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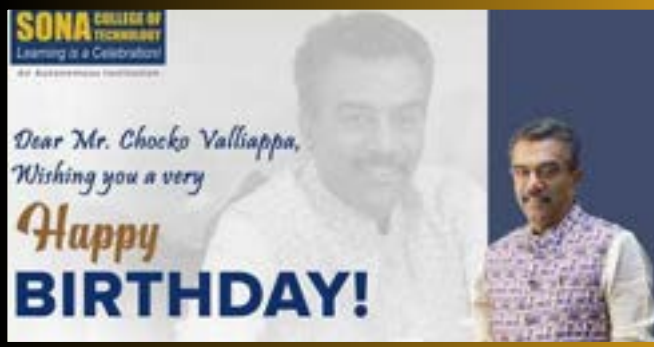
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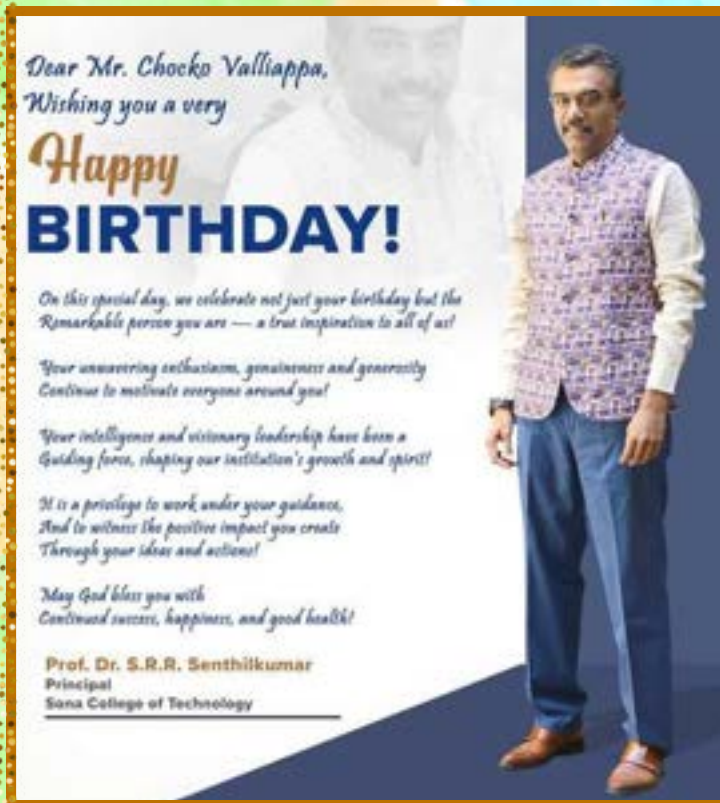
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Birthday wishes to our Vice Chairman
MR. CHOCKO VALLIAPPA

A heartfelt birthday wish is extended to our esteemed Vice Chairman, Mr. Chocko Valliappa, from the Principal, Deans, Professors, and Management on 03.11.2025. The entire teaching and non-teaching community expresses heartfelt gratitude for his visionary leadership, unwavering support, and continuous contributions to educational excellence and wishes him continued success, good health, and happiness in the years ahead.

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Celebrating the 8th Naturopathy Day 2025 at Sona AYUSH



Sona AYUSH Clinic, Salem, proudly celebrated the 8th Naturopathy Day 2025, inaugurated by Thiru. R. Rajendran, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Government of Tamil Nadu along with Vice Chairman, Mr. Thyagu Valliappa on 17.11.2025 . He highlighted the potential of Tamil Nadu to become a global wellness destination. A four-day Organic Flea Market was organized, featuring farmers, artisans, and traditional wellness products. The event promoted sustainable living and encouraged rural entrepreneurship in natural health and lifestyle.

NBA Recognition for Sona MBA Programme

The MBA programme at Sona College of Technology has been granted NBA Accreditation for a period of three years, from July 2025 to December 2028. This accreditation signifies that the programme meets nationally recognized criteria in curriculum planning, instructional practices, and performance outcomes. It also demonstrates the institution's consistent efforts toward maintaining academic quality, continuous assessment, and ongoing programme advancement.



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NPTEL- Elite+ Gold Certification achieved by our Principal

Principal, Prof. Dr. S.R.R.Senthilkumar expressed profound gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the management as he shared the happy news that he had secured the “Elite+ Gold” category with a score of 97 in the NPTEL course on Educational Leadership—an exam he had attempted after 33 years, along with his present students. He stated that, although this marked a significant step forward in his professional career, he viewed it primarily as a reaffirmation of the values upheld by Sona College of Technology. He emphasized that the institution firmly believes learning never stops and that excellence is always a moving target.

