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Three years for an institution is a worthy stage where one can start matching expectations with results, objectives with achievements and above all, blessings enjoyed with difficulties & hardships endured! It's a day of retrospection! Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management, Bantakal, just three years young, has emerged as an engineering institution with difference, a promising institution of the region providing value added, quality education in engineering, an institution striding towards excellence! It is often said "Perfection is not attainable but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence" Yes, every school and college strives for excellence. So do we, at SMVITM. With the Vision "To Establish an Excellent, Value-based Higher Educational Hub to Meet the Challenges of Global Competitiveness", several steps are being undertaken for multi-dimensional growth of the institution and effective industry-institute interface, contributing in turn, towards the growth of a healthy & happy society.

It all started with a holy man and his vision! A young revered man who dreamt big and went after his dream with an iron will, His Holiness Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt, Udupi, the founder of SMVITM! He dreamt of uplift of the underprivileged in the form of basic education, in general and technical education, in particular. His dream is being realized today!

SMVITM Family:

We have 715 students on roll now, of which 119 are in the third year, 236 are in the second year and 360 are in the first year of four BE courses, namely Civil Engg., Mechanical Engg., Electronics & Communication Engg. and Computer Science & Engg. We have 57, well qualified faculty members and 59 non-teaching staff members on roll. We maintain a teacher-student ratio of nearly 1:15, in line with the AICTE and VTU recommendations.

Academic Performance of the Students:

Our students have performed exceedingly well in the VTU conducted end-semester examinations. In the even semester exams held in June-July 2012, 152 students passed out of 176 (86.36%) in the second semester, with 135 students scoring First Class and First Class with Distinction marks. In the fourth semester, 79 students passed out of 121 (65.29%), with 55 students scoring First Class and First Class with Distinction marks.

In the odd semester exams held in December 2012-January 2013, 307 students passed out of 361(85%) in the first semester, with 255 students scoring First Class and First Class with Distinction marks. In the third semester, 177 students passed out of 233 (76%), with 142 students

scoring First Class and First Class with Distinction marks. In the fifth semester, 80 students passed out of 112 (71.43%), with 51 students scoring First Class and First Class with Distinction marks. In the fifth semester civil engineering branch, 100% result is recorded. Similarly, in the first semester physics group, 96.55% result is recorded. Congratulations to all the successful students on their splendid achievement and to the faculty members, for their contribution in achieving this result. We are proud to announce that this is one of the best results in the region of undivided DK & Udupi Districts.

Student Scholarships:

More than 70 students from different branches and years have received scholarships worth more than Rupees 7 lakhs from different charitable trusts like Malpe Madhwaraj Charitable Trust, GSB Scholarship Trust, Shri Vishwapriya Theertha Trust, Lanco Group of Industries etc. and Government of Karnataka. Shri H V Gowthama, Chartered Accountant and our GC member has announced 4 scholarships worth Rs. 7500 each to the deserving meritorious students from this year onwards. Heart-felt thanks to all the philanthropists, for their magnanimity and kind support to our needy students.

In order to attract quality students to the institution and to bring the mission & objectives of the management into reality, it is planned to award a few attractive scholarships to the toppers in KEA-CET ranking (within first 3000 ranks) getting admitted to the institution from 2013 onwards and having family income less than Rupees 3.5 lakhs per annum. A dedicated 'Institutional Scholarship Fund' has been developed for this purpose and many benevolent well wishers have started contributing to this noble cause. The institute acknowledges gratefully their support and invites generous contributions from the philanthropists.

Major Institutional Happenings and Activities:

- ➤ On June 6, 2012, Pre-Counseling Guidance Programme was conducted by the college at the Rajangana, Udupi, in association with KEA-CET Cell, Mangalore Region.
- The Karnataka Bank Ltd. ATM counter was inaugurated on June 7, 2012 at the main entrance of college campus, to facilitate institute students and employees.
- ➤ Ethnus Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore conducted a training program on the topic "Employability Skills" from 05-07-12 to 07-07-12 (Phase-2) for 36 engineering students of various branches.
- ➤ A Cultural Variety Programme was conducted on 18 August 2012 at Rajangana, Udupi by the performing students of SMVITM. Thrilling Yakshaganna performance, instrumental music and classical dances were the attractions.
- ➤ Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal joined the institute as Principal on 3rd January 2013. Dr. Aithal, a Senior Professor in Electrical & Electronics Engineering has served at Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal for nearly 25 years in various capacities; as a Teacher, Head of the Department, Associate Director, Joint Director and Director In-charge.

