

## DGCT becomes partner institute of PALS (Pan IIT Alumni Leadership Series)



Alumni of IIT-Madras have launched a Leadership Series Program to act as mentors for engineering college in Tamilnadu. The focus is to enhance the quality of engineering education and making students graduating from these institutions, industry ready. To this end, PALS has tapped into the vast pool of expertise available within the IIT alumni community across the corporate, academic and entrepreneurial domains. As a part of this program, partner engineering institutes are engaged in various events such as insightful general and technical lectures by a panel of Alumni and IIT Faculty, Industry visits, Departmental visits within the IIT, an Innovation Challenge competition and various Workshops and Seminars.

Opportunities are created so that the rich and varied experiences of the IIT alumni are shared with the students and faculty of the Partner Institutes. Events are organized so that the faculty members get an opportunity to visit different industries, and also listen to senior people in that industry. Visits to different departments of IIT Madras are organised, where there is ample scope for interactions between faculty members of different institutions. Competitions are held to bring out the spark inside every student.

The inauguration function for the current year PALS program was held in IIT Madras on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. The PALS introduction speech was delivered by Mr.Srinivasan, Chairman, PALS.

Following the introduction speech, the PALS insignia was presented to partner institutes by Dr.Bhaskar, Director, IIT Madras. Keynote speeches were delivered by Dr.G.Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT University on “Recalibration of Engineering Education for the future” and by M.M.Murugappan, Vice Chairman, Murugappa Groups on “Industry Academia Collaboration for Better Engineers”. The keynote speeches were followed by an interactive Q&A session with PALS members and the panelists.

Dhirajlal Gandhi College of Technology achieved a milestone, when it was accepted as a partner institute of PALS, becoming the youngest ever institute to get this honor. By becoming a part of the program, DGCT will build up on the success it has achieved over the past five years, including becoming the “Most Upcoming Engineering College in South India” awarded by ASSOCHAM. The management, faculty and students thanked PALS members for accepting the college as a partner institute of PALS.