

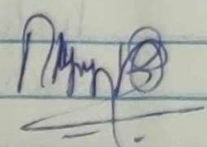
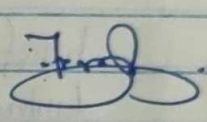
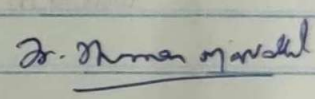
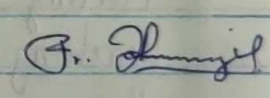
## GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Date: 14-08-2021 (Saturday) (ONLINE)

Venue: DB-W Conference Hall

Members present

1. H.E Mar Joseph Kallarangatt : *[Signature]*
2. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Maleparambil, Chairman : *[Signature]*
3. Dr. J David, Principal, SJCE (Secretary) : *[Signature]*
4. Dr. Ramesh Unnikrishnan, :  
Western Regional Director, AICTE
5. Dr. Madhukumar S, Vice-principal, SJCE : *[Signature]*
6. Ms. Ance Mathew, HoD, Civil Engineering, SJCE : *[Signature]*
7. Dr. T.K Jose - IAS :  
Additional chief secretary, Govt. of Kerala
8. Dr. S Unnikrishnan Pillai :  
Former Principal, REC (NIT) Calicut
9. Mr. P.C Cyriac - IAS (Retd.) :  
Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
10. Mr. V.J Kurian - IAS (Retd.) :  
Managing Director of Cochin  
International Airport
11. Dr. Siby Mathew - IPS (Retd.) :  
Former DGP & Chief Information Commissioner

12. Dr. Job Kurian :  
Dean Administration, IIT Palakkad
13. Dr. Sarith P Sathian :  
Associate Prof., Indian Institute of  
Technology, Madras
14. Dr. V.V Georgekutty :  
Former Controller of Examination,  
UTY of Calicut 
15. Rev. Fr. Mathew Koramkuzha :  
(Special Invitee) 
16. Rev. Fr. Thomas Njavallil :  
(Special Invitee) 
17. Rev. Fr. John Mattamundayil :  
(Special Invitee) 

The meeting started at 5:00 pm with a prayer lead by the manager, Rev. Fr. Mathew Koramkuzha. The Chairman of the College Rev. Fr. Joseph Malepanambil welcomed H.E. Man Joseph Kallanangattu and all the others present in the meeting.

People who are very active in the day-to-day administration of the College - the Manager, Rev. Fr. Mathew Konamkuzha, Bursar, Rev. Fr. John Mattamundayil, Lab Manager, Rev. Fr. Thomas Njavalliyil and the HoDs who have discharged their duties conscientiously were present in the meeting. Finance Officer, Mr. Sunesh George, under whose efficient leadership the meeting was organised and PRO Jackson also participated in the meeting.

The Chairman then went on to give a brief overview of the happenings in the College during the academic year 2020 - 2021, and also touched upon the events that needed special mention.

It has been 10 months since the last G B Meeting was held. In the meantime, formal classroom teaching and allied activities were disrupted due to the pandemic situation. However, teachers and students have switched on to the online platform as a viable alternative. Online classes are now being conducted most effectively.

The academic year 2020 - 2021 has started and is well into the even semester. The current year has witnessed a very good performance on the part of the College. The Chairman expressed his happiness about the fact that everyone in the College has been able to work together joyously under the leadership of the respected Principal Dr. J David, Vice Principal, Dr. Madhukumar S, along with the HoDs of various departments. Online classes are going on smoothly. Not even a single complaint has been lodged by parents regarding the conduct of online classes. As a result,

the College has been able to produce excellent results in the Fourth Semester exams. In the unaided Self-Financing Sector, the College has bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> in Kottayam district in this regard. Out of the 410 students who appeared the exam, 388 students have had a creditable pass, which is indeed a matter of pride and honour to the institution. It shows that the efforts taken have borne fruit.