- First-ever Teacher-Orientation (Faculty Development) Programme was conducted on 28-29 January 2013, to motivate and guide the faculty towards effective teaching and communication, by experienced resource persons from MIT, Manipal, namely Dr. Somashekar Bhat, Prof. B H V Pai, Prof. Shankaranarayan Bhat, Mr. Raghavendra Holla and Mr. Praveen K Shetty.
- ➤ 3 new, full-fledged academic blocks started functioning from 01 February 2013. Civil, Mechanical and Electronics & Communication Engg. departments have started functioning fully from these independent blocks.
- A communication skill development program was arranged for the benefit of all non-teaching employees of the institution on 09 February 2013 by Prof. Praveen K Shetty of MIT, Manipal
- ➤ EDC cell of SMVITM organized technical talks on "Achievement Motivational Training Lab" by Mr. Sunder S.M. Assistant Director, MSME-DI, Mangalore on 15 and 22 February 2013
- ➤ Dr. A Venkatesh, Ex-Professor, IIT Madras and our GC member delivered an inspirational talk to all HODs, Faculty Coordinators and Student Representatives on 18 February 2013.
- ➤ The Rotary Club, Shankerpura organized a "Rotaract Pre-launch Motivational Talk' on 07 March 2013 by Mr. Abhinandan Shetty, Asst. Governor (Zone 1) of Rotary International, Kundapura in order to motivate the students towards social benefits of instituting Rotaract Club in an engineering institution.
- ➤ The National Service Scheme (NSS) and Red Cross Wing of SMVITM, in association with KMC Blood Bank Manipal, JCI- Hill City Manipal and JCI Kaup has successfully organized a first ever Blood Donation camp in the college premises on 9 March 2013. About 165 students, staff and public donated blood voluntarily.
- Entrepreneurship Development Cell organized a workshop on "Entrepreneurship Competencies and Project selection criteria" on 13 and 14 March 2013 by Dr. B. S. Revankar, Ex-Director, NITK-STEP and our GC member.
- ➤ Annual Sports Day was organized on 16 March 2013 with full vigor and involvement of students, faculty and staff.
- ➤ The department of Training and Placement of SMVITM organized a one day placement training program on "Corporate Grooming & Etiquette, HR Round Interview and Group discussion" for the benefit of pre-final year students on 17 March 2013, by Prof Dasharathraj K Shetty, Prof. Praveen K Shetty, Prof. Shrikanth Prabhu and Mr. Aditya Shetty, the industry recognized trainers from MIT Manipal.
- ➤ Inauguration of provisional Rotaract Club at SMVITM, Bantakal, was held on 19 March 2013 by Rtn. PDG A. S. N. Hebbar. More than 80 students have become the members of this Club, affiliated to Rotary Shankerpura.
- First-ever SMVITM Hostels Day was celebrated on 24 March 2013 with a great gusto. All the hostellers, Principal, Management Representatives and staff participated in several Fun Games and Cultural Talents Show during the entire day.

- A selected Parents' Meet was arranged on 30 March 2013. Parents, whose ward's academic performance and attendance are poor, were asked to attend the meeting. Various measures taken by the college to identify and motivate the students towards better performance were discussed and parents were asked to monitor the progress.
- ➤ The National Service Scheme (NSS), Red Cross Wing and Rotaract Club of SMVITM, in association with Prasad Nethralaya, Udupi has organized a first ever 'Free Eye Check-up and Treatment Camp' in the college premises on 20 April 2013 for the benefit of local public, staff and students. 120 people got free medical advice and treatment.
- ➤ Presentation ceremony of Rotary International Certificate of Organization to Rotaract Club of SMVITM was arranged on 24 April 2013. Rtn. Dr. B Devadas Rai, District Governor of RI Dist. 3180 was present.
- ➤ Dr. Ravindranath Shanbhag, a Professor of Pharmacology and renowned social activist of the region delivered an invited talk on "Human Rights Protection: Can we hope for the better future?" on 24 April 2013.
- ➤ The reputed TCS company has identified our institute as a Local Infrastructure Service Provider, facilitating IT related services to its customers under the 'Facilities Agreement'. These mutually beneficial, on-going services started from 13 April 2013 in the institute premises.
- ➤ Dept. of Training & Placement, in association with Finland Labs, New Delhi, conducted a 2 day Workshop on "Android Application Development" on 27-28 April 2013. 52 students across the branches, got benefitted.

