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**Chennai**

**12 February 2011: Quiz competition “CSI: Discover Thinking”**

CSI Chennai is conducting model examination for XII std computer science students on the blueprint of the Tamil Nadu state government students and awards attractive prizes to the toppers and certificates to all participants, who will be around 4000 in number.

CSI is also conducting software contest for school students and the finalists will be allowed to participate in the International Software contest for school students taking place in different countries every year.

CSI felt the need to create more opportunities for school students to enhance their IT skills and prepare them for the future.

It gives us great pleasure to put forth this communication of conducting a great start to this first edition of "Discover Thinking" so that we are able to build another successful CSI event, which nurtures young student minds to build a strong India. "CSI Discover Thinking" is an interschool quiz for young learners (classes 6 to 9).

It is proposed to conduct the FIRST edition of this quiz at 8 locations across India and Chennai is one among them.

Circulars were sent to all the schools inviting their 6th to 9th Std students to participate in the Quiz competition on 12th Feb. 2011 at Alpha Matriculation Hr. Secondary School, West CIT Nagar, Chennai.

![Audience at the inter-school quiz competition](image1)

![Mr. HR Mohan speaking at the Discover Thinking event](image2)

35 Schools including schools from Pondicherry and Sivakasi came down all the way to Chennai to participate in the Preliminary round of Quiz competitions. There is no entry fee collected from the students. CSI provided a Kit containing writing Pad, Pouch with Pen and Pencil as complements.

Each school was permitted to send two teams of two members each. The preliminary round was shortlisted to the top 6 teams by means of an objective test. PSBB- KK Nagar, Sri Sankara Senior secondary school, Vidyamandir- Mylapore, Petit Samir – Pondicherry, Y.K.T. Hr. secondary School – Sivakasi & Anna Gem – Kotturpuram have been selected for the Regional Finals which was followed immediately. The quiz master is Mr. H.R. Mohan who is the Chairman Div IV - CSI and he conducted the quiz in a way the students are eager...
to answer and everyone was enjoying every moment. During the preliminary round, during the discussion of the answers, for each correct answer by the student were given prizes on the spot.

For the benefit of the young students, CSI Chennai Chpater arranged a special Science talk by an Eminent Science Writer Prof. Mohan Sundar Rajan and he narrated his experience with Neil Armstrong, when he interviewed him after returning from Moon. He motivated students to think and become intelligent.

Vidya Mandir- Mylapore won the First Prize of Rs. 5000/- and Trophy followed by PSBB-KK Nagar winning the Second Prize of Rs. 3000/- and a Trophy and third Prize was bagged by Sri Sankara Senior secondary School with Rs. 2000 and trophy. All the finalists were awarded Certificates and Trophies.

The Prizes were given by Dr. Mrs. Grace George, Chairperson, Alpha Group of Institutions during the Prize distribution ceremony, which was followed immediately after the Quiz. Chapter Chairman Dr. Sakthivel welcomed the gathering and talked about the Role of CSI in shaping the Students. Dr. Shanthi, Vice Principal, Alpha Arts & Science college, Chennai and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, Principal, Alpha Matriculation Hr. Secondary School felicitated. It was also presented Merit certificate and Cash prize of Rs. 1000/- to Ms. Almelu, DAV Girls Hr. Secondary School for securing the First Mark in the Computer Science Subject in the model examination conducted by CSI Chennai during the first week of Jan, 2011 and Rs. 750/- to Ms. Vivida, Velammal Matriculation School for securing the Second Mark.

Prof. Kumar, Secretary, CSI Chennai chapter thanked everyone who have made this event a success. The entire quiz competition was coordinated by Mr. S. Ramasamy, Who is the Tamilnadu State CSI Coordinator.

The details of the Prize winners are as follows -

**First Place**
Vidya Mandir Senior secondary School, Chennai  
Aditya R - 9A  
Nikhil S - 9A
Second Place
Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, KK Nagar, Chennai
Asha S.R. - 9H
Jayasurya - 9J

Third Place
Sri Sankara Senior secondary School, Chennai
Gautam Mahadevan - IX
Aurobindo M - IX

Finalist
Anna Gem Science Park School, Kotturpuram
Aravind Chakravarthy K - IX
Manikandan G - IX

Finalist
Y.R.T.V. Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Sivakasi
S.K. Abishek - IX
A.P. Sree Hari - VIII

Finalist
Petit Seminaire Hr. Secondary School, Puducheery
Goutham R - IX D
Gurudharshaan R - VIII A

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Coimbatore
17 February 2011: CSI Regional Student Convention (RSC) for Region VII

The Regional Student Convention- 2011 for region 7 was organized by CSI Coimbatore Chapter and hosted by Amritha University on 17, Feb 2011. The focus theme for this year’s convention was “Latest trends in Computer science & Information Technology”. Mr. Satish Babu, Vice-President elect of CSI and President, InApp Technologies, Technopark, Trivandrum inaugurated the CSI Regional Student Convention (RSC) for Region 7 organized by the Computer Society of India (CSI) Coimbatore chapter at Amrita University, Coimbatore on 17 February, 2011. This convention is one of the premier CSI student conferences nationally. The convention saw 300 participants from premier universities and colleges all over South India participating in 5 interdisciplinary events namely Better Solutions, Crack O Hack, Online Programming – Programacion, Paper Presentation and Software Development Contest (SDK).

In his inaugural address, Satish Babu gave an overview of various cutting-edge and disruptive technologies that are going to impact the world of IT and how students could benefit by keeping abreast with these trends by participating in such innovative and challenging events.
Wg Cdr. M. Murugesan, Director (Education), CSI was the guest of honour for the convention. Mrs. Mini Ulanat, Regional Student Coordinator (RSC) delivered the theme address on latest trends in IT. Mr. Ranga Rajagopal, Immediate Past Chairman, CSI Coimbatore chapter welcomed the gathering and Mr. Prashant R.Nair, Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. K. Gangadharan, Chairman – IT, Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore presided over the inaugural event. Mr. C. Arun Kumar, Joint Organizing Secretary of the RSC gave an overview of the rules and regulations of all competitions and contests of the student convention.

