University.



Computer Engineering Department

Mr. Amit M. Panchal, is the CEO and co-founder, of AllEvents.in (Largest Discovery Event Portal), connecting more than 4000 cities. Company majorly looks in design and development of Mobile, Android and Web Portal. Sir is an LD alumnus from the batch 2010.



Mechanical Engineering Department

Retired Wing Commander Shri C.G.Pandya, who passed BE (Elec) 1960, BE (Mech) 1961 from L D Engg College. Sir joined IAF in 1961 and passed out from Air Force Technical College, Bangalore in 1963. He served Indian Air Force in different capacities. He was an Engineering Officer in British and Russian aircraft. He was trained in Russia as Flight Test Engineer for AM-12 aircraft. He retired from IAF in 1981. During his IAF career, he was awarded with a Gallantry Award for 1965 Pakistan Operations and was commended later on for manufacturing Rubber Seals indigenously.

After retiring from IAF, he has worked with several organizations doing different roles. He worked as a Project Studies Engineer for new investments at an engineering firm, as a chief executive in a Wind Power Developer company setting up 50 wind-mills bear Porbandar, as Industrial Safety consultants in India and abroad, as Wind-Energy Consultant with Reliance, Tata chemicals, Vestas. Currently he is a visiting Professor at CEPT University for Renewable Energy and also, a Hon Director at GTU for Green Technology Developments.



Instrumentation and Control Engineering Department

Mr.Haren Shah, is chief executive of Peach Technovations Pvt. Ltd. Sir earned his BE in IC in year 1979. During his illustrious career, he has worked in various capacities such as Director (Engineering), Codenoll Technology Corporation (USA), as a staff engineer at IBM Corporations (USA). Sir is involved in GTU initiatives for Entrepreneurship (S4 i.e. Students Start up Support System). He is also member of the first forming team of Incubation Center at IIT Kanpur in 2001. Sir believes and strives to prepare creative and capable entrepreneurs to build a fundamentally stronger nation.



Textile Technology Department

Mr. Kamlesh Patel completed his B.E. in Textile Technology from L.D. College of Engineering in 1983 (Uni. First), M.Tech from IIT Delhi in 1985 and MBA from B K School in 1991. Mr. Kamlesh has worked in Himson Group (2 yrs), ATIRA (7 yrs) and Aditya Birla group (2 yrs). He joined Arvind in 1996 in Denim division. Currently he is Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Advanced Material Division of Arvind. His areas of expertise include Project management, Operations of new businesses in field of Technical textiles (Nonwoven Filtration, Belting fabrics, technical Yarns, Industrial Coated fabrics, Medical Textiles etc).



Mr. Shrikant S. Pareek completed his B.E. in Textile Technology from L.D. College of Engineering in 1990 and joined Arvind Mills Limited as a Technician in Denim division. Thereafter, he worked at ATIRA as a Scientific Officer and did research and consulting projects in various reputed textile mills across the country. Later in 1994, he joined Group Ashima as Production Manager. In 1998 he became the youngest C.O.O. in Indian textiles industry. With tireless hard work and distinguished leadership skills he came up in ranks and since a decade he had worked as Group C.E.O. for 10 years, managing all divisions and functions. Currently sir is the Chief Commercial Officer at Group Ashima. Mr.Pareek is best described as the Multi skilled and Dynamic young leader of the textile Industry.



Rubber Technology Department

Mr. Atul Shah is an Industrialist - Pioneer Rubber Industry since 1991. Sir earned his BE in Rubber technology in year 1990, later earned his ME in 2013. Sir is also the vice President of L. D. Alumni association. Had in past donned various hats as a Past committee member of GCCI, Ex-president of Rubber Manufacture Welfare association, executive committee member of All India Rubber Industries Association.



**Engineer's Day Celebration on 15th Sep'2018 was followed by announcement of
OBSERVANCE OF SWACHHTA HI SEVA 2018 (SHS)**

01 Guj Compo Tech Coy, National Cadet Corps,

L D College of Engineering, Ahmedabad

OBSERVANCE OF SWACHHTA HI SEVA 2018 (SHS)

150th Birth Anniversary of Pujya Bapu, Mahatma Gandhi was to be celebrated as **SWACHHTA HI SEVA 2018 (SHS)** from 15th September 2018 to 2nd October 2018. Various activities had been planned simultaneously by various organizations. National Cadet Corps (NCC) has also decided to celebrate **SWACHHTA HI SEVA 2018 (SHS)**. 01 Gujarat Compo Tech Coy, NCC, Ahmedabad has also planned various programmes. The following activities/programmes were organized on 15th September 2018.

1. **SWACHHTA HI SEVA 2018 (SHS)** programme was inaugurated by Colonel R. K. Vora, Commanding Officer, 01 Guj Compo Tech Coy, NCC & Dr G. P. Vadodaria, Principal, LDCE, Ahmedabad in presence of faculty members & students of the institute.
2. Oath of cleanliness was taken by faculty members & students of the institute.
3. Conducted College-level rally to generate awareness about sanitation
4. Statues of national leaders in the city had been cleaned by the NCC Cadets.
5. Wall painting competition at public places near the institute on the theme of Swachhata had been organized. Cadets have participated in the event.



