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*"A smile is a curve that sets everything straight"*

### A Word from the President...

Dear Co-Alumnus,

I Wish you and your family members a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year-2011

The year that has gone by was a satisfying one with a good number of educative as well as fulfilling activities. In addition to our normal evening lectures and a family get-together we had organized training programs for the International Standards, DO178B& 254. The response for each of them was excellent, infusing encouragement to the Executive Committee. The REAP, an initiative of our Chapter to help the needy current MIT students with scholarships has become an immensely valuable program, even though the contributions to it are coming only in trickles. You must have followed its progress and its beneficiaries in our Newsletters. I am happy to mention here that towards this fund, Dr T B Ramachandran, T 136/Elcs, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch, has sent us a cheque for 15000USD from USA. Sri C S Ramachandran, T 53/Elcs, of the 1<sup>st</sup> batch Elcs, has contributed Rs 15000 to this programme, while relocating to Coimbatore from Bangalore. I thank, from the bottom of my heart, both of them and all our members, who have contributed to this noble and highly beneficial cause. I appeal to all the other members to come forward and contribute generously to this Fund, so as to enable us to build up a core asset which will serve as a perennial source for the scholarships, since this is an annually recurring feature.

It was a Happy Reunion of 36 of 22<sup>nd</sup> batch MITians when they met at Pondy during 17-18 Dec '10. MITians of 32th batch met during 8-12 Dec'10 at Dubai. This batch, aka "2 to the power of 5", has been active and meeting regularly, ever since they first met in 2005, commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> year of their joining MIT and I am happy, so would you too, to know that they have taken up many activities benefitting the society in addition to students at MIT.

Recently our website has been modified and made attractive with the inclusion of lot of new features. Sri M V Kannan, T 22010/Aero has taken personal and special interest in keeping it updated. I request all our members to visit the site [mitaabc.org](http://mitaabc.org) and suggest ways to improve it further.

It is very heartwarming to note that more and more of youngsters are coming forward to join our Chapter and our activities are picking up momentum. A trip to Singapore has been planned. Those interested can make use of this opportunity to join with family and make the event memorable. More details about these events are included in this Newsletter.

This issue of Newsletter has been sponsored by Sri Dataram Mishra, T 33102/Aero and I thank him for the same.

At the end let me wish you all a very Happy Pongal, Joyous Sankranti and Lori.

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## MEETINGS

### ❖ EXECUTIVE MEETINGS



The Executive Committee met regularly on the second Friday of every month.

The Executive Committee in their meeting held on ----- unanimously elected Sri M.V.Kannan, T.No. 22010/Aero as Vice-president in place of late Sri V.V.Tarvadi.

## EVENTS



### ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Annual General Body meeting of MITAA-BC for 2010 was conducted at AeSI building on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

It started at 9.30 AM with the registration of members. After having Tea, all members present assembled at 10.00AM in the Auditorium.

Our President, Mr.V.Gopalakrishnan, welcomed members and requested all the members present to give self introduction. All the members then introduced themselves to the audience.

Before the start of the business session, President requested Patrons to talk about MITAA, Bangalore Chapter and its activities for the benefit of members attending for the first time. There upon, our Patrons Gp.Capt.V.N.Murthy,

Mr.P.N.Hariharasubramanian and Mr.C.U.Hari spoke about the efforts put in, during the past 3 decades, along with other senior members, to build the Chapter to its present state of glorious activities .They also requested all the members, especially the youngsters, to actively participate, support and help the Association in all its activities and keep the flag flying always.

Mr.Sreechand, Scientist (Retd), GTRE (16<sup>th</sup> Batch) talked about his experience during his stay at MIT.

Mr.Dataram Mishra, MD,Civaro Technologies Pvt Ltd recalled his contribution to the Alumni Association in the past and promised to spare more time in the future activities. He also announced to sponsor 4 issues of forthcoming news letter of MITAA-BC.

After this the business session started. Joint Secretary Mr.R.Rajagopal presented the Annual report in which he highlighted the important activities

Treasurer Mr.R.Arungiri presented the audited accounts and it was approved unanimously by the AGM. After this President opened the house for discussion of any other point raised by members. Mention was made that the member data base in our web site is not updated and requested for the same.

President informed that this job has already taken on hand and MR.M.V.Kannan has taken initiative in this regard. Mr.M.V.Kannan explained the efforts put in by him for updating the information.

President then assured the members that it will be completed shortly. He also requested all members to co-operate in this matter by informing promptly any changes in their contact details to the association.

The AGM ended with the vote of thanks proposed by EC member Mr.C.T.Sambandam.