Programacion was an online programming contest. The participant had to code the solution using C or C++ in 3 hours time. Crack O Hack contained a series of challenges testing the contestant’s hacking skills. Better Solutions focused on finding out new and innovative ways of solving a real life problem. The programmes were well received by the students and prize money was awarded to all winners.

Audience at the CSI Regional Student Convention (RSC) for Region VII

In short RSC-2011 was a great success. The organizers placed on record their appreciation and gratitude for the whole-hearted support of CSI, especially of other well wishers, who helped directly and indirectly in making this conference a great success.

Report by Mrs. Mini Ulanat, Regional Student Coordinator, Region 7, CSI and Mr. Prashant R.Nair, Secretary, CSI Coimbatore chapter

19 January 2011: Monthly seminar on “MPLS VPN with last mile”

Monthly Seminar

The CSI Coimbatore chapter conducted an industry focus monthly seminar on “MPLS VPN with last mile” on 19th January, 2011. The speaker for the seminar was Mr. A. Mohanarangan, GM, Tulip Telecom, Chennai. Dr. N .K. Karthikeyan, Treasurer, CSI Coimbatore chapter welcomed the gathering and Mr. Prashant R.Nair, Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.
On 28th January 2011, Little Angels High School earned the privilege of hosting an Inter School Computer Quiz under the aegis of Computer Society Of India (CSI) in Gwalior. An on-line computer quiz augmented the event, inviting competitors from 20 schools affiliated to the CBSE. Four school teams qualified eminently and were chosen for the final round. The competition had 5-rounds and each round had 2 questions per team. The first was a Multiple Choice Question, while the second demanded identification of Abbreviations And Shortcuts. The third round required Html Algocryptics. The fourth round was the Visual round. The final round was a stimulating round with an interesting name ‘Rack Your Brain’.

The quiz lasted for 2 hrs. The first position was achieved by Little Angels High School, but was garnered to No 1 Air Force School, as the host school doesn’t hold the first place.

Therefore, second position was given to the host school, Little Angels High School, and third position was secured by Morning Star School. The consolation prize was awarded to Gwalior Glory High School.

The event was honoured by the gracious presence of the chief guest, Dr. M.V.S. Suryanarayana, the Joint Director of DRDE & Mr. Dilip Shitoley, Chairman CSI, Gwalior Chapter. They inaugurated the event with the auspicious lighting of the lamp. Mr. R.K. Vishwakarma and Mr. Khetan gave an exhaustive talk and lively presentation on the working and significance of CSI.
Little Angels was appreciated for their remarkable organizational skills and honoured with the CSI membership. Other honorary CSI members too were present. The computer wizards were encouraged for their brave and diligent participation and J. S. Bhide and R.K. Vishwakarma acted as the respectable jury members to ensure a fair participation. The Chairman and Director Ms. Tina and Sunil Olyai too graced the occasion. Dr. Ms. Alka Sharma, the principal prayed for such continued active participation and results and presented the dignitaries with school mementos.

Dilip Shitoley
Chairman,
CSI Gwalior Chapter

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Hyderabad
27 January 2011: Workshop on “Cloud Computing”

Introduction:
- Event Name: WORK SHOP ON CLOUD COMPUTING
- Date: 27-01-2011
- Venue: Keshav Memorial Institute of Technology, Hyderabad
- Organized by: CSI Hyderabad chapter & Persistent Systems Limited
- Audience: BE Student (2nd Year, 3rd Year and 4th Year), Head of Department and Training and Placement Officer
- Total no. of Students attended: 880 + HOD’s and TPO’s from Colleges.
- No of Colleges Participated: 39 Colleges across Andhra Pradesh

Purpose: The main aim of the event was to create awareness of latest technologies like Cloud Computing and its prominence in IT Industry and to set the Industry expectations from the students Community.

Section of audience at the WORK SHOP ON CLOUD COMPUTING

Inauguration:
The event was inaugurated by lighting lamp. It was lighted by Kishor Bhalerao – Senior Vice President Human Resources: Persistent Systems Limited, Raju Kanchibhotla – Chairman CSI Hyderabad, Col. Jitendra Gokhale – Center Head Hyderabad: Persistent Systems Limited, Neil Gogte - Director and Head, Keshav Memorial Institute of technology, S. Nitin - Director, Keshav Memorial Institute of technology and I.L.NARASIMHARAO EVENT COORDINATOR AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF CSI HYDERABAD.

Session 1: The first session was on Introduction to Cloud Computing by Ashwin Waknis. It was a 60 Minutes Session followed by Q & A session and Quiz (2 Questions from the session) which were answered by Students through SMS.

Session 2: The second session was on Virtualization – Foundation for Cloud Infrastructure by Vijesh Rangaswami, followed by Q & A session and Quiz (2 Questions from the session) which were answered by Students through SMS.
Session 3: The third session was on Infrastructure as a Service: Amazon Cloud by Ashwin Waknis, followed by Q & A session and Quiz (2 Questions from the session) which were answered by Students through SMS.

Session 4: The fourth session was on Software as a Service: Sales force By Anand Sawant, followed by Q & A session and Quiz (2 Questions from the session) which were answered by Students through SMS.

Session 5: The fifth session was on Human Resources: Expectations of the industry from student community by Kishor Bhalerao followed by Q & A.

