

LETTER TO ALUMNI OF GVPCOE

G.V.P. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Autonomous)

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Dear Alumni of GVPCOE,

I am Prof P S Rao, Principal of GVPCOE from Feb 1997 to March 2005, greeting you via e-mail after a long gap. Those of you who have graduated between 2000 and 2007 must have seen me in the college as the Principal and the students who have graduated thereafter must have also seen me on the campus as an Advisor to the college. I hope this letter of mine finds all of you well placed in life and, in best of health and cheer.

The year 2009 is a landmark year in the annals of the college because starting from the year 2000, ten batches have gone out of the college so far. The number of students who graduated from the college in these ten batches totals to about 3,000. Starting from a student strength of 200 in 4 UG branches in the year 1996, the current student strength of the college is around 3000 in 7 UG branches and 7 PG courses with an intake of about 850 students per year. Due to the excellent standards established by the Alumni of the college and the consequent good reputation the college enjoys, the placements have soared to about 85% of eligible candidates in 2008 before the economic down turn. Many of you must be now in fairly decent positions in your professional careers. We know that many of you have acquired higher degrees like Masters or even Ph Ds. from good Universities/Institutes in India and abroad. Some of you are qualified and became professional managers.

Because of the good performance by our Alumni, wherever they are, the subsequent batches are continuously being benefited in securing immediate placements in the industry or admissions into PG programmes. Just recently (in 2009) the college has been accorded "AUTONOMOUS STATUS" by the University Grants Commission and the JNTU, Kakinada (newly formed in 2008 by splitting erstwhile JNTU into four Universities). This special status bestows certain privileges on the college in that it can formulate its own curriculum, devise and follow its own examination system, offer new courses, etc. But at the same time it casts additional responsibilities on the college in that it has to intensify its efforts not only to maintain the standards already achieved but also to improve on them. The college is now in the midst of a process of seeking a "Deemed University" status for itself.

In this quest for excellence, the college will be greatly benefited if it can receive help also from the Alumni. All of you must be well aware how proud the Alumni of prestigious Institutes in India and abroad (IITs, IIMs, leading Universities in USA, etc.) are of their respective Almajors and contribute richly to the boosting of facilities and improving the image of their erstwhile colleges. In fact, alumni are recognized as one of the stake holders in institutional growth by different assessment and accreditation bodies. Some of you might have interacted in the same capacity when the college passed through these stages earlier. The autonomy granted to the College implicated alumni as members of Boards of Studies also. Such is the importance of alumni for an institution.

The Alumni of GVPCOE can help the college in many ways like:

- a) Visiting the college whenever they are in Visakhapatnam and interacting with Faculty and present students;
- b) Establishing and maintaining contacts between the industry/other academic institutions and the Faculty of GVPCOE for joint research/consultancy projects;
- c) Giving suggestions for developing entrepreneurship amongst the present students
- d) Arranging for periodic social gatherings of alumni and their families with present faculty, their families and present students.
- e) Raising funds for well-identified projects to benefit the college (like part-funding of a new Hostel Block, supplying a new sophisticated equipment to a lab, adding to the Library, etc). Such Alumni funded units can be named after the Alumni / Association
There may be innumerable other activities that can be taken up with your innovation, interest and involvement.

The first step to make the Alumni Association really vibrant and active is to prepare a comprehensive data-base with the names, latest addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail IDs, etc. of as many alumni as possible. Hence I request you herewith kindly to furnish as much data as possible about yourself and about other alumni known to you in the format attached herewith (Annexe-A) and mail it to the address mentioned therein. The current office-bearers of the Alumni Association in Visakhapatnam do have some information already with them but any additional information is always welcome and essential to strengthen.

I am currently in USA (in Ashburn about 60 km to the NW of Washington DC) and I will be here until 6th Jan 2010. If any enterprising alumnus/alumni of GVPCOE would like to arrange for a meeting of the GVPCOE Alumni at any place near Washington DC on any day in December 2009 I will certainly be glad to be present on the occasion (My e-mail ID is spulugurta@hotmail.com). Even otherwise, initiatives can be taken by some alumni to hold meetings in December 2009 or Jan 2010 in cities like Hyderabad, Bangalore or any other place in this world where a sizeable number of GVPCOE Alumni are available to chalk out some sustainable programme of action. I will request the college authorities to develop a mechanism through which all the activities/suggestions from various local chapters can be coordinated from the central Alumni office in Visakhapatnam. The College is celebrating its Foundation Day on December 16 and an alumni meet is being organized after that with whomever available within a week or two following. Please make it convenient to call upon your alma-mater and spend sometime in the College with advance information.

With affectionate best wishes from

Yours sincerely,
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Ashburn, 1st Dec 2009