*Inputs: courtesy Sri R. Arunachalam.*

### INVITED LECTURE ON “WHAT GOT YOU HERE WON’T GET YOU THERE” BY MR. MALI MAHALINGAM – HR EXPERT

On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010, MITAA-BC organized an evening lecture program by the eminent HR Expert Mali Mahalingam at the Aeronautical Society auditorium. The topic of the lecture, “**What got you here won’t get you there**” was of great interest to all successful professionals and was well received. The program was well attended by many members and their guests who actively participated in the program.

The evening gathering was welcomed with a high-tea before the program commenced. Following welcome address by the Secretary, Narayanasamy, JP introduced the speaker and then Mr. Mali Mahalingam took over.

While introducing the speaker, JP mentioned Mali Mahalingam has been with the Symphony Services Corporation ([www.symphonysv.com](http://www.symphonysv.com)) as Executive Vice President & Global Chief People Officer for over 6 years now. Prior to this assignment, he has served at senior HR positions in IBM, HP and Philips. During his tenure these organizations achieved very high rating for their HR policies.

Mali is professionally very active and has worked at key positions in various professional bodies such as NASSCOM and many committees for HR

Development constituted by state and central Governments. Mr. Mali is closely associated with many reputed schools of management in India, Sweden and Austria.

Mr. Mali's talk was an eye-opener for all successful executives. According to him, success brings along with it a few liabilities also. The talk cautioned executives against such negative effects of success.

Successful people believe that they have been successful because of what they do and how they do, and get into the delusion that success will continue if they keep on doing the same thing the same way. This delusion makes them blind towards requirement of change as they progress and they ignore any suggestions.

We must know the meaning of our existence and work towards our mission by achieving the milestones of professional progress. We need to win but not at all costs and situations. In the process, one may put other people down.

Adding value is good, but is not compulsory everywhere. At times, positive energy and enthusiasm will push us to add value in every matter. While the intention of adding value is good, too much value addition will be a discouragement for others. Leaders, who tend to add value everywhere, don't receive the benefit of brainstorming on solutions.

Leaders who remember their purpose all the time ensure not to pass the buck and assume responsibility. When we have a group in which all accept ownership of their decisions, it makes for a wonderful experience when the purpose is achieved.

Behavior leaves a better impression, that skills and knowledge seldom can. Anger management, self-judgment, moving beyond past glories and accepting mistakes are the needed competencies in the 'Person' domain. Emotional intelligence is proved to be the reason for long term leadership success. Once we speak with emotional volatility, we are branded for life. Successful leaders know that people who fly into a rage always make a bad landing. They remember that 'Anger' is one letter short of 'Danger' and choose silence when they are angry. They avoid using emotional volatility as a management tool or as power of their position.

Attachment to past glories and problems is another bottleneck to develop the 'Person' domain competencies. Past solutions may not resolve prevailing problems. We will not see a leader blaming his upbringing, how people treated him and how hard it is for him to face present problems realities. Leaders know that past is something that cannot be changed and hence, they focus on the present which makes the future.

Leaders continuously learn by accepting mistakes and expressing regret. Many leaders have trouble apologizing. They find it humiliating to beg for forgiveness. A simple act of expressing regret can make both the parties feel much better. The word 'Sorry' disconnects us from the past and we are free to move ahead.

When we see repeated success we tend to stop listening. Leaders will always remember that listening means respecting others. Listening is a simple activity of paying attention to others by which we will hold a special place in their hearts.

The lecture was followed by a very active and lively question answer session with a large participation from the audience.

The program concluded with the vote of thanks by the President, Gopalakrishnan.

## PROFILES

### (i) EMINENT MITIAN



An Dr. T.S. Krishnamurthy (TSK), (T.NO: /Aero) aerospace engineer who was associated with India's space program for 15 years, Dr. T.S. Krishnamurthy (TSK) had been working in different organizations and is currently with Wipro Technologies, addressing the electro-mechanical aspects of products. He had earlier brought Satyam's Integrated Engineering Services as a top notch engineering service provider.

A Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, he has nurtured relationships with key suppliers that subsequently blossomed into mutually rewarding partnerships over the years, enabling the organizations that he had represented to offer client-centric solutions globally.

He is Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Indian National Academy of Engineering, a lifetime member of the Aeronautical Society of India, a member of the Computer Society of India and NASSCOM's Engineering Forum.