Vote of Thanks: The vote of thanks was given by I.L.NARASIMHARAO EVENT COORDINATOR and VICE CHAIRMAN OF CSI HYDERABAD. The students who have won the Quiz are given prizes sponsored by Persistent Systems Limited.
Sriji-Ongole
25 – 31 January 2011: Orientation program on “Tally”

Orientation Program on “Tally”

A week long orientation program on Tally was jointly organized from 25-JAN-2011 to 31-JAN-2011, by Dept. of Life Long Learning, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Computer Society of India, Ongole-Chapter, Dept. Of Journalism, ANU.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Syama Thrimurthy, Head, Dept. Of Life Long Learning, ANU. Prof. Thrimurthy, President, Computer Society of India chaired the inaugural session of the work-shop. The resource person was Mr. T. SatyaNarayana. While giving the inaugural address, Dr. Syama Thrimurthy emphasized the importance of learning Tally package. She said that, this workshop will be beneficial to those students, who have already learnt accounts theoretically, and now by attending this workshop will learn to do all basic accounting functions such as doing the job costing, manage payroll, maintain budgets, scenarios etc. They can also file their tax returns; prepare balance sheet, profit and loss statement, VAT forms, TDS returns, service tax returns, Excise forms, FBT reports and forms etc.

She also explained the work of Dept. Of Life Long Learning and told that they always strive for providing benefits to people of different age groups, different occupations, and to people with different interests. They continuously look for the needy people and provide required training to them.

Prof. Thrimurthy gave an inspirational talk on how to become a good manager. He said that the management professional is one, who searches for the resources and makes the best use of them. He expressed that professional institutions have to keep the various academic needs of students and specific requirements of personality development in view and they need to carry out orientation programs to develop communication skills and required corporate skills of students. He opined that all individuals are managers for themselves as they are doing their time management, money management, work schedules, and resource utilization. He quoted that, “Love of doing things is service” and “Love of doing service is passion”.

Prof. Thrimurthy speaking at the Tally orientation program

Principal of Sriji College, and chairman nominations committee, Mr. P. Kishan Kumar spoke on the importance of attending such value addition programs. He appreciated the continuous efforts of Dr. Syama for bridging the gap between the needy people and resourceful persons.
through such workshops. He motivated the students attending this workshop as they can do all basic accounting functions, as Tally is a complete business accounting and inventory management software that provides various facilities like Govt. Supported formats, multilingual operations, online functions, and processing for small and medium businesses.

Chairman, Sriji-ongole chapter, Mr. P. Ajith, and the commerce and computer faculty M. Yashodara, B. Sunetha of Sriji college extended their excellent support for making the event success. All the B.com, B.C.A, and M.C.A students benefited from the workshop. On completing the week days session, an examination was conducted, and to those who successfully learned the course, Dr. Syama provided certificates on behalf of Acharya Nagarjuna University.
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ‘TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN SOCIETY’
AT BARDOLI, SURAT

The NCTDS 2011, National Conference on Technology Driven Society and PRAYAAS, Annual Inter Collegiate Students meet of IT and Management students was organized at Shrimad Rajchandra Institute of Management and Computer Application (SRIMCA) of Maliba Campus, Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli, Surat on the 11th and 12th of February.

The National Conference was inaugurated with prayers and lamp lighting ceremony in the gracious presence of renowned people of the IT industry, CSI and management members of the University. Dr. P. Thrimurthy - President, Computer Society of India was the chief Guest of the event, Shri Bhagubhai Patel, President of the event and BPKM, Shri Kiritbhai Patel – Secretary, BPKM, Dr. D. R. Shah – CEO, UTU were the honoured guests. Among others were Dr. Manohar Chandwani, Key Note Speaker, Dr. Naren Burade, Chairman, CSI, Surat Chapter, Dr. N. L. Kalathia, Dr. Bankim Patel, Director, SRIMCA and all other Directors of the Maliba campus.

Dr. P. Thrimurthy, in his message to the participants and students, said that the need of the industry, market and the society at large is to find solutions to issues and problems. It is not the level of technology but the analysis of the need and accordingly provision of solution, which is important. Addressing the IT and Management students, he advised them to exchange their level of skills and integrate the same for analysis to solve issues and to create new platforms. He also gave them insight and idea of new projects that could be undertaken by the students in their local vicinity, village and town. He made them aware of the platform available in CSI and the resources that could be utilized.

The key note address of the conference was by Dr. Manohar Chandwani, Professor and Director, Department of Computer Engineering, Institute of Engineering and Technology, Devi Ahalya University, Indore and also a key member of CSI.
As many as 137 research papers were received from nationwide, and 53 of them were selected for the proceedings. Around 75 participants attended the conference thereby fulfilling the objective of the institution to bring together researchers, professionals, academicians having expertise in latest technologies to share their knowledge with the society.

The experts’ talks of the event were conducted by Mr. Tejas V. Sura, Co-founder of the Mumbai Chapter of Project Management Institute, USA, Mr. Nikunj Patel from Patni Computer Systems Ltd., Dr. Rajendra M. Sonar from IIT, Mumbai and founder of iKen Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Technology Business Incubator and Mr. Sachin Maind from APCC, Bangalore on the topics of Value of Project Management for the New Generation; Software as a Service; Next Gen BI using Knowledge-based Approach; Quality assurance- general and software respectively.

PRYAAS 2011, the IT and Management students meet had participation from more than 20 different Institutes across the state and as many as around 200 participants. The two day event had eleven different IT and Management contests including paper presentations.

The IT contests included - Relay Race, Code Complete, Ride Begins with Pride, Animation and project Presentations. The Management contests included Biz Quiz, Role plays, Scene and mean, online simulation game of trading “stock 20-20”, advertisement making contest “ADicitive” and Treasure hunt.

Both post graduate and undergraduate students of IT and Management from as many as 20 Institutions across the state participated in the various contests with a lot of zeal and vigour. The students had an opportunity to interact with each other and learn and share their experience. It boosted their confidence level and ignited the spirit to compete leading to learning.

