

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17**

Seeking the divine blessings from Revered Swamiji, I am placing before you the abstract of our achievements in the past one year in the form of annual report of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management.

Respected H.H. Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji, President of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt Education Trust, H. H. Shri Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji of Shri Palimaru Mutt, the guest of today's function, Sri Manjunath Nayaker, Vice President of SSVMET, Sri Srinivasa Tantriji, Honorable Secretary of the Trust, Sri Rathnakumar, Honorable Governing council members, other dignitaries on & off the dais, invited guests, colleagues, parents & students;

I deem it as my privilege to present before you, the 7<sup>th</sup> annual report of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management, Bantakal before this august gathering.

In the year 2010, H.H. Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt established this great Institution with admission of 76 students and within six years since its inception, the college is providing holistic engineering education for more than 1600 students every year. The founder of this college, a saint, had a dream of uplifting the underprivileged in the form of basic education in general, and technical education in particular. His dream is being realized! Sashanga pranas to his Holiness Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji, of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt, Udupi, the founder of SMVITM!

### **SMVITM Family:**

I am very proud to mention that during this year 1579 students are studying in this college, of which 407 are studying in fourth year, 404 students in third year, 414 in second year and 354 in the first year. The students are pursuing their undergraduate degree in four programmes, namely, Civil Engg., Computer Science & Engg., Electronics & Communication Engineering and Mechanical Engg. There are 237, 467, 387 and 488 students respectively in each of these branches. We have 101 experienced and well qualified faculty members and 119 technical and non-teaching staff members who are striving hard for the betterment of the students. In addition to this 11 adjunct faculty with many years of teaching and industry experience have also joined hands with us in the process of providing quality engineering education. Our institution has a teacher-student ratio of 1:15, in line with the AICTE and VTU recommendations.

### **Academic Performance of the Students:**

Our students have performed exceptionally well in the VTU conducted end-semester examinations. In the even semester exams held in May/June 2016, out of 377 students appeared for 8<sup>th</sup> semester examination; 205 have passed with distinction grade, 149 have passed with first class, 16 have passed with second class and only 07 students failed with overall pass percentage of 98.14%. Civil engineering and Computer Science engineering students recorded 100% results for the successive third year and Mechanical and E&C engineering students respectively with 98 and 95% results.

It is given to understand that SMVITM student's performance is one among the top five colleges in the region! Congratulations to all the successful students on their remarkable achievement and to the faculty & staff members, for their contribution in achieving this result.

**Infrastructure:** The infrastructure and facilities provided to our students are comparable with any top class engineering institutions in the country. The AICTE committee members who visited our college recently appreciated the efforts of the management for providing such an excellent infrastructure in a rural area to the students. On behalf of every faculty, staff and students, I wish to remain grateful to the management for their concern of maintaining quality of education.

**Student Scholarships:**

I wish to place on record the financial support by way of scholarships to our needy students given by the following philanthropists:

*GC members and staff members of our college who have contributed to the scholarship fund:*

- Sri Gowthama - Gowthama Foundation, Bangalore;
- Mr. Sunder Madakshira - Sri Madhwa Vadiraja Prashasthi
- Ms. Anu Mukund, D/o our honorable GC member Dr. P R Mukund
- Mr. Jayateertha R Kalamdhani
- Scholarship by SSVMET and SMVITM Bantakal

*Various other philanthropists who have supported our students by providing scholarship are:*

- Vidyamanya Trust, Admar Mutt, Udupi
- Swami Vivekananda Scholarship
- Smt. Tonse Padmavathamma & Sri Subbanna P. Udupi Memorial Charitable Trust
- Sitaram Jindal Foundation, Bengaluru
- Shri. Madhusudhan Rao, Bengaluru
- Sujnana Nidhi Scholarship, Dharmasthala
- Arihanth Charitable Trust
- Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship
- Jagannatha Shetty Foundations
- Vidya Poshak Scholarship by Yakshagana Kalaranga
- Samarpana Charitable Trust
- Ananthachethana Charitable Trust
- Kidiyoor Nagalaxmi Memorial Trust
- G. Shankar family trust

Also I wish to place on record the financial help extended by various departments of Government of Karnataka and Government of India like Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation Ltd. (₹ 28,94,490), Department of District Backward Class (₹1,01,01,075), Social Welfare Department (₹ 10,41,800) & others (₹ 6,00,000), MHRD Scholarship (₹1,30,000), Pragathi scholarship (₹ 1,80,000), Udupi Town Municipality (₹15,000).

