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Hon'ble Chairman's Message



It has been in my thoughts for quite some time now to have a newsletter published periodically to showcase the numerous special programmes organized in the campus of Excel Group Institutions, which no doubt is a beehive of activity. The pity at times is that as an Institution grows bigger a lot of things go unnoticed, as each institution or department is busy with its own activity, hardly having the time or patience to have a peep into the exemplary works being done in the neighbouring departments, which all add up to the educative endeavour taking place in EGI.

I am confident that this News Bulletin, will be a Guiding Star and also a Chronicle for each and every Faculty of Studies so that it can look back at its strides of progress, year after year, in our striving to better the best and achieve perfection.

- Prof. Dr. A.K. Natesan

Excel College of Pharmacy organized an Orientation Programme on 03-03-2021 for all the newly admitted D.Pharm. / B.Pharm. Students. Our Hon'ble Chairman, Prof. Dr. A. K.Natesan inaugurated the Sessions by lighting the Kuthuvilakku which was followed suit by a few students as well as faculty. Dr. K. Vibhas, Principal, EMCNY gave the first lecture on Adolescent Health.



PHA/21/I/1



PHA/21/I/2

Excel College of Pharmacy's Orientation Programme for the 1st Year B.Pharm Students of 2020-21 was conducted in 2 Sessions on 06.03.2021. Dr. Jubie Selvaraj, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, J.S.S. College of Pharmacy, Ooty, explained the global statistics of the pharmaceutical industry and the various career options after B.Pharm. / M.Pharm. / Ph.D.

Excel College of Pharmacy's Orientation Programme for two Primary Departments, viz., Pharmacodynamics and the Pharmacokinetic Principle of Drugs for the 1st Year B.Pharm Students of 2020-21 was conducted on 06.03.2021. **Mr. B. Shivarama Krishnan**, Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, J.S.S. College of Pharmacy, Ooty, was the Chief Guest.



PHA/21/I/3



HS/21/I/1

Excel Institute of Health Science organised this year's Pongal celebration on 11.01.2021 at 11.00 am in the college campus. This function was organized mainly to encourage our students to respect our tradition and culture. **Dr. A.K. Natesan**, Chairman, Excel Group Institutions presided over the function. Students participated enthusiastically in the cultural events

Excel Institute of Health Science organised the Inaugural function for the First Year MLT and RIT students on 03.02.2021 at 2.00 pm in the Seminar Hall. Students of Year-I and their Parents attended the function. **Dr. A. Ayyappan**, Principal, ECPRC, delivered a special address in the programme, and **Mr. S. Sarankumar**, Asst Prof. of Microbiology gave an orientation to the students.



HS/21/I/2



HS/21/I/3

WELKOM FIESTA 2K21 was an Inter-Batch gathering organized on 04.02.2021 to make the Senior and Junior students of EIHS mingle together and put up some cultural items. This informal gathering was arranged with the blessings of the Hon'ble Chairman **Dr. A. K. Natesan**, **Dr. N. Mathan Karthick**, the Vice Chairman and organized by the Principal, **Dr. A. Ayyappan**.

EMCNY along with the National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, organized a Mega Naturopathy Camp at Excel Convention Centre on 28.03.2021. More than 1000 participants benefitted from the programme which included free consultation, treatment and various seminars. Our Hon. Chairman, Prof. Dr. A. K. Natesan presided over the function and eminent Guests of Honour delivered talks on various health matters.



NAT/21/I/1



NAT/21/I/2

The students of Excel Medical College for Naturopathy and Yoga bagged 7 prizes in the Marathon and Walkathon for Women, organised by 'Royalty Awards' as part of Women's Day '21 on 14.03.2021 at Erode. Dr Vibhas. K, Dr. Mohanapriya and Dr. SefinBoby accompanied and guided the students.

International Women's Day-2021 was celebrated in the EMCNY Campus on 08.03.2021 in a grand manner and the event witnessed the participation of around 600 girls and lady faculty from all the institutions of EGI. Mrs. Kaviarasi, Director of Excel Public School delivered the Keynote address. Dr. Shilpa Shah, from Coimbatore inaugurated the Naturopathy Beauty Clinic and Dr. Abhirami, from Kerala delivered a talk on 'Sustainable Menstruation'. Adv. S. Sathiyapriya from Salem delivered a talk on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment'.