In this context, the kind attention of the members of the Governing Body was brought to certain general matters regarding the College. First was that there has been good student enrolment during the current academic year. 515 students joined the B.Tech degree programme alone, from 4 branches. The total intake of students is 540. It points to a very good standard regarding admission (95%). The admission activities spearheaded by the Vice-Principal, Dr. Madhukumar has contributed a great deal towards this surge in admissions. The Chairman congratulated Dr. Madhukumar on the occasion. Similarly, the College got 360 placements this year, from around 70 companies. This was made possible by the commendable work done under the leadership of Dr. Saji Abraham. Now the College is proceeding towards accreditation of two branches viz, Civil and Computer Science Engineering. Planning is also underway for obtaining renewal of accreditation for Mechanical and ECE. Application for EEE and MCA are being scheduled for next December (Dec 2022). Getting duly accredited by agencies is very important for the College. In 2012, 4 branches got accreditation. The objective is to get accreditation for all branches/disciplines. Similarly, there is a need to get more teachers

with Ph.Ds. Accreditation is rightly seen as the preliminary step for elevating the status of the institution. This year scholarships to the tune of Rs. 2.39 crore were given away to 938 scholars. Out of this Diocesan Scholarship amounts to Rs. 5000/- for each semester for 262 students each. All this has helped to raise the standards of the students. If the scholarships are not granted, astute students will go seeking admissions elsewhere, so this is done to raise the intellectual standard of the students. Similarly, regarding fee collection, because of the teamwork of the teachers, students and non-teaching staff, parents have willingly remitted the fees; 95% of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester fees and 75% of the current semester fees have been paid. In addition, the nearly 6 months-delay in commencing the academic year has also created practical problems for the administration of the College. Notwithstanding this, efforts are on to carry on the activities of the College in a hassle-free manner.

Although it was planned to start an NCC unit in the College last year (the first of this kind in the Private SF sector) with 170 cadets, it has not yet materialized. Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, it has not become possible this academic year as well. Similarly, attempts have been made for a tie-up with two companies in industry; one is with Steel India (under Pala Diocese), involving the Mechanical Branch. Contractual agreement for tie-up was signed with M/s. Glenrock Company at Paika. All this will help raise the general standard of the institution. The Chairman expressed his affection and gratitude to all teachers and colleagues who worked hard for making this possible.

The Chairman then proceeded to welcome the participants of the meeting. First and foremost, H. E. Mar Joseph Kallanangattu, Patron of the College and Bishop, Pala Diocese blessed the meeting with his presence in spite of his busy schedule. H. E. has always given encouragement and proper guidance and orientation to all activities of the College. On behalf of all those present at the meeting the Chairman extended a most respectful and warm welcome to H. E. to the GB Meeting.

Second, he extended a respectful and cordial welcome to Principal Dr. J. David. He has made sincere efforts for the overall development of the College.

Next, the Chairman extended a warm and cordial welcome to Dr. S. Unnikrishna Pillai to the meeting. Dr. S. Unnikrishna Pillai is the former Principal, NIT Calicut, and is held in high esteem in the field of Structural Engineering. He has always made it a point to attend the GB Meeting and make valuable suggestions.

Mr. P C Cyriac is the former Chief Secretary, Tamil Nadu Government and has made a mark in the socio-cultural arenas of Kerala. Mr. Cyriac has always been diligent in providing new ideas and suggestions in the GB Meetings. The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. P C Cyriac.

Dr. V V. Georgekutty was the Controller of Examinations of Calicut University. Since then, he has acted as Principal in two Colleges. Last month, he took charge as Principal, Pala Civil Service Institute of the Diocese. He has always supported the Diocese in all its activities, and has also suggested guidelines to proceed. Dr. V V. Georgekutty was extended a warm and cordial

welcome to the meeting.

Dr. Sanith P Sathian, Professor, IIT Madras informed his willingness to participate in the meeting inspite of his busy schedule. Dr. Sanith was accorded a warm and hearty welcome to the meeting.

Dr. Job Kurian, Dean Administration, IIT Palakkad was also extended a cordial welcome to the meeting.

Vice-Principal, Dr. Madhukumar, is a person who is very diligent to make sure that the College functions perfectly. It is indeed a matter of great pride that he has made tremendous efforts to enhance the admissions to the College. Dr. Madhukumar was accorded a warm welcome to the meeting.

The HoDs of the College have been so diligent and dynamic in academic matters, and are responsible for elevating the status of the College. A hearty welcome was accorded to all HoDs.