The event concluded with a lot of enthusiasm and the spirit of keeping it up. The participants of conference, paper presenters and winners of the contests were given their trophies and certificates in the presence of key personnel of the University management team including Shri B. U. Patel, Shri Nalin Joshi, Shri Kiritbhai Patel and Dr. D. R. Shah. The CSI, Surat Chapter and the management members of the Uka Tarsadia University look forward to more such events in near future for enhancing the process of knowledge base exchange.
Tiruchirapalli
24 February 2011: Guest lecture on "Database and Data Mining"

Guest Lecture on “Database and Data Mining ”

The lecture was organized by CSI Tiruchirappalli chapter on 24 Feb 2011 at Jayaram College of Engineering, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu for 3rd and 4th year BE students.

The objective of the lecture was to expose the students to the basic concepts and terms of database and various functionalities of data mining concepts.

Prof. S. Nagasundari, Associate Professor, M.A.M. College of Engineering was the resource person and she started the lecture by explaining the database terminologies such as data, information, knowledge, database, dbms and datawarehouse. She covered following topics in her technical session: The need for data mining, What is Data mining, Datamining architecture, functionalities, issues and various applications of data mining. The session received overwhelming response from the audience.
ABES Engineering College, Ghaziabad
9 February 2011: A Talk on “Mobile Number Portability”

A very interesting and Informative talk was delivered by Mr. Manjeet Singh, DM (Retd.) Guest Speaker, DoT, Government of India. He highlighted the concepts and methodology adopted by India, scope, past trends across the globe and expected future trend in India. The presentation was well received by the faculty and the students of ABES Engineering College.

Talk on “Mobile Number Portability”
Dehradun Institute of Technology, Dehradun

EVENT - 1: Cognizant

This event was organized at DIT last year, around in the month of September-October, just at the time DIT registered for CSI membership. The event was conducted in association with Career Launcher, Dehradun and was aimed at giving a glimpse of the actual placement drive to the students of the institute. There were three rounds in the event, first one a written aptitude round followed by a group discussion round and then the final personal interview round. We recorded a whopping 500 students participating in the event. The winners were given cash prizes and gifts from the chapter.

EVENT - 2: KodeClan

This was a technical event of the club held at around the same time the first event was conducted. It was also aimed at preparing the students for the company placement, just the difference was that it was a total online exam with the first round on paper, followed by next rounds on computers. Final year students of DIT developed a special test server for conducting the exam online. The server is so developed that we have launched a website by its name also, http://www.kodeclan.com/.

EVENT - 3: Technical Lecture 1

This was a preliminary event organized by CSI DIT chapter in the month of October, 2010. There was a lecture on cluster computing given by our Student Branch Counsellor, Prof. Amit Agarwal, CSE Department, DIT.

EVENT - 4: Technical Lecture 2

5 February 2011: Technical lecture on “Ubiquitous Computing”

On 5th of February, 2011, CSI DIT chapter organized another technical lecture on Ubiquitous computing, by Dr. Mangal Sain from Dongseo University, South Korea. The lecture by Dr. Sain was followed by another lecture by Mr. Vinod K Taneja, Vice Chairman, CSI Dehradun Chapter on Cloud Computing and personality development. The event concluded with the motivating speech of Mr. Soshovon Saha, Chairman, CSI Dehradun Chapter.

Glimpses of the Event
EVENT - 5: Workshop on Ethical Hacking
19 - 20 February 2011: Workshop on “Ethical Hacking”

On 19th and 20th February, CSI DIT chapter is organizing another event under its name, a Workshop on ethical hacking by Mr. Sunny Vaghela.

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On 3rd February, 2011, the President of Computer Society of India, Prof. P. Thrimurthy visited our institution, Geethanjali College of Engineering and Technology.

He introduced the Student Committee Members to all the CSI Members. He spoke about the focus of CSI and the benefits of joining CSI. He also gave us very valuable information regarding the magazine “CSI Communications”.

The naming of the Student Branch as **Anusandhaan** & the inauguration of the Geethanjali CSI Student Branch Banner marked the milestones for the event.

The Chairman of CSI Hyderabad Chapter, Mr. K. L. Raju, shared his experiences with CSI & gave the students valuable advice to succeed in every aspect of their career.

The Vice Chairman, Mr. I. V. L. Narsimha Rao, introduced the ning network and various other new developments and updates regarding both CSI India and CSI Hyderabad to the students.

Overall, the event was a resounding success and everyone was pleased with the event.

Reported by

Harivardhan Pyaram,
Chairman,
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Geethanjali College of Engineering and Technology,
President CSI inaugurates CSI Student Branch at IET-DAVV, Indore

President CSI Prof P Thrimurthy and Honorary Secretary CSI Prof H R Vishwakarma visited Indore and inaugurated CSI Student Branch at Institute of Engineering & Technology Devi Ahilya University Indore (IET-DAVV) on 07 February 2011. On this occasion, Prof Ashutosh Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Devi Ahilya University was also present to preside over the function and bless the installation ceremony. The branch was installed by cutting the cake in presence of over 600 audiences that included a huge number of student members to the tune of 400.

In his inaugural address, Prof P Thrimurthy said that the students are well aware of their career but they need guidance to plan it in a better way. Prof Ashutosh Mishra, while indicated the praise for students, narrated that the students getting a forum like CSI is going to be big step in building their career.

Prof Vishwakarma mentioned the benefits of becoming members of CSI at an early age as there is a lot opportunities for students to participate in national and international events. In presence of President CSI, Honorary Secretary CSI and Pro-Vice Chancellor, the office bearers of CSI student branch (Ms Naincy Jain as chairman, Mr Ronak Soni as Vice-chairman, Mr Mayank Sharma as Honorary Secretary and Ms Vaishali Shah as Treasurer) took the oath by the hands of CSI Chairman, Indore Chapter, Prof N S Chaudhari..

The student branch website was also launched by the dignitaries on the occasion of installation ceremony. This was worth praising that student website was ready at the time of installation ceremony.