An MoU with EnviroApps Inc.

The MCA Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EnviroApps Inc., Froggatt St, Orlando. The institution stated that this collaboration will enhance academic and industry interaction and would support students through skill development, internships, and project-based learning opportunities. The department conveyed that this partnership would strengthen global exposure in emerging technologies. The agreement was recognized as a step towards expanding career prospects and innovation in the field of computer applications.



MoU with Finest Coder

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (Sona ECE), Sona College of Technology, is delighted to announce the signing of an MoU with Finest Coder, marking an important step toward industry-aligned training programs and enhanced student development.

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Motivational Speech by Spiritual Gurus



Sona Institutions warmly welcomed esteemed Spiritual Gurus to the campus for a motivational session. The visit included his holiness Sri Sri Jeyendra Puri Mahaswamiji and Paramapujya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Swayamprakasha Sachchidananda Saraswathi Mahaswamiji. The event was on 6th November 2025 was presided over by Chairman, Sri. C. Valliappa along with Vice-Chairmen Mr. Chocko Valliappa and Mr. Thyagu Valliappa and Principals of Sona Institutions. The institution expressed that the presence of the spiritual leaders added great value and inspiration to the gathering.

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Workshop on “Tools and Techniques for Enhanced Teaching, Research, and Administration”



A three-day workshop on “Tools and Techniques for Enhanced Teaching, Research, and Administration” was conducted from 05–07 November 2025, organized by the Faculty Development Cell (FDC) in association with the Department of Information Technology at Sona College of Technology. The programme was facilitated by Dr. Arul Sanjivi, Former Deputy Registrar, Amrita AHEAD Online Programmes, who guided participants through the use of digital tools, workflow automation and research methodologies. The sessions provided hands-on exposure to digital adoption strategies, smart note-taking, administrative automation, dashboard creation, essential research tools, and review paper writing.

Innovative Haptic Glove for Hands-Free Sewing Machine Operation

Researchers from the Fashion Technology department at Sona College of Technology, Salem, have developed a patented haptic glove that allows individuals with limited limb movement to operate pedal-based sewing machines using hand pressure. Designed by Dr. D. Raja, Dr. Mani Krishnan, Dr. S. S. Suresh and student contributors Akalya Mani M, Girija S, Monish Bharathy H, and Rajendra Kumar S, the nylon-spandex glove replaces foot control with palm pressure through an embedded haptic sensor and wireless transmitter linked to a microcontroller. This breakthrough aims to support people with lower-limb disabilities, enhancing opportunities for employment and inclusivity in the garment industry.



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FDP on Electrical Simulations with ETAP 24

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Sona College of Technology, Salem, conducted a Faculty Development Programme on “Electrical Simulations with ETAP 24” on 10–11 November 2025. Led by Mr. Balaji Kannan from ETAP Automation Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, the programme provided hands-on training on power system modeling, load flow and short circuit analysis, dynamic simulation, and protection coordination, along with real-time case studies to support teaching and research applications.



Sona College of Technology Recognized at Capgemini Brand Quest 2025

Sona College of Technology has been awarded the “Top Most Engaged College” title at Capgemini Brand Quest 2025, recognizing the institution’s commitment to active learning, innovation, and student engagement. Additionally, Mr. Vijay, a III-year EEE student, emerged as a winner at the event, demonstrating skill, confidence, and dedication. These achievements reflect the college’s focus on fostering a supportive and industry-connected learning environment that promotes continuous learning and professional development.



Sona students at the launch of the new Vande Bharat Express

Sona students and faculty attended the launch of the new Vande Bharat Express from Ernakulam to Bangalore! The brand-new, cosy train was officially flagged off at salem railway junction on 08.11.2025, by Mr. T.M. Selvaganapathy, Member of the Lok Sabha. It was an inspiring moment for everyone to witness India’s railway innovation in action.



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Expert Session on Design Thinking

Sona School of Business and Management hosted an Expert Session on Design Thinking on 22 November 2025, led by Mr. Aravind Warriar, People & Culture Lead at Volvo. He guided students through human-centric innovation using real-world examples and interactive discussions. Through hands-on exercises and prototype brainstorming, participants explored empathy, ideation, experimentation, and collaboration. The session effectively connected theoretical concepts with practical application, enhancing students' problem-solving abilities and preparing them to address complex business challenges with creativity and confidence.