**As on today, around 1100 students** from different branches have received scholarships/awards worth more than ₹ 1.7 crores during the academic year 2016-17.

On behalf of the management, staff and students, I gratefully acknowledge the support of all the benevolent well wishers who have contributed for this noble cause and invites further generous contributions from the philanthropists.

### **Major Institutional Programs and Accomplishments:**

Apart from regular academics, several activities related to co-curricular and extra-curricular front is being held in the college since March 2016 to strengthen the teaching-learning as well as excellence in domain knowledge. Among such activities held, the prominent ones are:

- A “**Center of Excellence for Research in Artificial Intelligence**” was launched at SMVITM, Bantakal, in association with Cere Labs Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai. The launching ceremony was held at campus premises on 22 March 2017.
- The student team of SMVITM, Bantakal has won the Overall Championship Trophy for the successive fifth time in the state level intercollegiate cultural fest “**Anandothsava 2017**” held at NMAM Institute of Technology, Nitte from 02 to 04 March 2017.
- The ISTE Faculty & Student Chapter of SMVITM, has celebrated **ISTE Annual Day 2017** on 6 May 2017 to commemorate the yearlong ISTE activities held in the institute and also to recognize the efforts taken by all ISTE Chapter Office bearers during the academic year 2016-17.
- The NSS, YRC and Rotaract Clubs celebrated “World Health day” on 07 April 2017 with a theme “**Depression: Let’s Talk**” at the institute premises. The resource person for the program was Dr. Virupaksha Devarmane, Psychiatrist, Dr. A. V. Baliga Memorial Hospital, Udupi who delivered a talk on the theme.
- The NSS, YRC and Rotaract Clubs in association with JCI Kallianpura celebrated “World water day” on 22nd March 2017 in the institute premises. The resource person of the program, Jc. Joseph G M Rebello, delivered a talk on “**Rain Water Harvesting**” on account of World Water Day.
- A **beach cleaning drive** was undertaken by the NSS, YRC and Rotaract Club of SMVITM, Bantakal in association with a team of 50 corporates from Bengaluru lead by Ms. Arundathi Rao, Director (Corporate), HP Enterprises, Bengaluru on 19 March 2017 at Hoode Beach, Udupi. About 40 students participated along with the Principal, and 3 faculty members. Local Panchayath leaders and NSS volunteers of Milagres College also took part in the drive. Mr. Pramod Madhwaraj, State Minister for Fisheries, Sports and Youth affairs visited the venue and appreciated the service.
- The NSS, YRC and Rotaract club jointly organized “**International Women’s Day**” on 08 March 2017 in the institute premises. Ms. Geetha Waghle, Member of Udupi Taluk Panchayath and active social worker was the chief guest of the inaugural function.
- SMVITM organized an **interactive session** for the students, with a team of 25 scientists form ISRO on 24 February 2017. The session started with a brief talk by BHM Dwarakesh, senior Scientist at ISRO on the various work at ISRO. He elaborated on how one can realize the dream of having a scientific research career.
- The two-day **National Conference on Emerging Trends in Science and Engineering (NCETSE 2017)**, organized by the Departments of Basic Sciences of SMVITM, Bantakal was inaugurated by Dr. Prakash Raghavendra, PMTS, AMD India Ltd., Bengaluru on 23 February 2017.