CSI Indore chapter Vice-chairman Dr Durgesh Kumar Mishra, Vice-chairman Elect Mr Pratosh Bansal Secretary Mr Prashan Lakkadwala were also present to steer the installation ceremony.

This grand 2-hour event was conducted by Ms Bhavna Nigam, Ms Vinita Ramchandani and Ms Pooja Gupta.
In our college we inaugurated CSI student Branch on 19th of January and Raju Kanchibhotla sir was the chief guest. We also had a guest lecture on open source tools by Mr Rajagopal,CEO,Winou Systems
Jawaharlal Darda Institute of Engineering & Technology (JDIET), Yavatmal


An expert lecture was conducted under the Computer Society of India Student Branch.

Computer Society of India Student Branch, Jawaharlal Darda Institute of Engineering & Technology, Yavatmal organized the Expert Lecture on the topic “Writing scientific & Technical Research Papers”.

![Expert Lecture by Prof. P.M. Jawandhia](image)

**Expert Lecture by Prof. P.M. Jawandhia**

Prof. P.M. Jawandhia from Jawaharlal Darda Institute of Engineering & Technology, Yavatmal, delivered this expert lecture on 15th January 2011. He explained the idea to the students about how to write an original research paper & provided related guidelines. All the Second & Third Year Computer Science & Engineering Students, who attended the session thanked the organizers.

The event was a great success. All CSI body members worked hard for success of the event. Staff members and Students attending the event and appreciated the event theme.
Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College
6 February 2010: Inauguration of CSI Student Branch

Inauguration

The inauguration of the JNEC – STUDENT BRANCH – CSI was held on 6th February 2010, and the Student Branch was inaugurated by Mr. K. C. Bahuguna, DGM, Videocon, IT Services.

The JNEC – Student Branch – CSI conducted its first activities with the inauguration itself. Two competitions and a technical show were held for the college students,

1. `include`, a C/C++ programming contest.
2. TechnoWit, a general engineering based aptitude quiz for all engineering branches.
3. Tech Show, an Exhibition on History of Computers.

The event was well received by the students and more than 200 students participated and the event was a huge success.

1. `include`

The event was conducted to test the concepts and coding skills of participants in C/C++ languages. The event was divided into two levels: Beginner and Advanced. The Beginner level was for FE and SE students and they were tested only in C language. This level brought students of all branches to the world of coding and got a huge response from all branches. There was a surprisingly close competition between wanna-be computer programmers and students of other disciplines.

The Advanced level was specific to TE and BE students. They were tested in Advanced C and C++ languages. This round got a good response from CSE, IT and ENTC depts. These future IT professionals battled it out for the crown of "Best Programming Duo" and the contestants had to clear 3 grueling rounds to be victorious.

2. Technowit

A general - aptitude quiz organized along with the inauguration of the JNEC - Student Branch - CSI on 6th February 2010. The motto was "Think you know everything there is to know?" At Technowit, we brought to JNEC a fresh and innovative brand of quizzing, a place where you could work your way through the questions and get to the right answer. It was about trivia- but trivia with a new age twist.

Topics included popular stuff from Current Affairs, Politics, Sports, Entertainment, Music, History, Business, Technology, Culture etc. Anything worth knowing! It was very well received by the participants and the quiz was a huge success. We also brought a new scoring system into place which considered. All scores of the final six participants for deciding the winning team, this meant that the most consistent team grabbed the victory.

3. TechShow

The Tech Exhibition! The TechShow was a tribute to Computer History and we tried to encapsulate the journey of Computing over the last 5 decades in different areas such as Hardware, languages and Multimedia etc. We devoted many labs for the exhibition and each
Our hardware lab depicted the journey of Personal Computers... right from the Apple I to the present day Macbooks and iMacs.

The language section depicted the development of languages over the ages from BASIC to PASCAL, then C, C++, JAVA. A very interesting timeline of all languages was made which also depicted the inter-relationship of all languages, and their usage.

The Chief Guest of the Inauguration, Mr. K. C. Bahuguna liked the exhibition a lot and appreciated our efforts. The Exhibition was open to all students for the whole day.

**Movie**

The movie “October Sky” was shown to CSI members on 6th March 2010 as part of a motivational session & for a change from day-to-day activities and was widely appreciated.

**Connaissance ’10**

The Student branch organized an Intra-College event called “Connaissance ’10 – a test of your knowledge” on the 31st March 2010. The event conducted two competitions:

- E-apti, an online aptitude test
- Folio, an paper presentation contest

The event got a huge response and more than 250 students took part in the event.

- **E-apti**

This was an aptitude test with a difference. The test was conducted “online” i.e. on computers connected to a server which provided the participants different sets of questions and kept track of their score. The system was ingeniously designed by the CSI members themselves using PHP, MySQL, and Apache. This was the first of its kind test in Aurangabad, and got a huge response from the college. Around 200 students participated.

- **Folio**

The aim of the event was to prepare a technical paper presentation covering all engineering aspects of the given topic “Amalgamation of Engineering and Agriculture”.

The focus was on the technical aspects as well as presentation skills. The event was conducted to encourage undergraduate students to present technical papers and to improve their skills in the techniques of presentation.

The event was held on 6th April 2010 and invoked a good response. Students brought out their creative side and displayed ideas by which simple engineering principles would be highly useful to improve the yield and assist the farmers.

**Membership Drive**

The Student Branch took out a Membership Drive for students to become members of CSI. A seminar was held on 29th July 2010 and presentation was given to show the benefits of joining CSI. As a result, 45 new members were registered.
Movie

The members were shown “Anti-Trust”, a movie about based upon programmers and Open Source on 21st August 2010.