Dr. Krishnamurthy (TSK) holds a Ph. D. (Mech) from IISc, Bangalore after his graduation (from Madras Institute of Tech.),

post graduation (from Indian Institute of Science) in the field of Aerospace Engineering. He has a blended experience of 30+ years comprising both technical and commercial. He is currently responsible for the Engineering Design Services (EDS) at Wipro Technologies. In this capacity he is responsible for providing services to mechanical engineering solutions to global customers covering varieties of Industrial segments.

He started his career with Indian Space Research Organization and served the Indian space segment for 15 years. He has a comprehensive understanding on structural behavior of engineering systems and his skills in the finite element method and computer aided design / analyses are well appreciated. He has about five papers and several technical reports to his credit. He worked with GE's India Development Centre managed by a leading IT Company for a period of 5 years and honed his skills in six sigma.

His current portfolio at Wipro Technologies comprises of providing electro-mechanical solutions to product development organizations. He is responsible for total management of engineering business & HR decisions of the EDS. In addition, he manages the complete operations of Wipro at Hyderabad guiding the various functional sub-groups like facilities management, infra-structure, talent engagement, learning centre, communications network. He is also the face of Wipro in forums like CII, NASSCOM, ITsAP, and interfaces with regulatory agencies like STPI / SEZ, IT department of Govt. of AP.

Doctor of Philosophy from Mechanical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, 1995.

*Ph.D topic of "On the Mismatch between Predicted and Measured Frequencies in Model Testing"*

Masters in Aerospace technology from IISc, Bangalore, 1979.

Basic degree in Aeronautical engineering from Madras Institute of Technology, Madras, 1977.

Certified by GE as a Master Black Belt in Six Sigma  
5 Papers and Several Technical Reports

**(ii) SPONSOR**



**Sri. Dataram Misra**

***Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it -- but sail we must and not drift, nor stay at anchor—***

**Education**

Mr. Dataram Mishra holds an Engineering degree (B.Tech) In Aeronautical Engineering from Madras Institute of Technology (Anna University, Madras) and Master of Engineering (M.E) in Aerospace Engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

**Initial kick up: [1986-1994]**

Mr. Mishra spent brief period during the initial years of his career with the DRDO (Defence Research Development Organisation) and subsequently moved to HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited). He was with HAL for over 9 years during which he was a key member of the team which designed and developed the Advanced Light Helicopter (Dhruv). Mr. Mishra played active roles in the Design and Analysis of the ALH, working closely with Technical experts from MBB, Germany (Currently Eurocopter, Deutschland). He was working on Stress Analysis, Simulation, Composites and Finite Element Analysis areas. This experience had given him a strong understanding of the Aerospace product development encompassing the entire product life cycle, from Concept-Design-Analysis-Testing-Manufacturing to Certification.

**The turning point: [1994 - 2004]**

Mr. Mishra was convinced that leveraging the strong technology domain, coupled with advanced engineering software tools can make India a global engineering powerhouse.

This, he envisioned, is only possible if the Indian Industry is provided access to the tools and technologies, software and hardware, which are used by the global industry. His clear vision and strong conviction led him to move towards being a leader & entrepreneur, when he took over as General Manager and moved to the Board as the Director-Operations of a Bangalore based Engineering Software organization, CSM Software Ltd, focusing on CAD/CAE/CFD/PLM technologies. There he was able to judiciously combine domain expertise and software tools and provide the required technology Support & Training for OEMs/Suppliers to successfully derive maximum benefits. It was also during this period that Mr. Mishra had brought many new technologies like CAE, CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) software tools to India, marking a transition from in-house developed codes to using globally recognized software tools for Indian Industries.

**The Renaissance: [2004-2009]**

Mr. Mishra is always looking for new challenges & responsibilities. Long before the Indian Industry realized the importance of “Design anywhere-Build anywhere” concept by using advanced software, consulting and al outsourcing methodologies, Mr. Mishra had already convinced the global industry about the benefits of the same. With a very clear plan and vision, he joined hands with a private equity venture capital firm and took over as the **Managing Director & CEO** of CADES. His vision was to create a globally recognized high technology organization from India and provide knowledge based Engineering services to Aerospace, Defense, Automotive and Manufacturing Industries. CADES has been successful in pioneering the effort in transcending India’s image from being Low-Cost to being the High-Technology and High Value knowledge base.

Mr. Mishra built a team of over 400 strong engineers & Technology Experts in a span of 5 years. With a cumulative experience of over 3000 Man-Years within the company, CADES is truly a global technology focused organization.

**Expertise Par Excellence:**

Mr. Mishra has had tremendous amount of success with his many interactions, business partnerships with industry leaders across the world. He is widely respected for his ability to mix technology advantage with a strong sense of business success.