- To commemorate the invention of Raman Effect by Sir C V Raman, our country is celebrating “**National Science Day**” every year on 28 February 2017. This year the national science day was dedicated to specially abled children. In this connection the NSS, YRC and the Rotaract club have celebrated this day in a special way by inviting the specially abled students of “Manasa”, a school for specially abled children to the campus.
- **Third Graduation Ceremony** was held on 6 November 2016. Graduates who passed out during the academic year 2015 -16 have received their graduation certificates from the Chief Guest, Padma Vibhushana, Justice, Sri M. N. Venkatachalaiah.
- **Avishkar 2K16**, the third edition of annual intercollegiate science model exhibition-cum-competition for Pre University College students of the Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts – at the institute premises on 05 November 2016. I am very happy to share with you that 75 teams comprising 214 students representing 30 PU colleges participated in this mega event.
- A state level Student Symposium on Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT - 2K16) at the institute premises on 04 November 2016. Thirty teams from various Engineering colleges across the state exhibited their project models in the event.
- NSS, YRC and Rotaract Club in association with Mogaveera Youth Club, Udupi, G. Shankar family trust, Udupi and Blood bank of K.M.C, Manipal organized one-day blood donation and free health check-up camps on 8 October 2016.
- An orientation program for the newly admitted B.E students at the institute premises on 31 July 2016.
- An exhibition of engineering projects designed and developed by the fourth out-going batch was held on 25 May 2017. The farewell program for the students was organized on 26 May 2017.
- The fourth edition of the inter-collegiate technical and cultural fest, *Varnothsava’17*, was held on 16 February 2017. More than 650 participants from different engineering colleges of Karnataka State participated in competitive cultural and technical events held as part of the fest.
- NSS unit of SMVITM in association with Junior Chamber of India (JCI) have organized a one day training program “*Skills for Successful Life*” and “*Women Empowerment*” at the campus for the members of the NSS unit.

Following are the invited talks arranged through ISTE faculty and student chapters for the benefit of faculty and students:

- **Dr. V. Siva Rama Krishnaiah**, Senior Technical Director, National Informatics Center, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India visited SMVITM, Bantakal on 19 April 2017 and addressed the Computer Science and Engineering students on the topic “Why Software Projects Fail?”.
- An invited talk on “Internet of Things – Architecture, Protocols and Applications” by **Dr. N. Shekhar V Shet**, Associate Professor, Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal was organized on 24 March 2017.
- **Ms. Arundathi Rao**, Director, HP Enterprises, Bengaluru had visited SMVITM, Bantakal and gave a guest talk to the pre final year students of the institute on 25 February 2017. She dealt with various characteristics to be possessed by a successful professional.
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- An invited talk by **Dr. Ravindranath Shanbhag**, President Human Right Protection Foundation (HRPF), Udupi on 24 December 2016.
- **Mr. Devesh Rajadhyax**, Founder & CEO, Cere Labs Private Ltd. & Chief Scientist, Smartify Health Ltd. Mumbai gave an invited talk on “**Artificial Intelligence - An Industrial Perspective**” on 05 November 2016.
- Technical lectures on “**Multi Hazard Resistant Design**” and “**Earth Retaining Structures**” by **Dr. K S Babunaryan and Dr. R Shivashankar**, Professors of Civil Engineering Department, NITK- Surathkal were delivered as part of **Techno Week – 2016** organized in association with Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) on 26 September 2016.
- In association with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), as part of International Ozone Day observance, organized a guest talk on “**Climate Change**” was delivered by **Dr. Badekai Ramachandra Bhat**, Professor of Chemistry, NITK, Surathkal on 16 September 2016.
- **Mr. Chandrashekhara Rao Kuthyar** gave an invited talk “**Biometric authentication in banking sector**” on 09 September, 2016.
- Entrepreneur Development Cell organized a workshop on communication skills. **Mr. Sunder Madakshira**, Head of Marketing with Edgeverve Systems Ltd., delivered a talk on ‘**Communication skills**’ to the final year students of Computer Science Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering on 03 September 2016.
- **Mr. Praveen Kumar Kalbhavi**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Novigo Solutions Private Limited delivered a talk to the final year students on “**Opportunities and Expectations in IT Industry**” on 17 August 2016.
- **Dr. Ganapathi Bhat Manchi**, delivered an invited talk on “**Importance of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment in Civil Engineering**” and “**Vaasthu Shastra-Then & Now**” on 27 July 2016.

