

STELLA MARIS CENTRE FOR NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SMCNC)

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“The future depends on what you do today.”

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

SMCNC continues in its mission to network with a variety of organisations to provide students faculty and departments with training, seminars, visits and other learning opportunities.

From June to September 2016 Dr. Sundari Krishnamurthy was visiting the U.S.A. and witnessed on 3rd August 2016, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Alamo Group of Colleges, Texas, U.S.A and our College. Dr. Robert Vella Jr, President, San Antonio College was the witness for the Alamo Group. A host of luminaries including the Assistant Consular General of India in Houston, Texas, Mr. Joshi, members of the faculty of different colleges and universities together with the members of the Sister City of San Antonio group, especially those of Indian origin formed the audience. Dr. Sundari.K also made a presentation on “Recent Development Initiatives in Rural India: Private-Public Partnerships”, which was widely appreciated.



Dr. Sundari made an audio-visual presentation on “Recent Initiatives in Public – Private – Partnership in Rural India” on August 3rd 2016 in the Board Room of San Antonio College (SAC), San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A to faculty and members of the community



Dr. Robert Vella Jr, President, SAC, Mr. Joshi, Assistant Consul General of India in Houston, and Dr. Sundari at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U) between Alamo Colleges, Texas, USA and SMC (Autonomous) Chennai on Aug 3rd 2016

SMCNC's initiative to link up the College to CSC eGovernance Department lead to a two day training programme on "Cashless Transaction", reaching out to nearly 1563 students and faculty across all disciplines and levels. Mr. Vinod Kuriakose, State Director of CSC e Governance ably organized the three sessions on 13 & 14 February 2017 along with the resource persons: Mr. Ramesh Vijayakumar, Associate Vice-President, Business Development, National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) and Mr. K. Govindarajan, Assistant General Manager, Government Business Unit, State Bank of India were able to engage the huge audiences of students with practical illustrations through downloads.



Dr. Sundari, K. Director SMCNC stated the objectives and methodology of the two day training on "Cashless Transaction" for about 1500 Final Year U.G and P.G students of SMC (Autonomous) on February 13th & 14th 2017



Mr. Ramesh Vijayakumar, Associate Vice-President- Business Development of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) detailed "Cashless Transaction" at SMC (Autonomous), Chennai



Mr. Vinod Kuriakose, State Director, C.S.C eGovernance Services Pvt Ltd, lead the oath for youth to fight corruption and to use and teach cashless transaction



Mr. K. Govindarajan, Asst. General Manager, Government Banking Unit, State Bank of India, gave the "Buddy app" to all the students and explained how it can help in cashless transaction

The networking this year with the Khadi Village Industries Commission-KVIC,(Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Industries-MSME) has lead to a one day seminar on 28th February 2017 on “Gandhian Ideology/ Philosophy and Rural Industrialisation” . Mr. D. Dhanapal, State Director of KVIC delivered the inaugural address on KVIC and how it embodied Gandhian Ideology. Ms. V.L..Indira Dutt, JMD and Vice-Chairman of The KCP Ltd shared her company’s film on “75 years of The KCP Ltd” illustrating her talk on how her father-in-law founded the company in rural villages to translate Gandhian philosophy. Ms. Kavitha Sivapragasam, CSR Project Manager of Tata Chemicals Ltd spoke on “Gandhi & CSR”. She also spoke on behalf of Mr. Muthu Velayutham on “The Covenant Centre for Development (CCD) and its translation of Gandhian Ideology to village youth”. Distribution of certificates closed this seminar with sharing by students of the Debating Club.



Dr. Sundari described the objectives of the Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC) supported seminar on “Gandhian Ideology and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)



Mr.D.Dhanapal, State Director, Khadi Village Industries Commission and Principal of CPPI, spoke on Gandhian Ideology/Philosophy and its impact on KVIC



Ms.V.L.Indira Dutt, JMD and Vice Chairman of The KCP Ltd showed a fil on “75 Years of KCP” and spoke about her father and father-in-law, both staunch Gandhians , who set up rural industries



Ms. Kasthuri. S, Social Worker and CSR Consultant to several Industries illustrated through through several exercises how Gandhi could be understood by youth