He is one of the leading business leaders who had developed strong global reach and network in the Engineering Industries. This is attributed to his forging business relationships and partnerships with many global companies across the world in USA, UK, FRANCE, Germany, Japan, Korea, Russia, Netherlands, Spain, Singapore, UAE, Malaysia, Australia, Israel and across India.

### **Interests & hobbies**

In his free time, which is little, he likes spending time with his family. He lives in Bangalore with his wife Uma & two kids ( daughter upasana & son abhishek). A strong sports enthusiast, he also spends time in being involved in social and spiritual activities. A pragmatic man with strong fundamental values, he believes that “No matter what you've done for yourself or for humanity, if you can't look back on having given love and attention to your own family and society what have you really accomplished?”

### **Awards & Recognition:**

He has received many awards and professional recognitions for his contributions to the Engineering Industry.

Mr. Mishra's awards are testimony for the growing potential of Indian Technology and Engineering Industry, world-wide and his commitment to the Engineering Industry.

He received many awards and honors for his outstanding contribution in Technology and Business Management to the Indian and Global Industry.

Udyog Ratan Award  
Rashtriya Nirman Gold Award  
Vikas Rattan Award & Gold Medal  
Rajiv Gandhi Shiromani Award  
National Status Award for Intellectual Development from Indian Organisation for Commerce & Industry  
Indira Gandhi Sadbhavna Award  
Arch of Excellence – (Business Award)  
Rashtriya Shiromani Award  
Rashtriya Samman Purskar  
Indira Gandhi Memorial Achievement Award  
Life Time Achievement & Gold Medal from India International council for Industries and Trade  
International Achiever's Award for Corporate Leadership  
National Business Leadership Award from Indian Society for Industry & Intellectual Development  
Rashtriya Gaurav Rattan Award  
Kohinoor of India Award – Sept 2010 (most recent one)

## WEBSITE

We have a website of our own - [www.mitaabc.org](http://www.mitaabc.org). Sri. M.V.Kannan, T No: 22010/Aero is taking a very keen interest and is not only updating it regularly but has introduced some new and novel features.

We urge you to view the website at least once a week for info and for suggestions and ideas. We are eagerly awaiting response from you in this regards to make it more informative and useful.

Sri. M.V.Kannan has been elected as the Vice-President of MITAA-BC.

## NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

"May his soul rest in peace in Heaven and we pray May the Lord give strength to his family to bear this great loss"

Sri B.S.Seshadri, 13th batch/Elcs passed away after a heart attack in Bangalore on 25.8.2010. He was a person deeply interested in the progress of our Chapter and many were his suggestions which were found to be beneficial to members. We will badly miss his wise counsel.

**"May the souls of the departed rest in peace in Heaven and we pray that the Lord give strength to their families to bear this great loss."**

## WEDDING BELL

Rang for

★ Sow. Smitha, D/o Smt. & Sri N.R. Narayanaswamy, T No: 1625/Auto, who married Sri Vikram in Bangalore on 18.11.2010.

★ Chi.Ram Kumar, S/o Smt & Sri A.K.Chaturvedi, T No: 25303/Elcs, who married Sow. Aditi on 22.11.2010 in Mathura.

## PROMOTIONS

Sri. J Padmanabhan has been promoted as president of Advanced Micronics Devices Limited (AMD) for Corporate Initiatives and Business Development.

## MOVEMENT

Sri K. Venkatesan, T 763/Elcs, retd.Scientist - LRDE, has shifted permanently to Madras. He had always taken keen interest in all activities of our Chapter. We will miss his very useful suggestions and ideas. Our best wishes are with him always.

## AWARDS

§ Sri VLSwaminathan of the 14<sup>th</sup> batch writes, My batchmate and bosom friend K. Balasubramanian, T1442/Elcs, received the distinguished Alumni award from University of Rhode Island. Bala retired from Texas Instruments after about 35 years of distinguished service with the company. MIT Bangalore Chapter covered his profile in their chapter news letter in Apr 2007. TI has also honoured him by naming an award in his name, the "Bala Award" for the 1<sup>st</sup> best in the talent search from India (sorry on my inability to give the exact nomenclature). Bala is settled in Houston Texas.



Dr. K. Tamilmani, (T 24119/Aero) Distinguished Scientist and Chief Executive (Airworthiness), CEMILAC has recently been nominated as Chairman and Member of the Board of Governors for esteemed Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University by the Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai.

Dr. Tamilmani is already a nominated member of various Institutions and Universities including the prestigious Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belgaum where he has been nominated as a Senate member.