#### **Salient Student Achievements:**

- I am very proud to mention that the Mechanical Engineering Students **Team Tachyons** of our college jointly lead by **Mr. Nayak Abhishek Chandrashekar (Team Leader)** and **Mr. Muralidhara Acharya** with 13 other team is participating in **Hybrid Vehicle Challenge 2017**. This event is organized by Imperial Society of Innovative Engineers (ISIE) held on 16-19 February 2017 at **Buddh International Circuit, Greater Noida**, Uttar Pradesh. The Team Successfully passed the Design Round and will compete with their formula car against other teams from all over Asia.
- **Mr. Acharya Pavan Raghavendra** from VI Semester Civil Engineering secured **Gold Medal in 16<sup>th</sup> National Level Karate & Fighting Competition** held at Shivamogga during 28 & 29 January 2017.
- Our **table tennis team** has emerged as the **Runner-up** in the VTU Mangalore Zone Inter-Collegiate Table Tennis Tournaments (Men) - 2016-17 held at Shri Devi Institute of Technology, Mangalore.
- **Mr. Kishore** (5th semester Civil Engineering) and **Ms. Shivani** (5th semester E&C Engineering) won first place in IIOT - 2K16 Project Exhibition and Competition for their project "Process Automation Using Arduino and GSM". The team of CSE students

comprising **Mr. Kuldeep Rao, Ms. Shwetha H, Ms. Sindhu Rani and Ms. Chaitra L** have won second prize for their project “Agricopter” in the same event held at SMVITM, Bantakal on 04 November, 2016.

- **Ms. Prajna U. Nayak** of VI Semester CSE has successfully completed the NPTEL course “Modern Application Development” and awarded the topper certificate. 16 students of CSE and Mechanical department have successfully completed the course offered by NPTEL.
- **Ms. Sahana Udupa**, III Semester of Computer Science and Engineering Department has participated and won *second prize* in the Carnatic classical state level singing competition jointly organized by Sangeetha Parishath, Mangaluru and Bharathiya Vidyabhavan, Mangaluru on Sunday, 16 October 2016 at Sharada Vidyalaya, Mangaluru.
- Mr. Shailesh Kumar (4MW13ME108) has won **Second Position** in the event **VEDANTH 6.0** under TechTatva '16, the National Technical Festival organized by Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal on 12 – 15 October 2016.
- Our students have won **Second Position** in **State Level** Dasara Hand Ball Tournament organized by **Sports Sub- committee** in association with **Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru** at Mysooru Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Mysooru on 1-4 October 2016.
- **Mr. Nithin D. Patkar** and **Mr. Prajwal K. Poojary**, of third year mechanical engineering have successfully completed the online course of NPTEL during October 2016
- **Ms. Sushmitha Baliga**, V semester Computer Science and Engineering won the 2nd Prize in “Hack Fest 2016” jointly organized by Accenture and LinkedIn, held at Bengaluru during 24 - 25 September 2016.
- **Ms. Suraksha and Ms. Saphashree** have won prizes in women’s Karate black belt held during National Level Karate Championship on 26-28 Aug 2016
- **Mr. Bhuvanamithra S**, a VII Semester Civil Engineering student has been awarded with the “**Best Student Award**” in the Karnataka section held on Thursday, 25 August 2016 at JSS Academy of Technical Education, Bengaluru.

Hearty Congratulations to all the winners....

#### **Faculty Initiatives:**

- **40 Technical Papers** have been published by the faculty in the National/International journals or conferences.
- During this academic year, **67 faculty members** from our college attended 91 Workshops, FDPs and seminars.
- **12 papers** have been presented by the faculty during Seminars.
- **12** faculty members have applied for Ph.D. registration under VTU during this academic year.
- **Mr. Prashanth M D**, Physical Education Director has submitted the Ph.D Thesis in January 2017
- **Dr. Vasudeva** participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual convention of Computer Society of India held at Coimbatore during 23 - 25 January, 2017. He has delivered an invited talk on “Internet of Things” at Vivekananda College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Puttur, on 03 January 2017.

- **Mr. Sunil Haldankar**, Asst. Prof in Civil Engineering Department has presented a paper titled “Strength Characterization of Laterite Soil with Geogrid Inclusions” during the first national conference held at GSIT, Karwar. This paper has been recognized as the best paper of the conference
- **Dr Vasudeva** has been selected as the member of Board of Studies to MCA program at VTU to draft and finalized the CBCS guidelines & syllabus for MCA course offered by VTU.
- **Dr. K K Srinivasan** delivered a talk on “**Proven Natural products with antidiabetic activity**” in Nitte Gulabi Shetty memorial inst. of Pharmaceutical Sciences (NGSM institute) at Derlakatte (held on 03.11.2016).
- **Ms. Raviprabha K**, Department of Chemistry obtained second prize in “Effective public speaking” a competition conducted by JCI India, during Zone conference held on 22 and 23 October 2016 at Udupi.