Finance Officer Mr. Suresh George has been responsible for sustaining the institution, not just in terms of finance and funds, but in its overall development as well. He is responsible for making available the much-needed funds to the College in such a smooth and effective way. The F.O. was extended a warm and cordial welcome to the meeting.

A warm and cordial welcome was extended to all those who were present in the meeting. With these words, the Chairman concluded his words.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GB held on 31-10-2020.

The minutes of the GB meeting (Online) held on 31-10-2020 was read and confirmed. No queries were raised.

Next, Principal Dr. J David was called upon to present the detailed report of the activities of the College. The Principal then presented the detailed report of the College for the academic year 2020-'21 (Report appended as annexure)

### FO's presentation of the Budget

FO, Mr. Suresh George was called upon to present the Annual Budget of the College. Mr. Suresh, by way of introduction said that it is customary to present the budget on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April every year. It was done so in 2019, but was delayed in 2020, due to the onset of the pandemic. In the current year (2021-2022) it had been planned to present the budget on April 1<sup>st</sup> itself, but got delayed again.

The FO then presented the Annual Budget (for 2021-2022) before the Governing Body and the GB unanimously approved the same. (The detailed Budget Report appended as Annexure).

### Reporting the action taken by the Chairman for ratification by the GB

The action taken by the Chairman in the following items have been presented before the GB for ratification:



1. in applying for the reduction in intake of B. Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering from 90 to 60 from 2021-2022 academic year.
2. in applying for the closure of B. Tech Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering from 2021-22 academic year.
3. in applying for the starting of new B. Tech course viz. Electronics and Computer Engineering from 2021-22 academic year with an intake of 60.
4. in taking appropriate steps for applying for NAAC Accreditation.
5. in granting approval to the revised staff policy from 2020-21 (copy of the staff policy enclosed with the agenda and the activity report, already dispatched by post).

The GIB resolved to ratify the actions taken by the Chairman in the above items.

### Discussions and Suggestions from Hon'ble Governing Body Members

Initiating the discussion, Dr. V V Georgekutty spoke at length about the various academic activities of the College. He said that the pass percentage of students has shown remarkable improvement and the placement record is an impressive and significant development. The quest for quality is visible in the report, and he said that he appreciated the action taken by Team SJCEI for the improvements and also the positive actions taken on the recommendations of the Governing Body. He congratulated the teachers and HoDs as well as the Principal on the improvement in the results and increase in the number of admissions and placements. He also placed the following suggestions:

1. There is a need for added care and effort in improving the current faculty profile by motivating all teachers to register for Ph.D, and by increasing the number of publications as well as research activities. Students very often choose the College of study after considering the faculty profile on the website.

2. There is ample scope for further improvement in results. Towards this objective, a system of result analysis for each semester is to be made a regular practice in the College. This analysis could be subject-wise or teacher-wise so that every teacher could be held accountable for the results. Also, teachers may be required to report actions / special initiatives taken by them to help the students clear their supplementary examinations, if any, during the course of study so that overall results could be improved. A Performance Budgeting System along the above lines will be more beneficial to improve results and to make teachers more accountable.

3. More collaborative efforts with the entrepreneurs in India as well as abroad are essential to improve placements further. There are many entrepreneurs in and around our locality. Tie-ups with these entrepreneurs who will provide placements at the departmental level will be desirable. The entrepreneurs, on their part, will get a chance to interact with students and offer them placements. To realize this objective, it is ideal to designate entrepreneurs and leading CEOs as the industry ambassador/mentor in the departments concerned. This will be an honour for the entrepreneurs as well.

4. Digital Marketing should be given added emphasis. It would pay the College to invest in digital marketing. Students always evaluate organizations through digital platforms, available on their smartphones. So, it would be ideal to let them know about the presence of the College on such, online platforms. 'Brand SJCT' should be promoted on all digital forums.

5. There is a need for strengthening the existing link for submitting feedback on the website. Currently, only the Faculty Exit Feedback is employed. The current system is not sufficient. Students are often found to be reluctant to use the current feedback link while they are doing the course. They usually give feedback only after completing the course. So, they use the Google Review for giving vent to their discontent, if any. This could be damaging for the institution. So, it is suggested that feedbacks need be given on a regular basis, say once in 2 months. The feedback link is to be kept open round the clock, and a responsible person is to be designated to monitor feedbacks regularly. (Then the speaker, at this point, checked with the persons concerned, and satisfied himself that the link is kept open regularly and there is a person to attend the same and respond.)