## NEWS FROM CAMPUS AND PARENT CHAPTER

✪ The Vice-Chancellor, Anna University opened in the Campus a New Ladies Hostel building consisting of 40 Rooms which can accommodate 120 students. This is the first set of 40 Rooms and **another 460 rooms will be added** to the hostel facility in two to three years time. The **hostel** has been named as CAUVERY HOSTEL in memory of the wife of founder, C Rajam.

✪ Two new floors consisting 8 Lecture rooms and a conference hall to accommodate approximately 60 persons have been added

✪ A new 50 KVA Diesel generator has been added to Electronics Faculty laboratory

✪ A New Polymer Lab for the benefit of Rubber and Plastics Technology Department has been added.

✪ The Old Lecture Hall of Electronics Faculty has been converted to Day Child Care room with a care taker to look after the children below five years age of MIT Staff and Post Graduate and PhD students. Day care unit has toys and other facility to keep the children engaged with nappy change facility.

✪ Sri P.Balamurugan, IV yr Electronics, MIT writes, to say that the Personality Development Association, Madras Institute of Technology, is planning to set up inside the MIT premises, a museum, housing the archives of MIT. It would have rare pictures, models, books written by MITians and list of MITians who have achieved great heights. He further writes, we are also in need of your valuable guidance and feedbacks to make this ambitious project a grand success. We have also met the Vice-Chancellor Dr.P.Mannar Jawahar who has accepted to allot space inside MIT to set up the same. We are also in constant touch with other chapters of our alumni association. We are right now working on the website. We have also put up a banner inside our campus to popularize the project among fellow MITians.

✪ Sri Balmurugan can be contacted at +919952048949; [www.museum.mitindia.edu](http://www.museum.mitindia.edu)

## NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

### (i) MITAA-USA

USA-A Chapter of our Association, MITAA-USA was formally inaugurated on 10.10.10 in New Jersey by Sri Gopalan, of the 1<sup>st</sup> batch, who you may recall was the founder President of our Parent Chapter and also the pioneering spirit behind the formation of our own Chapter. Sri Sundararajan, T 30120/Aero is the Secretary. He writes:

A meeting of MITians in New Jersey was held at 4.30 pm on Sunday, the 10th Oct 2010 in the residence of Bhima Rao's daughter in Princeton, NJ. The following MITians were present:

✪ Sri V.Gopalan, 1st batch/Auto

✪ Sri K.V.Bhima Rao, 3rd batch/Elcs

✪ Sri K.G.Ramachandran, 7th batch/Elcs and

✪ Sri T.Sundararajan, 30th batch/Aero.

The draft constitution and Rules & Regulations for MITAA-USA, circulated already, was discussed, passed unanimously and adopted.

**The Chapter, MITAA-USA, was formally inaugurated** by Sri V.Gopalan, the Founder President of our Parent Chapter in Madras, on this a unique date, 10.10.10. The Constitution and the Rules & Regulations are attached, herewith.

The following MITians were elected unanimously as office bearers of the Chapter:

#### ✪ President:

Sri **V.Gopalan**, T 15/Auto, No.8, Anthony Avenue, Edison, NJ-08820 Tel:908 279 7008; e-mail: [jeyagopalan@gmail.com](mailto:jeyagopalan@gmail.com)

#### ✪ Secretary:

Sri **T.Sundararajan**, T 30120/Aero, No 4, Sunset Court, Princeton, NJ-08540. Tel: 609 933 8004; e-mail: [sundartrajan@gmail.com](mailto:sundartrajan@gmail.com)

#### ✪ Founding Members:

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Pl. Furnish information and contact details of  
MITians in USA known to you to Sri Sundararajan  
and to Sri Gopalan at their e-mail ID's.

## (ii) MITAA- EMIRATES (EMITAA)

**Sri Senthil Murugan** - Convener, EMITAA  
reporting on the activities of the Emirates  
Chapter of MITAA mentions the following  
events conducted by them during 2009-2011

**Inaugural Meet on 17<sup>th</sup> Apr 2009** at Cassells  
Royal Residence, Abu Dhabi, they felicitated.

**sProf. Dr. Mannar Jawahar** at India Social  
Centre, Abu Dhabi on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009. On 13<sup>th</sup>  
June 2009, they had a **Students Meet – 2009**  
at Abu Dhabi Women's College Auditorium.  
An **Art Workshop was conducted by Mr.**  
**Ramachandra Babu** renowned Illustrationist  
of Gulf-News, at Foodlands, Abu Dhabi on 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 2010. **New Year 2010 Get-together was**  
at Woodlands, Abu Dhabi, also on the same  
day. And on 12 Mar 2010 they met **Sri C.V.S**  
**Gopalan**, Treasurer, MITAA, at Abu Dhabi to  
formally kick start the fund raising for  
"AMITA Corpus Fund". They also had an  
Informal Meet with **Dr. C.N Krishnan (CNK)**,  
Prof and Program Director of AU-KBC  
Research, Centre, MIT at Ibn Batuta Mall,  
Dubai on 27 Apr 2010.