### **FDPs and Workshops organized by the College:**

The college is very active in conducting various programmes to enhance the knowledge and skill of our students. We have also organized few programs for the benefit of faculty of other engineering colleges. Following are the details of such programs held during this academic year.

- The department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a three-day workshop on **Android Application Development** in association with Sangam One Connected Services Ltd. for the students of SMVITM on campus from 29 April 2017 to 1 May 2017. Mr. Rakshith, Mr. Vignesh and Mr. Jijo from Sangam One Connected Services Ltd. were the resource persons for the workshop.
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- A two days workshop on “Project based Arduino Board” was held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in association with Board of IT Education Standards (BITES), Government of Karnataka and ISTE students chapter of the institute. Experts from Tenet Technetronic, Bengaluru trained about 60 students on various aspects of Internet of things related projects and their implementation using Arduino board.
- A 3-day workshop on the topic “Recent trends in VLSI and Embedded System Design using Xilinx ZYNQ-7000 and Mentor Graphics EDA tools”, from 11 to 13 July 2016 in the college premises. Mr. G Prakash, Technical Support Specialist from CoreEL Technologies Bengaluru was the resource person.
- A two day Faculty Development Program on “Applications of Statistical and Neural Network Techniques in Engineering” was held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- Two-day faculty development program- “Vikasana” for its faculty at the institute on 18 and 19 July 2016.
- Entrepreneurship Development Cell (E D Cell) of the Institute has organized Two week FDP on “Transforming from a Responsible Manager to a successful Entrepreneur” for the benefit of faculty members of engineering college and polytechnics. The program was held from 12 Dec 2016 to 24 Dec 2016 and NITK-STEP through other sources has sponsored `2.5 Lakh for this program.
- Workshop on Android App Development was held from 25 - 27 March, 2016.

- A one-day workshop on “Applications of Raspberry Pi and IOT” on 10 September 2016. Mr. Johnson Tellis, Mr. Mayank and Mr. Shrajan Bhandary of DT Labz Pvt. Ltd Mangaluru, were the resource persons.
- ISTE student Chapter in association with FE Designs, Bengaluru organized one day workshop on “**Design of structures using Building Information Modelling (BIM) software-CYPECAD**” by Mr. Amarnath S N, Structural Consultant & Proprietor, F E Designs, Bengaluru on 30 January 2016.
- In association with FE Designs, Bangalore organized one day workshop on “**Analysis of Structures through CypeCAD-Metal 3D**” by Mr. Amarnath S N, Structural Consultant & Proprietor, F E Designs, Bangalore on 27 August 2016.

### **Training & Placement Status:**

- Majority of the present final year eligible students have appeared for Pool Campus Placement Tests/Interviews of many companies. Our students have got placed in iWave Systems Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, TechJini Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, Advanced Business & Health Care Solutions, Bengaluru. Juego Studio Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru. Cigital India, Bengaluru Artech Info systems Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru IBM India Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru Mindtree Ltd., Bengaluru Accord Software & Systems Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru Weld craft Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru. The placement drive for the 2017 batch will continue up to July 2017.
- In the last academic year **2015 -2016, 191 job offers** were received by **148 students** through Pool Campus Placement Tests/Interviews of many companies namely INFOSYS LTD., SAP Labs., IBM India Pvt. Ltd., Polycab Wires Pvt. Ltd., TRIANZ, UST Global ®, Cigital India, Manipal Technologies Limited etc.
- Organizations & corporates who have confirmed visit to our campus during Feb- 2017 for pool campus selection to recruit final year BE students are: Atria Convergence Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, CMS IT Services Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru, Trigent Software Ltd, Bengaluru.
- **228 students**, mainly from II, III & final year, have undergone Industrial Training students under gone for Industrial Training during ODD semester vacation of **2016-17 in 25 companies**.
- ‘Reflections ’- training program conducted for 20 students across the four semesters by **Mr. Anupam Awasthi** – Training Manager – Manipal Group on 21 March 2016.
- Campus to corporate training for final year students – conducted by “10 Seconds” from 25 July – 30 July 2016 and 08 August – 12 August 2016.
- Guest talk by **Prof. K. J. Kamath** on ‘Campus Interviews’ for final year students CSE on 07 October 2016.
- On 24 October 2016 **Prof. Harish Belman** gave a talk on ‘Financial Investment for Engineers’ for final year students.
- Discussions are in progress with the companies like SE Blades, Sankalp Semiconductors, Tech Mahindra, Persistent Systems, EDS Technologies, Accenture, HP Enterprise, Infosys, BOSCH, Toyota Kirloskar, Mangalore InfoTech etc. for direct recruitment of our eligible students.