Workshop

The Student Branch conducted a one-day workshop on “Employability” on 16th September 2010. The workshop focused on Aptitude Tests, Group Discussions and Personal Interviews. The workshop was open to all students and was conducted along with IMS. Mr. Jasmeet Singh Chhabda, Director, Aurangabad Branch, IMS conducted the event. 75 students participated in the workshop.

Employability Workshop in progress

Employability Workshop Trainer

Seminar

The Student Branch organized a Seminar on “Role of Computer Engineers in Software Industry and Preparation towards IT” on 18th September 2010. The Seminar was conducted by Mr. Avinash Patil, Symantec India Ltd., also alumni of JNEC. He spoke about the need to focus on basic concepts and cleared the students views on how to work out a career path and on also how the students to develop themselves for the IT industry.

Guest Lecture

A guest lecture by Dr. T.V. Gopal, Editor CSI Communications was organized on 8th Oct’2010. He spoke on “Strategies of Application Development”. All the students of BE CSE and CSI members of TE and SE were present.

TECHTENET ‘10
JNEC – Student Branch – CSI organised a state level technical event, “TECHTENET ’10” at Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Aurangabad on 15th & 16th October 2010. The aim was to provide a platform for students to showcase their technical skills, and more than 1100 students from all over Maharashtra participated in the event.

Four activities were organised in the event:
- CConfig – C / C++ programming contest
- Catechize – General Aptitude Quiz
- Papyrus – Paper Presentation Contest
- War Online – LAN Gaming Competition

The event was sponsored by MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY, Guru Shishya Info Solutions, Convergence Institute, Dexterity and IIHT.

The event was inaugurred by Mr. Pratap Dhopte, Managing Director, Excelize Group of industries which marked the beginning of the two day state level event.

- CConfig – C / C++ programming contest

CConfig was a totally new and radical approach towards conducting C / C++ competitions in Aurangabad. The competition was totally different, retaining the core of programming. 231 Teams comprising of 392 students participated in the competition. The First round of the event was an Online Aptitude Test which was ingeniously designed by CSI members. All the teams were divided into batches and the exam was conducted over a period of four hours on the first day. Another major difference was that the top 50 teams were selected for the next rounds. It was compulsory for all 50 teams to undergo remaining three rounds. This ensured that the most consistent team would win the coveted trophy. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th round were conducted on the next day, i.e. 16th October 2010, and the rounds were Blind Programming, which tested the syntactical finesse of the participants. Next was the Debugging Round, in which participants had to remove logical errors from the given programming code. And the final round was the Programming Round, where participants got a shot to try their logic at solving one ingenious problem. The Judges for the Event were Mr. Sameer Dhamangaonkar, from Cognizant Technology Solutions and Mr. Rahul Bhujbal from TechMahindra.

- Catechize – General Aptitude Quiz

“Catechize” - It means “to question”. This event was war of the minds to see which team was the most “brainy” and “knowledgeable”. 226 teams comprising of 401 students participated in the competition. The First round of the event was an hour long aptitude test which assessed the aptitude of the teams in various topics from history to current affairs, and 60 teams were selected for the next round. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and the 5th rounds were covered on the second day. The 2nd round was the Timeout round, where all the teams were shown questions on slides for 20 seconds only and they had to answer the questions. 30 Teams made to the next round, which was the Visual & Logo round. The teams had to identify the person, company, or the advertisement shown to them and write down the appropriate answers. After the 3rd round, only 12 teams were shortlisted and each team was bombardeed with questions in a small time frame of 1 minute, i.e. it was time for the Rapid Fire round. 6 teams made it through to the final round, the Challenge round. Each team had the option to either answer the question they had been asked, or pass it on to a team they chose, to win points. It provided for an exciting finish, and the teams gave it their all to emerge as the winners.

- Papyrus – Paper Presentation Contest
TECHTNET 2010 provided a podium for students to showcase their innovative ideas in the form of papers in various subjects through a paper presentation competition called Papyrus. This competition aimed to promote interest and channelize student’s efforts into various areas of research. Teams were required to submit a synopsis of their ideas, and it was a platform to judge both their presentation skills as well as test their ideas. More than 75 abstracts were received for the competition, which was open to all students in two categories: Circuit Branches (CSE, IT, ENTC, Electronics, etc.) and Non – Circuit Branches (Mechanical, Production, Civil etc.). The participants were given the freedom to choose any technical topic they desired. Idea presentations were done by Circuit branch participants on day 1, and day 2 saw the advent of new ideas of the Non – Circuit participants. The judges were Mr. Avinash Patil from Symantec India Pvt. Ltd. And Mr. Vipin Gujrani.

- War Online – LAN Gaming Competition

War Online was the event for the gaming buffs which consisted of two games, namely Need for Speed: Most Wanted and Counter Strike 1.6. These two events attracted a lot of students and evoked a huge response. In NFS, more than 180 participants took part and drove through crazy traffic and against some tough rivals. In Counter Strike (a team event), 25 teams battled it out to win the trophy. Many students were playing CS for the first time, and it was a very good experience for the participants. There was a healthy competition which was very encouraging to all the participants.

Valedictory Ceremony

The Valedictory Ceremony started with a short movie shown to the participants about the event, its organization, behind the scenes work and the event’s major happenings. The guest of honor was Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Chairman, CSI Aurangabad Chapter. All the winners were felicitated and prizes and medals were awarded to them.

CSI WEEK

1 – 6 February 2011: CSI Week

CSI Week was organized from 1st – 6th February 2011 to commemorate the first anniversary of the inauguration of JNEC - Student Branch – CSI. The main objective of the activity was
to publicize about CSI and our branch activities. Also, a membership drive was launched to add more students to the Student Branch. Two events were conducted in CSI Week:

- Stack Overflow – A technical quiz competition
- Debate Competition

- Stack Overflow –

A technical quiz competition was conducted based on Data Structures and C programming language. The competition was conducted in two phases: 1. For Freshmen 2. For Seniors. The event evoked a great response from students from various branches and more than 250 students participated in the event.