6. It is learnt upon examining the placement record of the departments that some of the SJCT students go for PSC Coaching after their studies, some opt for bank test coaching, and some choose higher studies. However, none is seen to have chosen UPSC coaching. Available data prove that B.Tech graduation

is ideal for the civil services. So, it may be a good idea to encourage SJCTET graduates to take up a career in the civil services. The Pala Civil Service Institute is willing to provide coaching on any type of support to the SJCTET students in this regard. An MoU needs to be executed between the two institutions and the students can be given free webinars and orientation programs.

Joining the discussion from here on, Dr. Sarith P Sathian of IIT Madras said that it was very interesting to go through the Principal's report since many points discussed during last year's GIB meeting have been covered to a satisfactory level and many things have been taken up for further follow up action. Therefore, it is really encouraging that the team of faculty under the leadership of Principal, and under the guidance of the Management is paying undivided attention to all aspects. On the whole, it is heartening to note that the College is actually keeping a very healthy gradient towards progress. However, there is a lot of room for improvement, considering the rapid change that are happening in the technical field across various domains. Dr. Sarith then interacted with the staff members and faculty and put across the following suggestions:

1. Placement record is impressive, but there is room for improvement. The placement cell needs to get feedback from employers and companies to understand what the students are lacking, and if there is a need for specialized training. The feedback data collected from employees need to be transferred to the trainers and the respective departments as well. The faculty should be made aware of the drawbacks of the

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students, if any. For example, if the students are lacking in certain coding skills or analytical ability or technical ability, it should be conveyed to the faculty concerned, not just to the trainers.

Similarly, efforts must be made to bring good companies and perhaps bigger companies into the campus, so that placements can be taken to the next level. Students must be given internship in the companies. It would be ideal for the placement cell to arrange for such internships because they have direct interface with the companies. Dr. Sarith P Sathian interacted with the Placement Officer Dr. Saji Abraham on the above points and satisfied himself that everything is in the order.

2. There is a concern about low pass percentage of students in the Electrical Engineering Department. It is imperative to identify special reasons, if any, for the lacklustre performance of students. Sometimes, it happens during a given year that bright students do not join a particular batch. The HoD concerned was consulted and she assured that efforts are on to improve the pass percentage in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

3. It is indeed commendable that many faculty members are getting Seed Grants from government funded agencies. It is an important step, no matter how small it is. As suggested by Dr. Georgekutty earlier, the focus should be on the improvement of faculty profile, so that it will be beneficial for the institution in all dimensions.

Dn. Sathian wished the very best to Team SJCTET in all their endeavours.

Participating in the discussion, Dn. Job Kurian of IIT Palakkad, queried about the feasibility of conducting practical lab classes online. It would be desirable to bring students to campus batch after batch as done in IITs.

The Principal clarified that at present, lab experiments are recorded and put on the Youtube/ Drive which students can access. The students also have access to the V-Lab facility initiated by MHRD, Government of India. Some of the students are doing lab on software which is also beneficial.

Dn. Job Kurian also queried about the newly started B.Tech Electronics and Computer Engineering Programme and its viability in the long run.

Principal Dn. J David clarified that the program is one among a few specializations recently by the AICTE. The faculty members of the recently closed Electronics and Instrumentation course and the existing lab facilities can be utilized for the new program. Only a minimum number of new faculty needs to be appointed.

Touching upon the issues of autonomy and accreditation, Dn. Job Kurian suggested that efforts must be scaled up to get accreditation by NAAC/NBA speedily, which is a prerequisite for obtaining autonomy for the College. Specifically, NAAC accreditation of A Grade and NBA accreditation for minimum 3 courses

are mandatory for obtaining autonomy.

The Principal clarified that no efforts are spared to get accreditation and autonomy fast. Programs are being conducted for obtaining a good score for accreditation and the faculty members are fully enlightened on this issue.

Dr. Job Kurian then raised his apprehensions on two issues - one, there is a dearth of research guides in the Computer Science department; in fact there is only one in the department. The second issue is with regard to the sustainability of M.Tech programs where the number of students is too small.