NAT/21/I/3



NAT/21/I/4

The Inauguration of the Third Batch of BNYS (2020-21) and the Orientation Programme was successfully conducted from 01.02.2021 to 06.02.2021 in the Excel Mini Auditorium. Dr Raghavendra Rao, Director, from the Ministry of AYUSH, New Delhi, Dr H.R. Nagendra, the Chancellor of SVYASA University, Bangalore, Dr. Sathyalakshmi, Director, National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, and other experts motivated the students. Our Hon. Chairman Prof. Dr. A.K. Natesan and Vice Chairman, Dr. N. Mathan Karthick imparted their words of wisdom with the new students.



The Fresher's Day at EMCNY was held on 05.02.2021. The seniors welcomed their dear juniors with lots of fun-filled games, dance and music and assured the new comers that their life in Excel would be happy and colorful. **Dr. Manivannan**, **Dr. Ayyappan** and **Arch. Arun Karthick**, the Principals of Excel College of Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Architecture, respectively, were the guests of the day.

A Two-day Residential Yoga Camp for Yoga Teachers was conducted in the EMCNY campus from 18.3.2021. **Dr. Vibhas K.**, Principal, EMCNY, inaugurated the event. **Dr. Madhavan**, President of the Yoga Teachers' Association from Karur, was the chief resource person. Yoga teachers from different schools and colleges from different districts of Tamilnadu participated in the event. The Hon. Chairman of Excel Group Institutions, **Prof. Dr. A.K. Natesan**, gave away the certificates and mementos to all the participants.



The inaugural celebration of the first batch of B.Sc. Nursing was held on 10th Mar 2021. **Dr. N. Madhan Karthik**, Vice-Chairman of EGI, welcomed the gathering and **Dr. G. Maheswari**, Principal, spoke in detail about the course and the future of Nursing. **Rtn. Dr. A.K. Natesan**, the Hon'ble Chairman, delivered the presidential address. The invited Guests of Honour from the nearby Government Hospitals spoke about the need of dedicated Nursing Staff for good health care.



Higher Education in the **Post Covidian Era**

Dr. T. M. Devdan*

The threat of Covid19 virus is still around; but the fear psychosis linked to this pandemic is partially or totally missing. This phenomenon is observed all over the world, and with reference to India, it has come to mean an illness that those below 55 years and those with good health need not worry about. In earlier days, we had heard of epidemics like cholera and plague; but things went on to take the form of pandemic because people move from one country to another and from one continent to another. The deadly viruses spread as fast as an aeroplane and at the speed of a sneeze from nostrils to nostrils.

It is often thought that doctors and nurses are the angels who rescue the patients from the jaws of death. Who are the doctors? They are the students of bygone days who had more inclination towards Biology than Math and Physics. It is forgotten that doctors and paramedical personnel rely on equipment designed and maintained by Bio-medical engineers, and engineers in general. And the Engineering Industry has continued to serve mankind in need directly and indirectly during the pandemic with hospital equipment and communication technology along with other fields intertwined with everyday needs that we often take for granted.

It is also a fact that most students who complete their tertiary level of education end up in Engineering Colleges – with neither limit of institutions nor of seats – with hopes in their hearts and dreams in their eyes. The value of the graduation certificate may vary from a prestigious IIT to a self-financed engineering college, but so does the vacancies for employment. The salary of an engineer reaching a nadir should be blamed on the IT sector and CT sector that needs less and less hands for a job and AI has now come in to tell everyone what is gone wrong and where.

Recently, I happened to enter the portals of Excel Engineering College (Autonomous), Komarapalayam, in Tamil Nadu, that successfully tided over the crisis rather unaffected, due to high enrollment in the additional colleges in the adjoining campus, viz., Excel College of Engineering & Technology. With permission granted by the govt. to run the Final Year batches of Pharmacy and Paramedical Courses, in addition to Naturopathy and Homeopathy, the campus became a beehive of activity.

Excel seemed to thrive on the excellent idea of having students from every nook and corner of the country and many from overseas. It gave neutrality in terms of ethnicity and reduced the inhibition of speaking in English, the link language, even with one's own compatriots, as it is the lingua franca when it comes to job placement. I was shown the list and addresses of students who cleared IELTS and went abroad, even to the Middle East, at a time when many employees were laid off. N. Nagarajan, a BME graduate obtained work permit to go to Saudi Arabia online and as soon as the lockdown was lifted, he flew off to work at King Fahd Air Base at Al Taif. So, he was educated, empowered, and then empanelled by an employment agency on the Campus itself. And the Management of Excel seemed to say that though employment opportunities have slowed down, it will gain momentum and the students will go forth with resilience.

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