Departmental Activities:

- ➤ On 03 August 2012, a Guest Lecture was organized on "Introduction to MATLAB" by Mr. Madhukiran. K, from Coreel Technologies, Bangalore under the auspices of E&C Students' Association "ENCORE"
- ➤ Dept. of E&C Engg. conducted a 2 days, State level Workshop on "Application of Matlab and Simulink in Digital Signal Processing" on 13 and 14 August 2012.
- ➤ Dept. of Mechanical Engg. arranged an Industrial Visit to MRPL and LAMINA Springs, Mangalore on 01 September 2012 for the second and third year students, under the auspices of Mechanical Engg. Students' Association, "DREAMS".
- ➤ An invited guest lecture on "Orientating towards Industrial Expectations" was delivered by Dr. Deviprasad from Robosoft Technologies Ltd Udupi on 17 September 2012
- ➤ Dept. of Mechanical Engg. celebrated Engineers Day on 21 Sept. 2012 with a technical talk on "Emission Control" by Prof. Dr. U S B Shet of IIT Madras.
- ➤ On 25 Sept. 2012, an invited talk cum demonstration on "Open Source Operating Systems" by Prof. Edwin from Philadelphia University, Pennsylvania, USA was organized on account of Engineer's Day, under the auspices of Computer Science & Engg. Students' Association "ASCENT".

- ➤ Engineer's Day was celebrated on 29 Sept. 2012 in the Dept. of Civil Engg. with Dr. A Ganesh, Professor, MIT Manipal delivering a technical talk on "Water Management"
- ➤ A Technical-Fest was conducted on 02 November 2012 by the Dept. of Mechanical Engg. which included Technical paper presentation, Stress interview and Group discussions
- ➤ Department of E&C in association with ENCORE organized a Technical Talk On "Problem of Problem Solving" by Prof. Dr. Somashekhar Bhat of MIT, Manipal on 13 February 2013
- A Technical talk on "Glimpses on the design aspects & drawing of minor irrigation structures" by Prof. Dr. K. Palakshappa, Principal, Mangalore Marine College and Technology, was organized by the department of Civil Engg. on 14 February 2013
- ➤ Mechanical Engineering Department organized an invited talk on "Construction and working of IC engines" by Mr. Srinivas Rao, Retd. Air Force Engineer on 18 February 2013.
- ➤ "ASCENT" association has organized a technical talk on "Indexing Data Structure and Query Optimization" by Prof. Roshan Fernandez, from NMAMIT Nitte., on 27 Feb. 2013
- ➤ Department of Mechanical Engg. along with DREAMS organized a talk on "Piping design course and its importance" by Mr. Abdul Rasheed and his team of Petrocon Institute of Pipe Engineering, on 27 Feb. 2013
- ➤ The Civil Engineering Students' Association "VYUHA" has organized a technical talk on "Basics of Soil Mechanics & Soil Investigation" by Prof. Dr. R. K. Yaji, Technical Advisor and Ex-Professor of NITK, Surathkal on 27 Feb. 2013
- ➤ EDC and "ENCORE" jointly organized a seminar on "Project Lab. Concept" by Mr. Ravi. N. of AES Company, Bangalore, on 27 Feb 2013
- ➤ The DREAMS organized a National Level Workshop entitled "ArduinoBOTics" on 9 & 10 March 2013. 43 students from various branches actively participated in this workshop on Robotics. Mr. Kapil Kumar Garg and Mr. Ankit Agarwal from "Thinkware Institute", Bangalore were the resource persons.
- ➤ On 15 March 2013, an invited talk on "Effective Communication" by Prof. H. K. V. Rao, founding director & advisor of SMVITM was arranged for the benefit of first year students.
- ➤ The 'ENCORE' association organized a special talk by Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Ex-Engineer of ISRO on "Satellite communication" on 20 March 2013.
- ➤ The "ASCENT" organized a special talk titled "Memory Interfacing with Intel 8086 Microprocessor" on 21 March 2013. The Adjunct Faculty of Dept. CSE, Prof. Dr. Ganesh Aithal, the Vice Principal at P. A. College of Engineering, Mangalore, was the resource person
- ➤ The Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India), Mangalore Centre, ACC Cements and "VYUHA" jointly organized two technical talks, as a part of "Engineer's Week-2013", on 21 March 2013. Dr. K. S. Babunarayan, Professor, NITK Surathkal and Er. Anil Hegde, Consulting Civil Structural Engineer, Mangalore were the resource persons.
- A technical talk on 'Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS)' was organized by the "DREAMS" association on 22 March 2013. The resource person was Dr. M. M. Nayak, Ex-Engineer of ISRO and a visiting professor at IISc, Bangalore.