Certificate Programme in Banking, Finance, and Insurance (CPBFI)



The Department of MBA at Sona School of Business and Management launched the second batch of the Certificate Programme in Banking, Finance, and Insurance (CPBFI) for first-year students on 27 October 2025, in collaboration with Bajaj FinServ. The programme is designed to enhance employability by bridging the gap between academic learning and corporate expectations, covering key areas of banking operations, financial services, and insurance management. Alongside domain knowledge, the curriculum emphasizes essential skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and professional etiquette. Through interactive sessions, skill-based modules, and real-world exposure, students gain practical insights and build a strong foundation for professional growth in the BFSI sector. The initiative is led by Dr. S. Sathyakala, ASP, MBA, and coordinated by Prof. A. Vijayakumar, AP, MBA.

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Session on Navigating Change Under The Salem Chapter of MMA

Sona School of Business & Management hosted Dr. S. Jayachandran, Senior Vice President of Marutham Group of Companies, Chennai, for an inspiring session on navigating change under the Salem Chapter of MMA. He highlighted the shift from traditional change management to a future of proactive change readiness. Students learned the importance of empowering employees, fostering innovation, and building agile strategies. The session emphasized strong communication, continuous learning, and resilience for organizational success. Overall, the interactive session prepared students to embrace change confidently and thrive in a dynamic corporate world.



Sona's Tribute Through Action and Compassion



*150 Years of
Vande
Mataram*

Sona College of Technology marked 150 years of Vande Mataram with a day dedicated to service, unity, and national spirit on 15.11.2025. Hosted in collaboration with NCC units, the initiative brought together students, faculty, medical professionals, and army personnel for a shared purpose. Speeches from campus leaders emphasized that true education lies in serving society. The event witnessed impactful acts including nearly 100 blood donations and hundreds of saplings planted. This meaningful celebration reaffirmed Sona's commitment to patriotism, compassion, and responsible citizenship.

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Launch of OLE Japanese Fundamentals Book (2nd Edition)

The distribution of the OLE Japanese Fundamentals Book (2nd Edition) was proudly inaugurated by the Principal, Prof. Dr. S.R.R.Senthilkumar. It was reported that the updated edition had been developed by Japanese trainers, S. Sankar and S. Saranya, with the aim of providing an enriching introduction to Japanese language and culture. The Principal stated that the book would serve as a valuable resource for students exploring global learning opportunities.



Collaborative talk with delegates from Japan

Dr. Sathiyabhama, Dr. S. Prabakar, and Mr. S. Sankar, attended a meeting in Chennai with Mr. Shibuya and a 13-member delegation from Iwate, Japan to explore collaborations. The discussions focused on student exchange, employment opportunities in Japan, and joint academic programs. The delegation, comprising industry leaders and officials from Iwate University and local assemblies, reviewed Sona's achievements in Japanese initiatives. Iwate University and Iwate Steel expressed strong interest in partnership, with further discussions planned.



Intellectual Property Award 2025

Sona College of Technology has been recognized for its outstanding contributions to innovation and intellectual property under the AICTE Connect initiative celebrating five years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The institution has received the prestigious Anna University Intellectual Property Award 2025 for its remarkable performance in patent filings and grants. Sona has filed 452 patents and secured 44 grants between 2020 and 2024, highlighting its strong commitment to research-driven academic excellence and innovation leadership.



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Placement achievements



Students from the Department of Fashion Technology were selected by Aditya Birla Lifestyle Brands with an annual package of 4 LPA, showcasing their strong technical and creative abilities. Additionally, Rasigasanthi B secured an impressive placement with Decathlon, earning a package of 7 LPA, which highlighted her exceptional performance and industry readiness. The department stated that these successes reflect the institution's commitment to skill development, professional training, and preparing students for thriving careers in the fashion and retail industry.

FT-Placement Update – Classic Fashion Apparel Industry Ltd. Co.

Seven students from B.Tech Fashion Technology were selected by Classic Fashion Apparel Industry Ltd. Co. with a package of ₹5.5 LPA, including free food and accommodation, during the campus recruitment on 02.11.2025. This achievement reflects their talent and strong industry readiness. Congratulations to the students and appreciation to all who supported the successful placement drive.



