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**News Letter of ISTE Kerala Section**

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## From the Chairman's Desk



Greetings from ISTE Kerala Section. The activities of the section have been vibrant as always. I am proud to say that Kerala Section have taken several initiatives which other sections have followed. I thankfully acknowledge the initiative and far sight shown by my predecessors at this juncture which made Kerala section what it is today. Even though the membership wise the section is only 5<sup>th</sup>, activity wise we are second to none. The challenges for technical education teachers and administrators have intensified because of the global recession. There is a renewed interest in the conventional core branches of engineering which is a silver lining in an otherwise gloom employment scenario. ISTE chapters have a lead role to play in equipping the student community in facing the challenges in the changed environment. Conduct of programmes which impart soft skills to the participants shall be given top priority. It is heartening to see that several chapters are conducting major events which draw national attention. However proper reporting of the event and documentation still needs further attention. The ISTE building project has been resumed and with your whole hearted help and assistance it will be a reality by the end of the year. Chapters must also focus on the membership drive with so many new institutions and new faculty joining the existing institutions targeting for a higher membership figure will not be a major issue. The section has several plans to motivate the active chapters by introducing incentives and awards. With the guidance of our predecessors and also by the dynamism of the new team definitely the section will soar to greater heights and glory in the days to come.

Best wishes

**B. ANIL**

## New section management committee

The new section management committee formally took charge on 4 January 2009. Following are the members.

Chairman : Dr. B. Anil ( 9349837256)  
Secretary : Mr. K. O. Paul (9447163848)  
Treasurer : Mr. T. O. Thomas (9744177582)

Members : Dr. S. Jose ( 9387322425)  
Prof. C. P. Sunil kumar (9447391035)  
Mr. M. J. Justin Pachan (9895677537)  
Dr. P. Prathapachandran Nair (9495321429)  
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National Executive council members

Dr. D. Balakrishnan (9846033445)  
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Mr. V. A. Shamsudeen (9745979666)

## ISTE Kerala Section Building project



The proposed building at Thrissur to house the section head quarters and a staff training college. The building site is viyyur adjacent to Government Engineering College, Thrissur. (Building committee conveners are Mr. K.O. Paul and Prof. Jayakumari., Consultant : Prof. RPR Nair)

**Contribute liberally to realize the dream**

## 19th Annual State Convention

ISTE Kerala section has been the first one to hold annual convention at section level and we have been conducting it regularly. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual State convention was organized by KMCT College of Engineering, Mannassery, Kozhikode on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008. It was inaugurated by Prof. N.R. Shetty, President, ISTE in a very colorful function attended by more than 600 delegates from all parts of Kerala. Dr. P. P. Nair, Chairman, ISTE Kerala Section presided over the function. Dr. C. Gopinatha Pillai, Dr. K. Moidu and Prof. P.O.J.Lebba spoke on the occasion. Two technical sessions were held. Papers were presented by Dr. Sreeramkumar, Dr. B. Anil, Sri. C.P. Sunilkumar, Dr. K.G. Viswanadhan and Mr. V. A.Samsudeen. Dr. K. K. Rasheed, Principal was the organizing chairman and Dr. Elizabeth C Kuruvilla was the organizing secretary. Awards for the best chapter and best teacher was also presented. The annual general body meeting was held at 3.30 pm.



Dr. N. R. Shetty inaugurating the convention



A section of the audience



A Technical session in progress

## ISTE Induction Training programmes

Kerala Section conducts induction training programmes regularly for newly appointed teachers during summer and winter sessions. The course includes lectures on class room management, tips for better teaching, ICT, Communication, Laboratory management, Evaluation techniques, creativity in teaching, stress management, and micro teaching sessions. This year programmes are scheduled at GEC Thrissur (coordinators: Prof. Jayakumari and prof. C.P.Sunil kumar) and CET Thiruvananthapuram (coordinator: Dr. N. Asokkumar and Dr. B. Anil). Those who are interested may contact the secretary or the coordinators for further details.

## News from the Chapters

- **Vidya academy of Science and technology, Thrissur** conducted a short-term course, Webware 09 during 4-6 February 2009.



- **Viswajyothi College of Engineering & Technology, Vazhakulam** conducted a two day ISTE-CSI National Conference SPIN 09 during 15-16 January 2009.
- Inspire the 3 day entrepreneurship awareness camp was conducted during 16-18 October 2008 by **Students chapter, TKM College of Engg, Kollam**. Dr. Thomas Jacob IPS inaugurated the camp. TKM trust chairman Janab Shahal Hassan Musaliar delivered the presidential address. More than 100 students participated.
- A novel venture to promote research, **ISTE-CET Research awards** for 10 faculty members were presented during the Teachers day celebration on 5 September 2008 in a colorful function at **College of Engineering, Trivandrum**.



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