- A two days, state level workshop on "Microcontroller MSP 430 & its Applications" was organized by Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering in association with ALS Technologies, Bangalore on 26-27 March 2013. Around 30 Faculty members and PG students from various colleges attended the workshop. Resource person was Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Nandi from BVB College of Engg., Hubli.
- ➤ Department of CSE organized a Technical talk by Ms. Jyothi Shetty, HOD, Dept. of CSE, SSE, Mukka, on "Pointers and its Applications" on 28 March 2013.
- ➤ The "VYUHA" organized a technical talk on "Introduction to Foundation Engineering & Ground Importance Techniques" by Prof. Dr. R. K. Yaji, Technical Advisor, Civil Aid Techno-clinic Pvt. Ltd., Mangalore on 10 April 2013
- ➤ The "ASCENT" in association with The Center for Internet & Society, Bangalore, organized a handson training program titled "WIKI Workshop" on 10 April 2013. Dr. Pavanaja from The Center for Internet & Society, Bangalore was the resource person
- ➤ The "ASCENT" and EDC Cell jointly organized a guest lecture on "Project Report Writing and Project Selection" by Prof. B. S. Revankar, Ex-Director, NITK-STEP and GC member, on 18 April 2013
- ➤ The "ASCENT" organized a one day workshop on "Developing Web Applications using Java Script, PHP and Ajax" on 19 April 2013. Prof. Roshan Fernandes, Dept. of CSE, NMAMIT, Nitte, was the resource person.
- The 'ENCORE' organized a special talk on "Radio Frequency Identification Technology and its Applications" on 19 April 2013 by Mr. Ganesh of Nirmithsu Technology Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.
- ➤ The "VYUHA" organized a technical talk on "Importance of Operational Health, Safety & Environment in Industrial Sites" by Mr. Ganapathi Bhat Manchi, EHS Manager, Parsons International Limited, Abu Dhabi on 26 April 2013
- ➤ A Technical talk was organized by the "DREAMS", titled "Application of Computers in Mechanical Engineering" by Dr. Sathish Shenoy B., Professor, MIT, Manipal & Adjunct Faculty of SMVITM on 26 April 2013.

Faculty Accomplishments:

➤ Prof. Vivekananda B Huddar, Mr. Praveen J Kalamdani, , Dr. Sumathi K., Mr. Pavan Kumar, Mr. N. Madhusoodhana Rao, Mrs. Sahana Karanth, Ms. Shainy Salins and Ms. Vivin C D'souza, the faculty members of the institution have actively participated in a number of faculty development programs, workshops and seminars, outside the institution during the entire year, to keep abreast of the latest technological developments.

Student Activities and Achievements:

- A group of nine first year BE students from different branches participated in various cultural events of JC week-2012 organized by JCI Kaup, on 13 September 2012 and won the Overall Championship.
- > On account of the birth day of Sir M Visvesvaraya, VTU had organized a state level Kannada Essay writing competition on the topic "Life and Achievements of Sir M