In his reply, Principal clarified that getting experienced faculty in Computer Science, to act as Research guides, is indeed difficult. Regarding M. Tech Program, he said that M.Tech Program seats remain vacant since most of the B.Tech graduates who pass out are well placed. The College is offering scholarships as an incentive for students to pursue M.Tech Program.

In this context, Dr. Job Kurian put forward the following suggestions:

1. To make the institution more vibrant, more research guides and research scholars need to be inducted.
2. Although there are institutional constraints, the College should strive for opting for more electives and making the program and its curriculum more interdisciplinary.

3. There has been a paradigm shift in engineering education. The norm of the day is that Engineering institutions are not merely institutions for future, but that for generating funds, too. Innovations is the keyword. The objective should be the creation of start-ups along the lines of Google (Stanford University) and Microsoft (Harvard University).

4. The consultancy project of SJCEIT is good enough, but efforts shall be made to encourage faculty members to think bigger. Identify pockets of excellence in the College, which will become useful in future.

5. There should be more thrust on research. The number of research papers/publications must increase.

6. Industry interaction should become more open. Instead of confining to industries in and around Pala, there is a need for casting the net far and wide.

Dr. Kurian concluded his discussion by congratulating everyone on their creditable achievements within the constraints of a private unaided College.

Dr. Unnikrishnan Pillai started his intervention by saying that most of the issues that he had planned to raise have already been discussed. So, he did not wish to repeat them. He had one question about the civil engineering dept: There are 23 M.Tech students in the department, but not a single publication to their credit. He wondered why this happened.



HoD clarified that the students have communicated their papers and the review is still in progress.

Although autonomy is the right direction to take, real progress can be made only after attaining autonomy. Flexibility of programmes and electives will come about only after academic autonomy and deemed university status are granted. Some of the main criteria for Autonomy and deemed university status are granted. The activities leading to autonomy and deemed university status are the number of faculty with Ph.Ds, pass percentage of students, number of publications, number of placements, accreditation and consultancy, etc. It is high time that the College went full force ahead with these activities.

Prof. Unnikrishna Pillai put forward following suggestions:

1. The forming of a Centre for Continuing Education. This is meant to be a new department with a competent person heading it; preferably somebody at the professional level. The basic idea is to be open to new teaching experience, involving everyone from the mason to the graduate engineer, the alumni, industry personnel and the society at large.
2. There are a lot of emerging technologies where there is the need for training. In such cases, the faculty could team up with the industry personnel, sit with them and prepare a syllabus on how to impart training including that for the technicians. For example, India is already in the transition stage from fossil-fuel powered automobiles to electric-powered ones. The proposed centre would offer extending education to a wide spectrum of

beneficiaries. Some of the programs could be charged a fee, some can be offered free of cost. There are programmes at the Governmental level which provided aid to this venture.

3. As a follow-up on last year's GIB meeting regarding faculty exchange, it would be desirable to make a small beginning, say, sending SJCEET faculty to Saint Gits College and getting their faculty to SJCEET. So, first start at local level, and then extend it out to the next higher level.

Sri. P C Cyniac, in his discussion, dwelled upon several noteworthy points and suggestions as follows:

1. With regard to accreditation, a time bound strategy must be followed to ensure that it is done without further delay. Reviews and discussions need to be done on a monthly basis. The objective should be securing A grade. If needed, the expert assistance of a competent person could be sought.
2. The online training of students for lab experiments, is generally found to be ineffective. The practice of uploading lab experiments on YouTube may not be effectively understood by students, especially the less brighter ones. So small batches of 15 or 20 students must be brought to the campus to do the lab experiments, adhering to Covid protocol as decreed by the Government. To begin with, day scholars can be brought to the campus in small batches.
3. The Placement Cell should think of making known on the website, the average salary offered to

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students by companies during a given year. Prospective applicants often give importance to the placement offers and the remuneration paid for each program, and also the percentage of students who secure placement. Next comes the brand value of companies. So, this information needs to be highlighted on the College website.