Experts visit from GE-VERNOVA

Experts from GE-Vernova visited Sona College of Technology on 05.11.2025 to deliver an expert talk about recruitment. They provided insights into industry expectations and the skills required for potential candidates. Students gained valuable guidance on career opportunities and application processes. The session enhanced students' preparedness for future recruitment and industry readiness.



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A Community Development Initiative at Sivathapuram

The MBA Department of Sona College of Technology organized a community development initiative on 06.11.2025 at Sivathapuram by planting tree saplings. The department stated that the objective of this activity was to promote environmental sustainability and spread ecological awareness among students. It was mentioned that faculty members and students enthusiastically participated, demonstrating their commitment to social responsibility. The initiative was acknowledged as a meaningful contribution toward creating a greener and healthier environment.



ThinkInnov SOLUTIONS at SONA

ThinkInnov Solutions conducted a collaborative program at Sona College of Technology. The initiative aimed to enhance students' problem-solving skills and promote innovation-driven learning. It was mentioned that experts from ThinkInnov Solutions shared industry insights and hands-on knowledge. The session provided students with exposure to real-world applications and emerging technologies.



>> Highlights Carnatic Music Recital



Sona College of Technology, Salem hosted a captivating Carnatic music program organized by the Sonaria Music Club in association with the SPIC MACAY Heritage Club on 26.11.2025, featuring an inspiring performance by the carnatic flautist Vidushi Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar accompanied by skilled artists. The event beautifully highlighted the institution's commitment to promoting classical arts, offering students and attendees an enriching cultural experience filled with tradition, melody, and artistic excellence.

Expert talk by Maya Analytics Pvt. Ltd.,

Maya Analytics Pvt. Ltd. delivered an expert talk for MBA students, focusing on industry trends and data-driven decision-making on 26.11.2025. The session helped students gain practical insights into business analytics and its real-world applications. The speakers encouraged students to adopt analytical thinking for better managerial outcomes. The department appreciated the valuable interaction, which enhanced students' industry exposure and learning experience.



>> Patents Granted

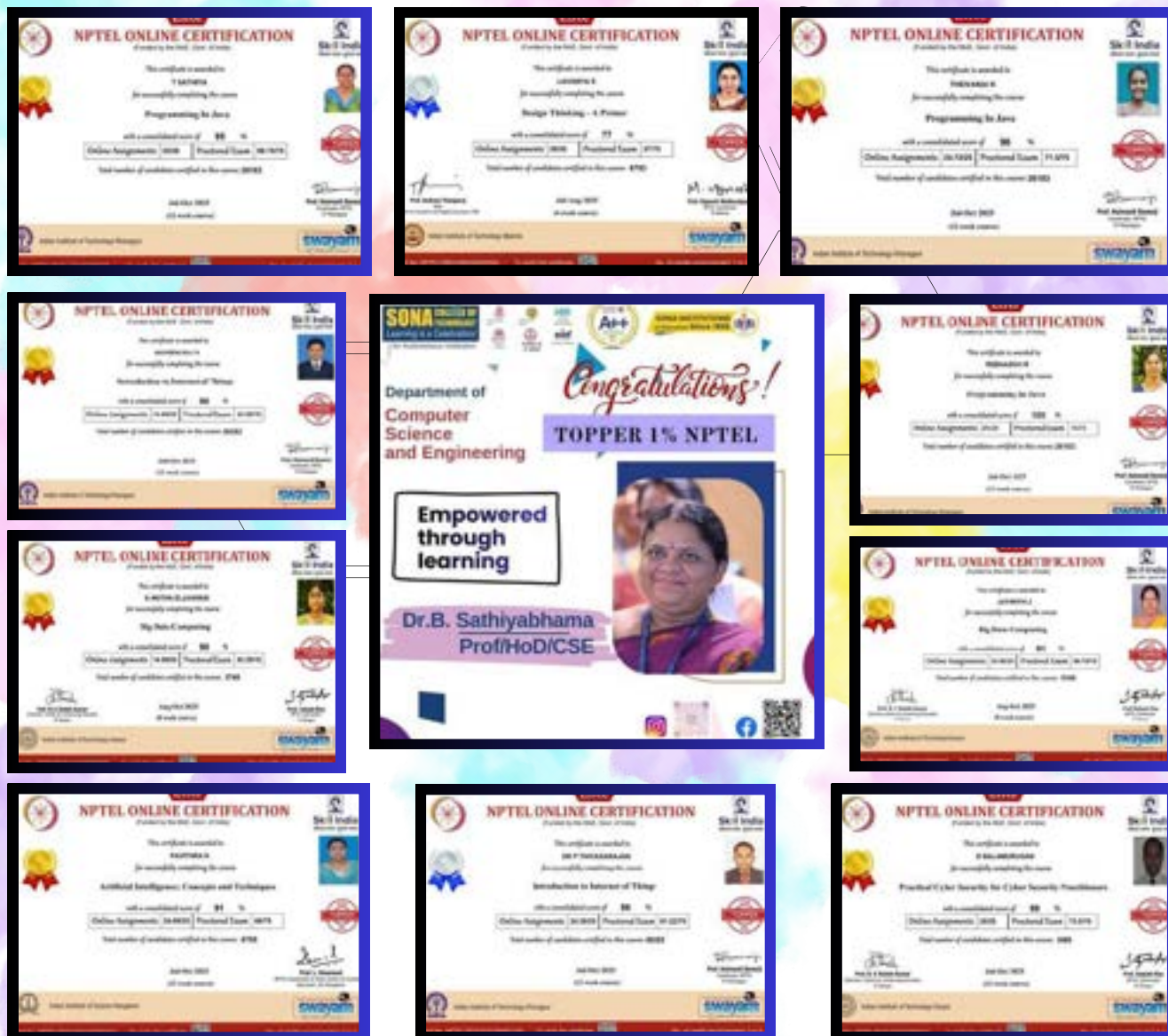
Patent granted for the innovative invention done in the month of November.