- Visvesvaraya" on 15 September 2012. Out of seventeen students who took part in this competition, best three essays were sent to VTU for the final rounds.
- ➤ Nine selected students took part in the 15th VTU Athletic Meet held at Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur from 01 to 04 November 2012 and performed well in the competitions. Dhanush Kumar B M secured 5th place to the university in Javelin Throw event.
- ➤ Harshith and Amrutesh won First prize in Quiz competition in the inter-collegiate "Law fest" conducted by Vaikunta Baliga College of Law, Udupi on 15 and 16 of February 2013
- ➤ Vignesh Pai, Roshan S Kotian, Warner Correa & Mohammed Sakib won the first prize in 'Aavishkar' the innovative project demonstration competition held at Canara Engineering College Mangalore, on 22 and 23 February 2013, as a part of 'Aakriti -13' an Intercollegiate Techno-cultural Fest. They showcased their project titled "Energy Harvester: Kino Shoe" a model shoe in which electricity is generated while walking or jogging. Renuka and Dharini also won the first place in Let's Dance a duet dance competition there.
- ➤ Nithin Bhat, Nikhil Menezes, Shri Charana and Nandan Prabhu participated in VTU Mysore Zone Table Tennis tournament held at VVCE, Mysore on 05 & 06 March 2013.
- ➤ Our students have won several prizes & awards in various events in the state level "Anandotsava", an intercollegiate cultural fest held at NMAM Institute of Technology, Nitte from 7 to 9 March 2013. Shetty Shreya Shashidhar won the first and second place in Rangoli and Mehandi competitions respectively. Renuka won the Second prize in solo dance. Renuka & Dharini won the first prize in duet dance. Renuka & team won the first place in group dance. I am glad to announce that SMVITM, for the first time in its history, won The Winners Trophy (Overall Championship), at this mega event.
- ➤ Kaushal Shetty, Supriya, Kalyan Shetty & Karthik participated in the Syndicate Bank, Half Marathan-2013, organized by Udupi District Athletic Association on 10 March 2013
- ➤ Preliminary round of TCS Tech-Bytes, an IT-Quiz competition was conducted in the institute on 13 March 2013. The team of Manoj Bhat and Nikhil Acharya secured first place and the team of Harshith Kumar and Amruthesh M secured second place. They got qualified to the second round of the quiz at Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Mangalore on 4 April 2013
- ➤ SMVITM Volley Ball Team led by Dhanush Kumar has participated in VTU Mysore Zone Volleyball Tournament held at AIT, Chickmagalur on 13 & 14 March 2013.
- ➤ Renuka & Dharini won first prize in the event Promenade Tandava, the Duet Dance competition and Usha H. won first prize in Ragalaya, a Vocal Carnatic/Hindustani Music event at Incident-13, an intercollegiate cultural fest organized by NITK Surathkal from 14 to 18 March 2013.
- ➤ 58 students of SMVITM participated in various events at state level "Eximius 2K13" conducted by Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Mangalore on 22 March 2013 and have won prizes in the following events: Vignesh Bhat & party won third prize in Group Song(Eastern/Western), Raksha U and party won third prize in Group Dance

- (Eastern), Kavyashree won the second prize in On the Spot Painting. Raksha U won the first prize in Face Painting. Usha. H won first Prize in both Solo Singing(Classical) and Solo Singing(Eastern). In variety entertainment programme, Renuka, Dharini and team won the first prize in group dance, Priya bagged first prize in singing, Kavyashree & Raksha U won the first prize in painting. Gopalakrishna and party secured first prize in the event, Mime.
- More than 70 students of SMVITM participated in various events conducted at 'Sentia-2013' a state level inter-collegiate fest held at Mangalore Institute of Technology & Engineering, Moodbidri on 27 & 28 March 2013 and have won several prizes in the following events: Group Mime-Prajwal and party-First Prize, Classical Solo Singing-Usha H-First Prize, Semi Classical Solo Singing-Usha H-Second prize, Rangoli-Shreya Shetty,-First Prize, Eastern Solo Dance-Renuka-First Prize, Filmy Duet singing-Vignesh Bhat & Divyashree-Second Prize, Western Group Dance-Sachin S Kamath and party-First Prize

Some Other Initiatives:

- ✓ Introduction of Adjunct Faculty (Visiting Professor) Scheme:
 - Anticipating valued support & advice towards Supplementary Teaching & Research activities, the following experienced subject experts are appointed as Adjunct Faculty of the institute:
 - i. Prof. Dr. Somashekara Bhat, Dept. of E&C, MIT, Manipal
 - ii. Prof. Dr. Satish Shenoy B, Dept. of Mechanical Engg., MIT, Manipal
 - iii. Prof. Dr. Harish S V, Dept. of Computer Science & Engg., MIT, Manipal
 - iv. Prof. Dr. R K Yaji, Ex-HOD, Dept. of Civil Engg., NITK, Suratkal
 - v. Prof. Dr. Ganesh Aithal, Dept. of CS&E, PA College of Engg., Mangalore
- ✓ First-ever National Conference on "Emerging Trends in Energy Management and Environment Protection" is planned for September / October 2013, with active industrial participation Inter-disciplinary in nature and better visibility to the institution, expected.
- ✓ Membership of recognized Professional Societies: to enhance national level visibility and publicity as well as to support co-curricular activities of the students, faculty membership, institutional membership and student chapters of reputed professional societies like Indian Society for Technical Education(ISTE), Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) and the like are being processed.
- ✓ Mentoring the students: Introduction of Faculty Advisor Scheme: In addition to Teacher Guardian scheme, for effective counseling of academically weak / irregular students, Faculty Advisors are appointed for each section of Second and Third year classes.
- ✓ Introduction of Students' Cumulative Performance Diary: This is a record which contains the overall performance data of the student for all the 4 years of study, as a ready reference at the time of company placements, student recommendations for higher studies etc.:
- ✓ Website up-gradation: Institutional Web-team formed. A new-look website, <u>www.sode-edu.in</u> with updated information and added features, introduced.

- ✓ Infrastructure Development:
 - o Addition of three new Academic Blocks, completed
 - o Construction of Library Block, in progress.
 - o Full fledged Placement Center, being developed.
 - o Four new Seminar Halls of different capacities, under construction
 - o Enhancement of sports/student activity facilities, planned
 - o All academic blocks LAN connected and Intercom facilitated.
 - o New open air theatre with 1500 seating capacity, introduced.
 - Extension of Boys Hostel to one more floor, with roof top recreation facilities, planned
- ✓ Teaching Aids being improved: More LCD Projectors & screens, procured.
- ✓ Student feedback on faculty performance in a scientific way, introduced, for self-introspection & improvement of the faculty.
- ✓ Publicity Strategy: An attractive College Profile brochure is compiled and circulated. A Video-film on Institute's Growth and Facilities, the first of its kind, is developed. Attractive hoardings are being installed at prominent locations, to catch the minds of public. Institute image building exercises are encouraged and wide publicity is given to the major activities & accomplishments through mass media, keeping in mind that the students & parents are the true ambassadors of the glory of the institute.
- ✓ In collaboration with District Industries Centre and MSME Unit of Govt. of India; Technology Business Incubator in the areas of local interest & demand like IT sector, Self Employment Awareness & Training programs, Student Project Work Facilitation in local industries and many more such industry-institute interaction programs are being planned and processed.

Road Map Ahead:

3 to 5 years down the lane, the institute has envisaged to:

- > Introduce Industry-oriented / sponsored Open Electives to improve employability
- > Start PG programs in emerging areas, at-least one in each technical dept.
- ➤ Increase Intake / start new UG programs
- ➤ Promote institute-industry interface through regular guest lectures/workshops, visiting professorships, industry visits, campus connect programs and industry-institute interactive meets.
- > Get endowments, professorships and chairs from industries, organizations and
- Promote research works and bag a few Industry/Govt. funded research projects
- Enhance facilities to improve student performance in all related fields
- ➤ Encourage & achieve Faculty Qualification Enhancement

SMVITM is growing at an incredible pace, marching ahead with all its might, definitely with the right spirit and in the right direction. This is possible because SMVITM family believes and follows the institutional Core Values namely Discipline, Determination, Dedication, Integrity & Trust, Interest & Involvement! Students are oriented here towards conspicuous value additions, namely, the quest for knowledge, the desire for innovation, the approach for total personality development and the pride in being a member of SMVITM family! Yes, the institute has rightly envisioned becoming a role model in technical education and the most preferred choice of students, parents, faculty and industry!

Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge gratefully, the unstinted co-operation, constant inspiration and immense support extended by His Holiness Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji, President of SSVMET and Chairman of Governing Council, all the honorable 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 reputed institutions as well as Press & Media representatives; in realizing our objectives.

Last but not the 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!!

Thank you for your precious time.

Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal Principal, SMVITM, Bantakal