They once again met **Sri.C.V.S Gopalan**, at  
Chennai in August 2010 for handing over a  
sum of Rs 2.5 Lakhs collected towards  
AMITA Fund as contribution from EMITAA  
members.

The Chapter elected the office bearers for the  
years 2009-11. They are

Convener: **Senthil Murugan. P.** T37431  
Secretary: **Umakanth. D.** T39446  
Treasurer: **Pius. D. J. S.** T35411  
Program  
Coordinator: **Venkatarama. K** T37439  
and the Committee Members are

**Jeyapaul. T** T26412  
**Sankararaj. S** T39434  
**Aravamudhan.T** T37404  
**Valanarasu. I** T40451 and  
**Ravinath** T35439.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Alumni who have made contributions of Rs. 2000  
towards the Life membership (one time payment)  
of the association:

☛ **Mr. P. Soma, T / retd ISRO scientist**  
Mr.....

Alumni who have made contributions for  
the REAP fund:

☛ **Mr. Krishnamurthy, T /** Rs. 15000.

### **32ERS (32<sup>ND</sup> BATCH) GRAND GOLDEN REUNION IN DUBAI**

It all began with a simple email suggestion that why not 32 batch mates reunite to celebrate 50 years of our lives. Yes, majority of 32ers turned 50 in 2010!! This idea came up sometime in May 2010. After considering various international locations, a majority voted for the reunion in Dubai. As planned, we made the reunion happen from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Incidentally, this was a real good time to visit Dubai, as the weather at this time was very much similar to Bangalore winter. A total of 25 of us (20 of 32ers + 5 family members) from India, US, Canada, and Middle East participated in this reunion. Our travel agent took care of the arrangements regarding visa, accommodation, food, and some sightseeing. In addition, we enjoyed the warm hospitality and great support from the local 32ers - T Venkatesan, Prabhakar Rao, K Balasubramaniam, and Jayaraman, who went to great lengths to make our visit very enjoyable and memorable. It was just amazing to see the spirit and comradeship of MITians!!!

On day 1 (9<sup>th</sup> Dec), we started arriving at the hotel until late in the evening, from different parts of the world. Our reunion started with lunch at the hotel. Even as our batch mates were trickling in, those of us present at the hotel went to nearby Dubai Museum and temple by walk. Later in the evening, we went to Gold souk (market) and did window shopping and some real shopping as well. Hundreds of shops with glittering display of varieties of gold ornaments, with grandeur, were a real treat to watch. No trip to Dubai is complete without buying a piece of gold or some gold ornaments. After dinner, we went for a walk alongside Corniche. It was a bit chilly, quite like Bangalore winter. We spent couple of hours meeting everyone and sharing our MIT memories. We returned to hotel late in the evening and had a good rest.

On day 2 (10<sup>th</sup> Dec), we went to 'Mall of the Emirates' and had good fun in the snow park (inside the Mall complex). We were provided appropriate clothing before we entered the snow park. We were behaving like 5 year-old kids, thoroughly enjoying the slides in the snow slopes. We then went around the Mall snow slopes.

After our lunch in the hotel, we ventured out for desert safari. It was an exhilarating drive with a pleasant view of the desert sunset. Sudden twists and turns in slippery desert sand and dunes were just thrilling. We then reached the desert camp and enjoyed the exhilarating atmosphere with camel rides. Soon after the sunset, as we had our dinner, we were entertained with the grand Arabian dance, followed by an amazing Belly dance! We then returned to our room after a fun-filled day and had a good rest.

On day 3 (11<sup>th</sup> Dec), we left for Palm Island. We went around Atlantis hotel at Palm Island and spent sometime gazing Arabian sea. All the way to Palm Island, all we could see was buildings, buildings and only buildings!!! I was told that only less than 40% of them are occupied, as Dubai is going through a big time recession. Jumeriah beach was our next place of halt. We spent some time walking on the soft white beach sand and then proceeded to a very different and interesting mall - Ibn Battuta. It was really a nice mall worth visiting.