4. Proper training should be imparted to the students at least 3-4 months before the actual placement. Training and orientation shall be given for updating soft skills, communication skills, grooming and proper etiquettes to be followed so as to equip students to face the interview with confidence and get into good companies.
5. With regard to the newly started Artificial Intelligence and Data Science program, it is suggested that the assistance of the faculty members of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Kottayam may be incorporated into the department. If possible, the Artificial Intelligence and Data Science faculty at SJCTET shall consult with the IIIT faculty and get their support and assistance.
6. Another suggestion is to improve the interaction with industry by initiating live projects. Accordingly, a first-year student may be asked to work for a company in the afternoon. This way, students get to know about the practical problems of working in a company. The industry will also have an opportunity to get to know the students assess their capabilities and commitment to work, and if they are impressed, they may offer the

students summer placement, which might turn into a regular job. The College can adopt live project on an experimental basis.

7. Yet another suggestion is that the College shall strive for integrated campus/university status, and not mere autonomy. This is in tune with the National Education Policy (NEP) announced by the Government. This should be the ultimate goal of the institution.

8. Skill training is another area which needs to be focussed. The current COVID-19 situation has forced many people in the Middle East to return to Kerala. Such people have been exposed to new tools and technology in the engineering companies from the world over. Making use of these skills will be advantageous to the institution. Similarly, training can be given to the technicians turned out by the ITIs of Kerala.

9. For upgrading the quality of teaching, the eligibility for the entry cadre shall be a high percentage of marks and for promotion to the next level, Ph.D. degrees shall be made mandatory.

Mr. Cyriac also suggested the conduct of online alumni meeting without further delay, so as to tap the technical, financial and skill inputs of the members in foreign countries. He also recommended greater research and publication of papers, industry interaction and consultancies to take the institution to the next level. To encourage consultancies 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the fee shall go to the consultant and only 1/3<sup>rd</sup> shall go to the institution.

Patron of SJCEET H.E. Bishop Mar Kallamangattu in his address said that because of time constraint, he would speak succinctly on a few things. For the last few hours, the participants have been listening to some very effective interventions and proposals. Recently, everyone saw the glory of the Olympics. His motto is ALTIUS (towards greater heights), CITIUS (towards greater strength) and FORTIUS (towards greater speed and alertness). This motto echoed throughout the interventions. The respected Chairman presented everything comprehensively. Later HoDs and respected Principal furnished clarifications to a great many queries that were raised. There is an instance from Christian theology. While Jesus was on the crucifix undergoing pain and agony, soldiers stabbed him on the side, and blood and water oozed from his wounds. These stand as great sacramental symbols. St. Aprem has made a comment on this. "As many divine secrets flowed out as were the wounds inflicted on Jesus." Analogously, the Principal gave as many great answers as were the questions put to him. The Principal was demonstrating that only good questions elicited good answers. Sir Winston Churchill once said, "I am always willing to learn, but I am not always willing to be taught." These words are highly relevant for today's generation. They do like to learn, but they are not willing to learn things taught in the classroom. In this era, while engineering and technology are being promoted, the areas mentioned in the day's discussions are significant. Churchill has also said, "Empires of the future are empires of human minds." As is well-known, great empires like the Roman

and Persian empires were established in the great towns and civilizations. But today, empires need to be built in human minds, in their perspectives and the vigilance that they carry around with them. Under these circumstances, especially at a time when education has become manifested in the technical domain, there is full conviction that it is the product of training of human minds. It is well-known that technical education imparted in institutions like SJCTET is relevant in many areas. The aim of SJCTET has been to create a huge awareness. The practise of imparting factual knowledge to the students in the classroom has become outdated and outmoded. The need of the hour is the establishment of originality. Everything is now available on a smartphone even a classroom. It is not even a geographical entity; the relevance of a place is no more. It is more a space than a place. This is exactly what happened with the GIB Meeting on the digital platform. Actually, a space is found for 2 or 2 1/2 hours. During a period where the relevance of physical classrooms is on the wane, the discussion of the day was on the systems, values and ethics that have to be upheld in engineering and technical education.

