Over the past 16 years, I have been fortunate to interact with many eminent academicians and professionals from the Industry both from India and Abroad. Interacting with enthusiastic young IT professionals has been a source of motivation for me all these years. There is plenty of talent in the IT sector but there is a perceived gap in the way the skill sets map to the workplace. This problem of “Employability” has been deliberated upon by many policy making bodies and I had the pleasure of participating in many deliberations at this level.

I am convinced that an integrated approach that blends the Computer Science related competencies with those of Arts and Management is necessary to improve the employability.

CSI has embarked on an ambitious plan to provide continuing education programmes for working professionals, industry-oriented professional development for new college graduates and entry-level engineers, faculty development programmes, technology appreciation workshops and finishing school programmes for students.

The CSI Research Mentors Network consisting of more than 700 Ph. D qualified members help in promoting research on a continuous basis. CSI is also exploring the possibility of forming a virtual university. This Virtual University is expected to:

- Expand Access to IT Knowledge Repositories
- Serve Underserved Populations
- Increase Communication / Collaboration
- Tailor the IT Education to suit the needs of a Given State
- Provide a single window for IT Skills

Decentralization is the goal of the Virtual University being envisaged by the team at CSI.

I invite all the members to send their ideas and suggestions on strengthening the Education activities of CSI.

Prof. P Thrimurthy
President, Computer Society of India

About Prof. P Thrimurthy
(Profile Compiled by the Honorary Chief Editor)

“Dr. P Thrimurthy was the founding father of computer education in this University. By his sincere efforts, he instituted courses like MCA, MSc (Computer Science), PhD (Computer Science) and conducted various Teachers Training Programmes for MCA and PGDCA with the financial assistance from the Department of Electronics (DoE), Government of India and the UGC. He established the University Computer Centre and raised it to the Highest “C” level centre by acquiring infrastructure from the Government of India, state government and also major donation from an International philanthropist. Dr. P. Thrimurthy produced the first seven PhDs in Computer Science in the state of Gujarat during his tenure at the Department. He has been the pioneer in initiating computer courses and interdisciplinary courses in various colleges and schools in this part of the country.”

Prof. V S Patel
Former Vice-chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Gujarat

As Research Director, Dr. Thrimurthy has produced a dozen PhDs in Computer Science & Engineering. Author of FOUR books and over 50 Research papers. Member of Editorial boards of FIVE International Journals. Contributed for promotion of research as Chairman of Programme Committee for over 30 National & 10 International Seminars. Coordinated several Teacher Training Programmes. Prof. Thrimurthy has been the President of Computer Section of the Indian Science Congress Association for 1996-97. He has been associated with UGC, NAAC, AICTE & DOEACC and Several Universities in the country on different technical and academic committees. Prof. Thrimurthy has developed original software which obtained patent rights for him. He had served Armed Forces Head Quarters (Indian Army) Delhi, Gujarat University, Sardar Patel University and Acharya Nagarjuna University.