Ibn Battuta Mall, the world's largest themed shopping mall is uniquely designed to celebrate the travels of the famous Arabic explorer Ibn Battuta. The mall's six courts reflect in the architecture and theme of the countries that Ibn Battuta explored, viz., Andalusia, Tunisia, Egypt, Persia, India and China. These courts strongly project the historical and cultural richness of this Arabian icon's life, serving as inspiration to all those who visit. We had our lunch in this mall and left for yet another mall - Dubai Mall, the biggest one in the city. Dubai is filled with plenty of huge Malls and it is a city meant for shopping. We relaxed for some time in the Dubai mall. Some went around, including the aquarium in the mall. Next to the Dubai Mall stands the famous, Burj-Al-Arab tower, world's tallest tower. Going to the top of this famous tower is a must for any visitor. As our tickets were booked in advance, we waited for our scheduled time to go up the tower. It was a wonderful experience to see the city from the top of Burj tower. The musical fountain at the tower, a must see one, should be watched, as we did, at the ground level.

and from the top of the Burj tower. It was something very special and breathtaking. We then headed for the Dhow cruise. This cruise lasts for about 2 hours and it gently slides along the Dubai creek. We had our dinner on board and had a wonderful time, as one of our batch mate entertained us with his magic skills. At end of the cruise, we all gathered at the creek for some serious discussion. We spent more than an hour discussing about the "2 power 5" charitable trust activities and future initiatives. BTW, 32ers have founded this 2 power 5 (32) charitable trust when we had our first grand reunion about 5 years ago. After a long and fruitful discussion with some renewed commitments towards our trust activities, we returned to hotel for a good night sleep. A day well spent, usefully also.

On day 4 (12<sup>th</sup> Dec), it was time to start preparing to leave back home. We had to check out by noon from the hotel. As many had their flights at different times during day, we had to drop the plan of visiting Abu Dhabi or Sharjah. We are given free time to do whatever we wanted to do. Some ventured to last minute shopping with the help of local 32ers. After our lunch in the hotel, before we left for airport, we managed to visit yet another place (not able to recall the name). It was an old fashioned market place with many shops selling souvenirs and collectors' items. It was a very different experience and good that we could visit this place. From this place, I directly left to airport with my friend from IT. I spent couple of days with him in Kuwait before returning to Bangalore.

Overall, it was truly a very memorable, exciting, and worthwhile experience participating in our golden reunion in Dubai. The good part is that we could implement our plan of celebrating our 50 years with our batch mates, strengthening our bonds developed during our MIT days. We hope to organize similar reunion in some other part of the world sometime in the near future. Please wait for the announcement...

Warm regards,

Mr. V. Narayanasamy, T 32322/Elcs

## *DEJA-VU-HISTORIC REUNION OF 22<sup>ND</sup> BATCH*

It is a dream come true for MIT 22<sup>nd</sup> batch. After a gap of 38 Years, 34 of the members came together for a reunion @ Pondicherry and bring back the nostalgic memories of Stay in the institute in the 1970's. Sentiments, Old memories and togetherness prevailed as the members met their old time colleagues, friends whom they had stayed and moved with decades back.

It was just a casual idea to bring the members together, was taken positively by few people and the process of collecting information of the members' whereabouts, were contacted and were successful in making 34 of the people agree for the "Get-together" on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2010. The Presence of 3 members from Singapore, 2 from Pune, 7 from Bangalore, 1 from Hyderabad, 2 from Kerala, 1 each from Trichy, Salem, Coimbatore and rest from Chennai is worth mentioning. Two members who could not make it, had come and met the group before departing.

A mixture of emotion, jokes, information sharing and nostalgic feeling prevailed in the atmosphere through out this meeting for nearly 30 hours. The program was well conducted, sharing of all members of their 38 Years journey, Paying respects to "departed" friends, wonderful food and stay.

A wonderful "get-together" was full of wonderful feelings, Group Photographs and continuous clicking of Cameras to register their togetherness with their old friends was a continuous affair during this meet. Photographs were taken in bus, beach, Aurobindo ashram and the Hotel. Exchange of old jokes, recollection of old events, Gifts exchange among all participants were some of the highlights worth mentioning.

To conclude, the "Déjà vu" meet went off very well and had to end with all of them bidding farewell to each other with hopes that we will again meet with family at Lonavala in July 2011 – with more members participating. Thus, the average age of 60 among the 22<sup>nd</sup> batch members ended their "poorthi" of their Shasthiabda "Party".