Dr.R.Shivakumar, Dr.B.Karthik and Dr.M.Senthil Kumar / EEE department were granted the patent no. 573128/2025 for their innovation, **Modified Boost Converter with Voltage Multiplier Cell for High Power Applications** on 31.10.2025.



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NPTEL Toppers in CSE Department



Faculty members from the CSE Department have achieved great success by completing NPTEL certifications. Their effort to keep learning new technologies helps improve the way students are taught. These accomplishments support the department in maintaining strong academic standards. The institution appreciates their hard work and encourages them to continue growing professionally.

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Expert Lecture on “Companies Act & GST



An online expert lecture on “Companies Act & GST: Overview” was conducted on 25 November 2025 for the first-year MBA students of Sona School of Business & Management. It was stated that CA. E. Vignesh Kumar explained important provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and major GST concepts with practical illustrations. Students were said to have actively interacted and clarified their doubts during the session. It was reported that the programme enhanced their understanding of legal compliance and was organized under the guidance of Dr. M. Venugopal, Dr. P. K. Anjani, and coordinated by Dr. M. S. Kamalaveni.

Expert Lecture on “Companies Act & GST

Dr. M. N. Vimal Kumar, Associate Professor, and Dr. J. Thiagarajan, Assistant Professor from the Department of Mechatronics Engineering, successfully completed an industrial training program at Robomiracle Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore, from 17 to 21 November 2025. The training focused on Robotics with IoT system deployment, machine vision, AI integration, prototyping and product development, and real-time testing with quality assurance.



Yukti Innovation Challenge 2025

Third-year Mechatronics Engineering students, Mr. Aswin R and Mr. Billgates Britto, participated in the Yukti Innovation Challenge 2025. They presented their project titled “Smart Eye Monitoring System for Non-Contact Intraocular Pressure Detection” at the IIC Regional Meet 2025 held on 28 November 2025 at St. Joseph’s Institute of Technology, Chennai. Their project work was guided by Dr. M. N. Vimal Kumar.

>> Sports Achievements



SWIMMING – MEN and WOMEN

The men's swimming team, Yogesh S, Darshan G, Saran B, and Rohit Vignesh K had won 2 silver and 8 bronze medals. Celin Katrin J earned 2 bronze medals in the women's category. Sona College of Technology proudly congratulates them for their achievements.

BASKETBALL – WOMEN

The women's basketball team had once again secured the winner position in the Anna University Basketball Tournament held at Paavai College of Engineering on 3 November 2025. It was reported that the team consisted of Subhaa Shree S., Sri Ranganayaki G. M., Shanthosini K., Yomika D., and Abinaya G. M. The college expressed its appreciation to the players, coaches, and support staff for their dedicated efforts.



TABLE TENNIS – WOMEN

The women's table tennis team secured the runner-up position in the Anna University Table Tennis Tournament held at the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem, on 28th October 2025. The team members are Devadharsini K. (IV/AIDS), Bhagyashree S. (III/CSE), Latchana V. (III/ECE), and Monika P. (I/ECE).