- Debate Competition –

In the Debate Competition, participants were grouped in teams of 4, and the topic was given to the teams 10 minutes before their turn to speak. Two members of a team would speak for the topic, and two against. The event witnessed very stiff competition as over 20 teams debated ferociously to win the Best Team Award.

The CSI Week activity was a great success and laid the foundation for AGNITIO ’11 – A Region –VI CSI Student Convention to held at J NEC and new student members adding to our Student Branch.
Kongu Engineering College  
**24 January 2011:** Guest lecture on “Service to Society”

**Topic:** “Service to Society”  
**Date:** 24-01-2011  
**Chief guest:** Mr. K. Kalidasan, President, Osai Environmental Organization, Coimbatore

The CSI-KEC student branch conducted a guest lecture on service to the society, on 24.1.2011. The guest Mr. K. Kalidasan, President, Osai Environmental Organization, spoke on the importance of wildlife and biodiversity.

![Mr. Kalidasan speaking at the guest lecture](image)

He began the lecture citing the current sanitary condition of the city of Coimbatore. The city has one of the worst water supplies in the country. He then spoke about the various plant and animal species and the nomenclature of a few. He quoted that Dodo, a terrestrial bird has helped the existence of certain species of trees. Now that those birds are extinct, growth of those trees have also grown less. He also spoke about another extinct species in India, the pink-headed duck.

He mentioned that how Bio-diversity leads to prevention of loss of rare genetic species. He provided statistical information on species of plants and birds and that India has two out of the 18 Bio-Diversity Hot Spots namely The Himalayas and The Western Ghats.

**28 January 2011:** Guest lecture on “Cloud Computing - Introduction”

**Topic:** Cloud Computing - Introduction  
**Date:** 28.01.11  
**Venue:** Kalingarayan Hall(Civil block), Kongu Engineering College  
**Chief Guest:** Mr. Saravananselvan (Sharan) Gurunathan, GM, Ascendant Technology, India
Mr. Gurunathan speaking on Cloud Computing

The CSI-KEC student branch of Kongu Engineering College conducted a guest lecture on “Cloud Computing-Introduction” on 28.01.11.

The guest Mr. Saravananselvan (Sharan) Gurunathan spoke on the importance of cloud computing in the prevailing IT trends. He defined cloud computing in his presentation. He also emphasized that most of the websites including Amazon are based on cloud computing and that it has a great potential for developments too. He briefed that there is a possibility that the future of the IT sector is based on this genre. He also spoke of the security problems that might arise. He finally spoke about the technicalities such as the characteristics and design considerations of cloud computing.
KLN College of Engineering
31 January 2011: Contests on the occasion of Republic Day Celebrations

On behalf of the KLNCE-CSI Students’ Chapter, a Republic day celebration was held as a part of the January month activity on 31st January, 2011 from 9.00 am to 2:30pm. The venue was IT FOSS LAB and various contests were conducted as a part of celebration.

All the contests were open to both CSI members as well as Non-CSI members of the college. A total of 121 students participated in the contests. A total of six events were held. The details of the events are:

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President of CSI-SB

Participants at the event
All the preliminaries were started at 10 A.M. Simultaneously at different venues. Chief Guest Shri. S.P.Srinivasan was kind enough to visit all the events. Shri K.N.K.Ganesh, President of KLNCE and and Prof. R.T.Sakthidaran, Dean (Academic), HOD/IT and CSI-Student Branch Councilor also visited various venues to observe the progress of events. Winners were selected by our Chief Guest and supported by our President and SBC. A formal function was held at 1.00 P.M. Shri. K.N.K. Ganesh, President, KLNCE presided the function. Shri. S.P.Srinivasan was the Chief Guest who was the Freedom Fighter and Retired Theatre Artist of Gandhigram. Mr. D. Bala Subramanian of III year IT delivered the welcome address. Prof. R.T. Sakthidaran introduced the Chief Guest to the participants. Shri. K.N.K.Ganesh delivered the presidential address. Then Chief guest addressed the gathering. “He reminded that he was the only person in the event who was born before India's independance. He emphasized the importance of students understanding the significance of independance movement. He regreted the society being divided by politicians by cast, religion and territory. He appreciated the students effort to understand politics. He said politics as such is not bad. However, politics has gone in the hands of criminals and greedy persons. He narrated a few interesting incidences from his life during the independance movement. He talked about the atrocities committed by police and the fear that they had created in the minds of people during the British Raj. He wished the students a peaceful, clean and healthy environment in future. Finally, he appreciated the efforts taken by KLNCE-CSI-SBC for arranging such a socially relevant program and the support given by the management”. Then, he
distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions. Finally, a vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. S.Arifa of III year IT.

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Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, 
22 January 2011: Workshop on “Web Designing”

A Web Designing Workshop was conducted for the students at Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, by the final year Computer Science Engineering students on January 22nd, 2011. The one-day workshop covered the basics of web site design using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. The workshop started at 9:00am and ended at around 4:00pm. It was a fun experience for the students, who got a Hands-on experience of designing a web site.

Workshop on Web Designing

28 January 2011: Technical Quiz Competition “Bytes”

Bytes, the Technical Quiz competition conducted annually by the CSI Student branch was held on January 28th, 2011. Participation was restricted to a team of two with written prelims to find the five finalists. Written prelims were conducted on 15 January in which 32 teams took part.

The finals conducted by Mr. Neelankantan G. – former Chairman, CSI Trivandrum Chapter, accommodated all the thrill & suspense of a real quiz show. The finals consisted of 5 different rounds. Each round was unique in its content & steered the quiz unexpectedly at different instances. Cash prizes of Rs. 2000 & Rs. 1000, were awarded by the Principal to the 1st & 2nd positions. Audiences were also given prizes during the quiz time.