From MIT 22 : Mr. Venkatesh Murti

## ***FUTURE EVENTS***

### ***NATIONAL SEMINAR ON RECENT TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES ON INSTRUMENTATION- 2011 (RTTI-2011)***

A National seminar on RTTI-2011 is tentatively scheduled on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at AeSI Auditorium, Bangalore by MITAABC.

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## **Educational Assistance Programme, An appeal to all members**

Our Alma matter 'MIT' is an inseparable part of all MITians. It is the heartfelt desire and earnest endeavour of every alumnus to give back something substantially to his/her Alma Mater. Quite often, he/she is not clear as to how and in what way it can be done. We are sure, similar sentiments will be prevailing with and going through the minds of many of our members.

For a long time MITAA-BC was of the opinion that it should extend some form of assistance to the alma-mater. Initially it planned to donate books to the library and later made some initiative to build a book bank. However, after MIT becoming a part of Anna University, these assistances lost their relevance. Hence it has been decided to create a fund to provide financial assistance to needy and deserving students studying at MIT. You may be aware that two of our members have been funding the tuition fees for two students in MIT for the past few years, on a specific request from Parent Chapter, which in turn had received the request from the Dean. The Parent Chapter and the Singapore Chapter are funding two students each. This would be a recurring feature and presents an opportunity for us to give back to our Alma Mater something that will benefit the students and the Institute. Keeping this in mind, our executive committee formed a sub-committee to go into all aspects of such a fund. They submitted their report, after studying all aspects involved. This has been approved by the Executive Committee and later by the AGM on 29.07.2007.

Briefly stated, this would be a Refundable Educational Assistance to needy students, who would be identified by the Dean, MIT and the Parent Chapter. Certain criteria for eligibility, like should be a full time student of MIT for any of the courses offered by MIT, should not be employed anywhere, should have a family financial background that deserves assistance and should have an academic performance deserving assistance as per assessment by the Dean of MIT. This assistance will be in the form of interest free loan for the student. The idea behind making it refundable is that the fund will be available to more students on rotation and that the student who benefits will take it seriously and will help in funding more students.

Ideally for such schemes, a corpus fund should be created and payment should be made from the interest earned thereon. In order to create such a Corpus Fund, it is proposed

1. To approach our members and other interested and philanthropic persons for donations to be collected throughout the year, as an ongoing programme.
2. A certain percentage of money earned through conducting of Seminars and Workshops be transferred to this Corpus fund.
3. An annual voluntary donation from every member of the executive committee and office bearers.
4. These funds will be maintained separately but will very much form part of the funds of the Chapter.

It will also be ensured that the student would be in regular contact with MITAA-BC and keeping the Chapter informed of his/her contact address, email ID and phone number regularly.

The **Executive Committee** of MITAA, Bangalore Chapter **appeals to all Members to contribute** to this fund liberally and speedily and be a proud part of this worthy assistance programme, remembering with gratefulness all that our Alma Mater has given us. The contributions made to this

fund is being /will be acknowledged and names of the Donors will be published in our News letter and also in our Website "www.mitaabc.org " The Committee also requests members to put aside a few moments of their valuable time for this noble cause to meet other people to get donations for the Fund.

Executive Committee

*Invited Lecture was conducted 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010 by Mr. Mali Mahalingam , HR Expert*



*Family get together held on 12th December 2010 in AeSI Building*







**L to R: Sri K.V.Bhima Rao, Sri. Sundar Rajan, Sri. K.G. Ramachandran, Sri. V.Gopalan MIT Alumni Association (USA) Chapter inaugurated on 10.10.10**



**Sri K. Venkatesan, T 763/Elcs, retd.Scientist - LRDE, has shifted to Chennai**



**32 Batch Reunion photos - Photon taken at Desert Safari**



*32 Batch Reunion photos -, at Gold souk*



*32 Batch Reunion- at Ibn Batuta Mall*



At Snow park Mall Of Emirates



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*Sittings-* Jayaprakash, Velupandian, R.Balakrishnan, Swaminathan, Dr. A. Joseph Stanley (Dean, MIT), Ashokan, Gopalakrishnan, Ramkumar, Sriharan.  
*Standing Fronts-* Balasubramanian, Hari Babu, Paul Pandey, V.Subramanian, Arunachalam, SS Balakrishnan, Achuthkumar, Jose Moran, Chandrasekaran, Venkateshwarthy, Balaraman, Sivan, Duraisai, Mannan, Suresh  
*Standing Backs-* Balasubramanian, Rajagopal, Ramani, Gore, Sarma, Ramenjam, Parthasarathy, Danabalakrishnan, Uppill, Pervez, N.Subramanian