The day witnessed 5 important interventions that were highly technical in nature. What emerges is a 'noble hybridity' that is becoming the identity of people. Earlier the terms 'hybrid' and 'hybridity' were referred to in a derogative sense. Even the term 'pandemic' is used to mean a negative connotation. But 'pandemic' originally meant something positive. 'Pan' means 'to all' and 'demos'

means 'people', i.e., something which reaches all people; not necessarily a disease but also things which are good. Similarly, when training is given to human minds, while culture is redefined, care must be shown on hybridity. Learning German language while in Germany, Italian in Italy, all this influence us. One cannot remain a pristine kenalife for a long time while studying abroad, hybridity is becoming people's identity. What P C Cyniac said and Prof. Unnikrishna Pillai said is exactly this. One needs to traverse different paths and study a new; whether in the capacity of students or teachers, it has become mandatory to redefine certain realities. The need of the time is a 'rooted cosmopolitanism'. Each person is cosmopolitan, i.e., open to the cosmos, but at the same time, rooted in this engineering College, in this diocese in the mother tongue Malayalam, in the state Kerala. It is upon these roots that one becomes cosmopolitan. It will not do any good to deny one's roots or to negate them. Therefore, one makes use of *Altius, Citius and Fortius*, i.e., while gaining greater speed, greater heights and greater strength, one must not forget one's roots, what he is and who he is, etc., it is of great relevance. From the day's interventions, it becomes clear that there is a need for trans disciplinary domain; the age of interdisciplinary and even multidisciplinary approaches is long past and are not relevant anymore. The wider aspects of education could be identified only by becoming transdisciplinary. We now live in a digital world. Although face to face teaching is still relevant, there is a real need to conduct digital classes and to find out its transformative benefits. As Cyniac said, even alumni meetings can be conducted online. So, meetings like the present one has relevance. "Solum scientiam habet verum potestatem"

so it is said in Latin, only knowledge has true power, everything else is a sham, like wealth for example. As the good Lord says, true power lies in knowledge. It is a most appropriate statement, whoever said that and has great relevance till the end of the world.

Present at the meeting were Prof. Georgekutty sir, Prof. Sanith P Sathian sir, Dr. Job Kurian sir, Prof. Unnikrishna Pillai Sir and Sni. P.C Cyriac sir. Many common areas were mentioned. Accreditation, quality of faculty, need for publications, need for interdisciplinary studies as proposed by Dr. Unnikrishna Pillai, need for a comprehensive cell for incorporating wider areas mentioned. Job Kurian sir spoke about the need for more research guides, autonomy and ways and means by which internal revenue can be generated. All these suggestions and proposals are relevant. Because of time constraint, it is not possible to detail each member's proposals. But they have been noted down. P. C Cyriac sir mentioned about 30 comprehensive dimensions. He is a person with rich life experience, so, he spoke about all those areas. Georgekutty sir, spoke on digital marketing, civil service coaching and faculty profile.

All the 5 luminaries have given great lessons to learn. In last year's meeting, 7 members participated, their suggestions were taken note of and assimilated; their proposals were executed. The Chairman and the Principal spoke at length on these matters. A booklet was given containing the details of the College; it was very informative. Also given was a consolidated form of last year's deliberations to build upon. Similarly, the Chairman and the Principal spoke about their plans and new projects for the College. FO, Sunesh spoke about the



financial status of the College; although there are concerns, there is really nothing to be worried about. Sunesh sir is a great expert and is most learned and experienced in the field. Thus, the institution has been steered into a very good system. Each and everyone in the meeting gave very valuable inputs, critical evaluations, thoughtful recommendations and insightful road map. The timely and appropriate responses of the Principal and HoDs were really effective.

The participants of the meeting know what this institution is. Nobody feigned ignorance. Solutions and explanations were offered to all problems raised. This is the greatest plus point. When the 5 experts put forth their queries from their respective areas, satisfactory answers were given. The institution belongs to the higher education sector, being an engineering and technology College. One common lesson to be learnt from the interventions of the 5 speakers is that there is a need for turning engineering into a philosophy. Instead of confining itself to engineering and technology studies, it should be extended to the domains of science, philosophy, entrepreneurship, sociology, etc., thereby gaining more relevance. An engineer cannot remain as an isolated individual. A technical institution like SJCEIT cannot survive that way for long. There is a need to move into interactive areas; only then it is possible to move into the qualitative dimension of engineering.