Technical Quiz Competition - ‘Bytes’
REPORT ON EVENT CONDUCTED ON C-BOX ON 6-2-2011 AT MEPCO SCHLENK ENGINEERING COLLEGE, SIVAKASI STUDENT BRANCH

The event C-box was conducted by third year students (office bearers) - Sumathi and Lakshmi praba of computer science department on 6-2-2011 and the venue was at MEPCO SCHLENK ENGINEERING COLLEGE, SIVAKASI.

The event C-box was based on aptitude questions related to C language. This was the first event conducted for this semester. It was conducted under the supervision of Mr. J. Maruthupandi, Assistant Prof. - IT dept. Ms. Uma Saravan, the chairperson of Computer Society of India - students Branch, gave the introduction and addressed the gathering with a warm welcome.

The Participants were split into six teams. The event had four rounds. The first round was quiz. On the end of this round, there were 2 eliminations. The second round was Predicting the output of a given program. This resulted in the elimination of one more team. The third round was error finding round in which each has to answer two questions and finally there were two teams that were selected for the finals. The final round was coding round and the winners were rewarded. Feedback was given by the participants. Finally the event ended with a grand success.
National Conference on “Innovations and Trends in Computer & Communication Engineering” (ITCCE–2011) was organized by the MET’s Institute of Engineering, Bhujbal Knowledge City, Nasik on February 25th - 27th, 2011. The National Conference on “ITCCE 2011” was sponsored by Board of College and University Development (BCUD), University Of Pune and technically supported by CSI.

The conference was inaugurated on 25th February at Institute of Engineering campus in presence of Hon. Samir Bhujbal (Trustee, MET BKC), Mrs. Shefali Bhujbal (Chief Administrator, MET BKC), Prof. B. M. Naik (Founder Principal of SGGS IOT, Nanded), Dr. Omprakash Kulkarni (Technical Director, Sharda Invention Pvt LTD Nashik), Dr. V. P. Wani (Principal. MET’s Bhujbal Knowledge City Institute of Engineering.), Prof. Aruna Deogire & Prof. Rajesh Rehpade – Convener. Prof. Namita Kale, Prof. Madhuri Bhalekar & Prof. D. B. Ahire was Organizing Secretary for the conference

Highlights & Objectives:

The conference had received 274 papers from Institute of repute like Government Engineering colleges, NIT, research institute and Industry from all over India, out of which 74 papers were selected for presentations and published in the form of proceedings. This conference brought together Academicians, Post Graduate students, Researchers from to discuss the latest trends in the area of computer and communications. ITCCE 2011 explored the importance of Innovation & Research in various areas.

Inauguration of ITCCE 2011: From Left Prof. R. Rehpade, Dr. V. P. Wani, Dr. Omprakash Kulkarni, Mr. Samir Bhujbal, Mr. B.M.Naik, Mrs. Shefali Bhujbal, Prof. Aruna Deogire.

Honorable chief guest Dr. B. M. Naik (Education Advisor) addressed the importance of innovation. He defined innovation as the key for the institution progress, national progress and the important factor in development. He said “Institutes which are leading in innovation are leading the world; India is embarking on new technologies and institutions are responsible
for providing the world with great innovators.” He also said that “TOMORROWS TECHNOLOGY ARE TO BE TAUGHT TODAY. Having huge knowledge is not important but having a small discovery is very important.” He requested the students to not only have big dreams but also to convert those dreams into strong actions. He appreciated the wonderful work done by the MET BKC in providing the students with excellent facilities.

**Dr. V.P. Wani** (Principal, MET’s IOE BKC) addressed the importance of organizing such events; he also remarked the National Conference as a platform for the stakeholders and described the role of engineers as pioneer in this regard.

**Dr. Omprakash Kulkarni** (Technical Director, Sharada Invention Pvt LTD) Delivered Keynote Address on “Smart Grid through Renewable Energy for inclusive growth for rural India” on 25th Feb, while Expert Talk on topic “**Research Methodology and Innovation**” was conducted by **Dr. R. Venkatesh** (President, Power Quality Div, EPCOS India Pvt. Ltd. Nashik.) on 26th February. The different technical sessions were conducted by session’s chairs, Mr. Prasad Joshi, Mrs. Preeti Bhamare, Mr. Vijay Birari, Mr. Guand, Mr. Bagal and Dr. M.U. Kharat.

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National Engineering College, Kovilpatti

CSI Students’ Branch of National Engineering College organized an Expert Lecture titled “Cloud Computing” for the third year CSE & IT students on 09th February 2011. Mr. J. Jerart Julus, Lecturer, IT Department was the chief guest and delivered a useful lecture and explained about the fundamentals of cloud computing. Also he explained about the importance and future of cloud computing. He motivated the students to develop projects in this emerging area that meets the industrial expectations.

More than 120 students enthusiastically attended the lecture. The session was very live with interactions and discussions. The students were really inspired by the informative talk.

The above mentioned event was successfully conducted with the effective guidance of NEC-CSI President Dr. D. Manimegalai, Head of IT department and Mrs. V. Vasantha, CSI Student Counsellor and CSI Staff Coordinators.

15 February 2011: Game Development Contest “SCRATCHIT”

CSI Students’ Branch of National Engineering College organized Game Development Contest – SCRATCH IT for CSE & IT students on 15/02/2011. More than 20 students (10 teams) enthusiastically participated in the contest. Best game was selected and rewarded with suitable prize. The software packages used for game development were like Alice, Scratch
etc. The students were very much benefited by knowing about game development and bringing out their hidden creativity.

The event was successfully conducted with the effective guidance of NEC - CSI President Dr. D. Manimegalai, Head of IT department, Mrs. V. Vasantha, CSI Student Counsellor and CSI Staff Coordinators Mrs. Stella Inba Mary, Lecturer CSE Department, Mr. J. Jerart Julus, Lecturer IT Department.