

Report
on
Welcome Program -Opening day of Institute 2020-21
August 10, 2020

Under the guidelines and directives of Director of Technical Education, and the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra on the current volatile situation in the state as well as in the country, it was decided that this academic year 2020-21 will start online.

This motivated us to organize online welcome program on opening day August 10, 2020 with motivational talk for students to overcome all sorts of difficulties in this pandemic situation. With the strong support from Honorable Director Prof Yashwant V. Joshi we decided to have motivational talks on opening day.

We requested two great personalities to address the students. One was Honorable Shri Avinash ji Dharmadhikari, I.A.S. and Founder president of Chanakya Mandal Pune for his speech and he kindly accepted our request. and the other great personality was Dr. Abhay Wagh, DTE, Maharashtra State. Due to some unavoidable situation Dr Wagh could not join the program but he sent his best wishes to us.

With the support of Dean, IT cell Dr. Ganesh Pakle and his team, we decide to use Google Meet and live streaming on YouTube. Dr. Milind Bhalerao, Assistant Professor, Department of EXTC coordinated the program. Program begin with the Invocation by Ms. Mahima Kadwe, TY CSE students

Program began with the opening speech of Prof. Raghunath S. Holambe, The Dean Academics.



In his speech Prof Holambe appreciated for organizing such a welcome program. He explained the Course Evaluation Scheme (20-30-20-30 pattern) to the students. Prof. Holambe said: *You have to convert this difficult situation into an opportunity. Use all the facilities like Coursera, EDeX, NPTEL freely made available by the institute. This is also an opportunity to our institute teachers to prepare world class standard teaching material and compete with faculty from very high standard institutions. You come out of your comfort zone and put your sincere and hard efforts on learning fundamentals, advances, and applications.*

Prof Yashwant Joshi, Director of the institute thanked Mr. Avinash Dharmadhikari and Dr. Abhay Wagh at the beginning of his lecture for their acceptance to give lecture.



Prof Joshi said: *We are passing through a difficult phase which has created lot of uncertainties in life. Under this situation we should not loose time and therefore since March we have been working hard to provide online sources to all of you. As a result we could access to Coursera and EDeX freely to the students by our institutes. Out of 3000 students on the board more than 2100 students have registered on Coursera and and more than 1700 have completed one or more Coursera. From this semester onward we have started the credit transfer scheme under NPTEL or SWAYAM courses. Those students who learn through Swayam and NPTEL and the credits they earn there will be*

transferred to their credit cards and student can complete their degree program with minimum of 160 credits.

Shri Avinashi Dharmadhikari started his speech by congratulating the Director Prof Yashwant Joshi for achieving the success in UPSC exam by Three students and in MPSC exam by Six students in this year 2020. He gave many examples of Indians who created miracles in technology having nothing with them.



He started with the example of Indian genius Shivram Talpade who designed Aeroplane long before Right brothers. He said, *Only engineering degree will not ensure good future for you. You have to be excellent and creative and hence your marks in exams are hardly matter. What is important is do you have the knowledge of the subject. Then only you achieve great heights.* He shared a story of Konkan railway project to explain how we are under the impression that everything good comes from out side. He said *lack of self confidence is a big problem in Indian students. You have to understand the quality that you have.* He explained very nicely by the story of Narayan Murthy. *To find find original solutions to our original problems is the real challenge. One challenge in coming future that you step in is there are no ready made jobs. You have to create your own jobs from your own capacity. Which means all engineers must be Entrepreneurs. You must be self employment and for that you must be expert in your technological achievements. In future, you should not be job seekers but job providers. 65 percent of the jobs that exists now are not going to exists in another 10 years. You have to be students forever and learn the ever changing technology. And for continuous learning we need to learn how to learn. That is what Swadhya Kaushalya,*

the India's path Never forget Yoga and Swadhya. Times are changing so fast. so are habits, so is technology. Engineers have a great scope in competitive exams also. 17 out of top 20 in India are Engineers in the recent declared UPSC exam 2020. So engineers have a special scope in all competitive exams also. So competitive exams and entrepreneurship development has to progress hand in hand with each other. Be creative and Excellent in the chosen walk of life and your future is bright, and my best wishes to all of you.



Complete program was scheduled as per the the following details:

10:30-10:50 Students joined for the lecture on Google live streaming and You tube Live streaming

10:50-10:52 Dr. Arunkumar Patil welcomed all the participants

10:52-10:57 Dr. Milind Bhalerao took over to coordinate the program

10:57-11:00 Ms. Mahima Kadwe, started Invocation

11:00-11:07 Prof R. S. Holambe, Dean Academic gave a welcome speech

11:07-11:15 Prof. Y. V. Joshi, Director gave his message to all students and teachers

11:15-12:15 Mr. Avinashi Dharmadhikari delivered his motivational speech



Program was ended with the Vote of thanks by The Dean of Students Affairs, Dr. Arunkumar R. Patil.

Total number of 2000 participants including students teachers, heads and other staff members watched this online program on livestreaming made available on Youtube.

Arun Kumar Patil
Dean, Students Affairs
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