>> Sports Achievements



VOLLEYBALL – MEN

The men's volleyball team secured the runner-up position in the Anna University Volleyball Tournament held at Paavai College of Engineering, Namakkal, on 6th & 7th November 2025. The team members were Raagavendran P. (II/MBA), Gokul C. (IV/CSE), Ragul Dravid S. (III/MECH), Jothi Kavi J. (II/MECH), Isaac C. K. (III/ECE), Abinav Sureshkumar (I/AIIML), Sakthi L. (IV/AIDS), Puviarasu C. (IV/AIDS), Puviarasu C. (II/AIDS), Lokesh K. (III/CSE), Mohammed Kafeel A. K. (II/AIDS), Suresh Kumar S. (II/MECH), and Karuppusamy M. (I/MCT).

VOLLEYBALL – WOMEN

The women's volleyball team secured the runner-up position in the Anna University Volleyball Tournament held at PGP College of Engineering & Technology, Namakkal, on 14th November 2025. The team members were Abinaya G. M (IV/AIIML), Srinisharga G (IV/EEE), Tharani S (IV/FT), Rithika S (II/AIDS), Pranitha N (II/Civil), Dharani Priya S (I/Civil), and Meenakshi S (I/FT).



BOXING – WOMEN

Boxing player Sandhiya D (II/EFE) secured a silver medal in the Anna University Inter-Zonal Level Boxing (Women) Championship held at Government College of Engineering, Bargur, on 9th & 10th November 2025.

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FENCING – WOMEN

Dhivyasree M (I/CSE) was selected and honoured with a Form-III certificate at the All India Inter-University Fencing (Women – Sabre) Championship held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, from 10th to 12th November 2025.

JUDO – WOMEN

Roopika Sri K. J (III/FT) was selected to participate in the South West Zone Inter-University Judo (Women) Championship and was awarded a Form-III certificate at Sanjeev Agarwal Global Educational (SAGE) University, Bhopal, held from 10th to 11th November 2025.



The Power of Discipline



Discipline is the backbone of everyone's success. It is not about being strict; it is about having self-control, consistency, responsibility, and focus. Discipline doesn't limit your freedom—it creates it. When you are disciplined, you develop good habits, improve yourself, and move closer to the life you truly want.

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam highlighted the importance of effort and dedication when he said, “If you want to shine like the sun, first burn like the sun.” This means that discipline—steady and committed hard work—is necessary to achieve anything meaningful. Mahatma Gandhi also emphasized disciplined action with his words, “The future depends on what you do today,” reminding us that every step we take today shapes our tomorrow.

Discipline also builds strong habits. When we repeat small positive actions every day—studying, exercising, practicing skills—they eventually turn into big achievements. It helps us avoid distractions, reduce unnecessary screen time, and stay focused on what truly matters.

In a world full of temptations and shortcuts, discipline becomes a powerful form of self-respect. Without discipline, even the best plans fail. But with discipline, even ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things. Small steps taken consistently create big results.

We must remember: “Success is not a one-time act; it is the daily practice of disciplined effort.”

**-Dr.G. Sudha
Assistant Professor
Department of EEE
Sona College of Technology.**

>> **Wizardry with Words**

The Red Moon

A red round you
in a dead dark night ,
The beauty i thought
I d never see for life.

A Glance at you took a piece of my life,
Your divinity- felt by faithless I
Just you and me, with worlds apart
light turned cold, as cloud sneak in.
Savoured the moment-
till clouds stole you .

I Closed my eyes, not from peace,
But there was nothing left to see.
It s been months, i awe the night,
Straining to catch your shade of red.

I see moons, crescent and round,
But no moon match the shade of yours.
I wish I felt your light little longer
Praying that cloud had rained early
I still wait, under sky everyday,
for the red , which may never rise again.

Vishal KR
AIDS-B 1st year

Tiny Thought, Big Impact

Headline : The Power of Self-Change

Lines : The Journey is long, but you can be the
Redemption arc

I hope it inspires you as much as it inspires me.

- Mugunthan T,
EXE-First Year

>> Colourful Cascade



**Kirthana N.
CBE-1 st year**



**Ganesh
EFE, II Year**



**Sabariananthamoorthi.A
II MECH C**



**S. Guruprasad
1 year, AIML-A**



**Selva Theresa Joshia C J
I EXE A**