H.E. said that he was concluding his words. All know that the participations and contributions of the Chairman, Manager, Principal, Bursar, Lab Managers and HoDs would definitely take the College to even greater

heights. There is a very rich intellectual culture in the campus, and also very sound engineering ethics. The College is located in an agrarian area. The College has conceived and implemented several beneficial things for the place. All these point to a splendid future for the institution. The institution is evaluated and looked upon with great hopes and expectations. The respected Rev. Manager, Principal and Vice Principal have been very actively engaged in its activities and able to showcase the relevance of the institution. There is also a very good academic discipline in the College. Special thanks are due to them.

The meeting has generated a huge awakening. There is a very productive human capital present in the institution; there is probably no capital as valuable as human capital. Rooted in one's value and heritage, one has to grow into a cosmopolitan; it is then that human capital becomes useful to the world. H.E. thanked everyone in the institution. He said he shall pray for God Almighty's blessings on one and all. The year 2021 is a blessed one; St. Joseph is being commemorated. The year is also significant for seeking and praying for the intercession of St. Joseph, as well as for discovering matters relating to the scripture. The year commemorating St. Joseph will bring great awakening and vibrancy to the College.

H.E. said that he would remember everyone in his prayers again, and dedicated everyone to God Almighty, and prayed to St. Joseph and St. Alphonsa for their blessings. With these words, H.E. concluded his words.

Manager, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhankuzha delivered the vote of Thanks:

On October 29, 2002, at 10:00 am, hundreds of people streamed to the small village of Choondachery. The reason was that it marked the very first day of St. Joseph's Engineering College where the bell rang for the first time. The bell that rang on that auspicious day keeps ringing solemnly and sonorously till date. There is a set of blessed hands at work behind the running of this institution. The first and foremost is none other than the patron of the College, H.E. Bishop Man Joseph Kallarangattu. He had been teacher par excellence at Vadavathoon Seminary. Only a good teacher knows the relevance of an educational institution and only he knows how to steer it in the right direction. H.E. the Bishop is the source of strength behind the College, and is responsible for elevating it to heights. H.E. had a busy schedule on the day, but in spite of this, he found time to attend the meeting and bless everyone with his presence. On behalf of the Chairman and all those present, Rev. Fr. Manager proffered him sincere love and gratitude.

The Chairman of the College, Rev. Fr. Joseph Malepanambal has great care and concern for the institution. His presence at the College every morning is a source of great courage and strength to everyone. The Rev. Fr. Manager expressed their love and gratitude for the care and encouragement bestowed by Rev. Fr. Chairman.

Honourable Dr. Unnikrishna Pillai sir is present in the meeting, in spite of his busy schedule. Rev. Fr. expressed love and gratitude to him.

Mr. P C Cyniac sir is the former Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu. His valuable life experience has always guided the College and its staff and students in all their endeavours. Sincere love and gratitude were expressed in his favour for being present in the meeting and providing valuable suggestions.

Dr. Job Kurnian sir is a favourite teacher of students and a brilliant academic. He explained how an educational institution should be run in the ideal way. Rev. Fr. expressed his love and gratitude to Job Kurnian Sir, on behalf of everyone.

Dr. Sanith P Sathian sir, Professor, IIT Madras, Rev. Fr. fondly recalled the occasion on which he met Dr. Sathian for the first time 2 years ago, and also the depth of his knowledge. He expressed his sincere thanks to Dr. Sanith P Sathian sir for the care and benevolence shown by him.

Dr. Georgekutty sir has recently taken charge of the Pala Civil Service Institute. His presence and invaluable opinions are a source of great inspiration to SJ CET. He expressed his love and deepest gratitude to Georgekutty sir.

Principal Dr. J David sir, Vice Principal Dr. Madhukumar sir, Bursar Rev. Fr. John Mattammundayil, Lab Manager Rev. Fr. Njavallil and F.O. Suresh sir are the strong and competent hands who worked

for the realization of the meeting. The day's GB meeting was conducted smoothly and gracefully, thanks to the meticulous planning and flawless execution on the part of Mr. Sunesh sir, F.O.

Thanks are also due to PRO Jackson, Manoj, Cyril, Babychan, Rony, Anun and Sanju. Rev. Fr. Manager said he fondly remembered all of them and thanked them once again.

The meeting concluded at 7:35 pm.

PRINCIPAL

CHAIRMAN