### **Research Initiatives of SMVITM:**

The college has taken the following initiatives to encourage the research work.

- In addition to the R&D center in Physics and Chemistry departments, the University has approved commencement of research centers in the department of Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. As on date we have seven research centers at SMVITM with qualified and experienced research guides.
- AS on date 38 faculty of SMVITM are pursuing research in various specializations.
- I am very happy to mention that Karnataka Council for Technology Upgradation, Bengaluru has sanctioned additional 11.5 lakh rupees to the R&D center established in the department of mechanical engineering.

### **Some Milestones in the Journey towards Excellence:**

- The local chapter of **National Programme for Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)**, sponsored by MHRD, Government of India and coordinated by IIT Madras was established in SMVITM in the month of July, 2016. Based on the performance of faculty members & students in NPTEL exams during July - October 2016, the chapter was recognized as **A Grade local chapter**. For the Jan-April 2017 course run totally **180** (students + faculty) have registered for different courses across various disciplines such as Computer Science, Electronics, Civil, Mechanical, Management, Bio-Technology and Humanities.
- SMVITM has been recognized as nodal center for Udupi District of **IIT Spoken tutorial project** of IIT Bombay.
- SMVITM have become the institutional member of **Board for IT Education Standards (BITES)** in August, 2016.
- Department of Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics is permitted as a VTU Research Center for Ph.D/ M.Sc. (Engg.) by the Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi from the current academic year starting from 2016-17.

I am proud to mention that perhaps, this is the only private engineering institution in the state admitting as high as 70 to 75% merit students through Karnataka State CET (KEA). Because of its exalted Vision, Mission & Objectives, improved visibility, state-of-the-art infrastructure and remarkable accomplishments, this institution just in its 7th year of existence, has a record admission through CET (Merit seats) of more than 70%! Though the institution is very young, the accomplishments of students, faculty and staff are many and commendable. You may please visit our college website [www.sode-edu.in](http://www.sode-edu.in) to know more about our activities and progress.

### **A Bouquet of Gratitude:**

You must have noticed SMVITM is where Values & Technology Converge! It is your SMVITM becoming mightier year by year. SMVITM encouraged you to develop a sense of responsibility, support to pursue a livelihood of your choice, provide enough platforms to lead from the front, build you to take the flak for your convictions, enough energy to fall and to rise again. Along with these, the College also encourages developing a sense of tolerance: tolerance for diverse definitions of

success, tolerance for cultural diversity, tolerance for innovation, and tolerance for failure. With this sense of support and tolerance, we stand as a College of proud Indians.

Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge gratefully, the unstinted co-operation, constant inspiration and solid support extended by His Holiness Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji, President of SSVMET and Chairman of the Governing Council, all the honored members of SSVMET and GC of SMVITM, all the HODs, faculty and staff members of SMVITM, all the parents, donors, well wishers and resource persons from industries, NGOs and neighboring institutions as well as Press & Media representatives; in realizing our objectives. Hope everyone gathered here is attracted by awesome ambience and eye-catching stage settings; reflecting our tradition, our culture, antiques of this soil! People behind this creativity, conceptualization and realization are none other than our students – your children – proud members of SMVITM family. I am not reading out their names as the list is too long. Some are on the stage; some behind the stage; some in front of the stage; some, standing beside you with smiling faces; beaming faces! Give them a big hand. Hats off to you all, my dear children, for your volunteered, dedicated and humble team work, ably guided and encouraged by our talented faculty and staff! Last but not least I bow in gratitude before the Lord Almighty who made all these accomplishments possible. Everyday brings His Blessings, every moment we experience His Care and Protection! SMVITM wishes you all the best for the future. Thank you for your precious time.

Prof. Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat  
Principal, SMVITM, Bantakal