



**VIDYA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL
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**Monthly News Report
1st MAY 2026 to 31st MAY 2026**

+ EVENTS/TALKS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCE

✓ POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



The **Department of Computer Science and Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus successfully organized a Poster Making Competition for Plus Two students on the theme **“Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Modern World.”** The poster submission period was held from **1 May 2026 to 8 May 2026**.



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The competition aimed to inspire higher secondary students to creatively explore and present the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence in today's world. Students enthusiastically participated by designing innovative and informative posters showcasing the applications of AI in areas such as healthcare, education, smart assistants, automation, robotics, and other emerging technologies.

The initiative provided an excellent platform for young learners to express their ideas, improve their awareness of AI-driven technologies, and develop innovative thinking skills.

✓ CREOVATE 3.0 SKILL-UP SUMMER PROGRAM



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The **Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus, in association with IEEE SB VAST TC and ELECTA, successfully organized **CREOVATE 3.0 – Skill-Up Summer** on **8 May 2026** at the VAST TC campus, Kilimanoor.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who actively engaged in a series of innovative, robotics-based, and hands-on technical activities. Designed to foster creativity, teamwork, and practical learning, the programme provided an exciting platform for participants to build, play, innovate, and explore emerging technologies in an interactive environment.

Through various skill-oriented activities and collaborative sessions, students gained valuable exposure to modern technological concepts while enhancing their problem-solving and teamwork abilities. The event created an energetic atmosphere of innovation and experiential learning, inspiring young minds to explore the rapidly evolving world of technology and engineering.

✓ **ALUMNI MEET 2026**



The **Department of Civil Engineering** successfully organized ‘Alumni Meet – 26’ on **17th May 2026** in association with the Association of Vidya Alumni, Kilimanoor. The event was conducted virtually through Google Meet at 7:30 PM under the theme “Come, let’s relive, rejoice and reconnect.”



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The programme aimed at reconnecting alumni with their alma mater, strengthening professional relationships, and promoting interaction among alumni, faculty members, and students. The session commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. K. Sargunan**, HoD, Department of Civil Engineering.

The meet witnessed enthusiastic participation from alumni belonging to various batches and professional sectors, along with faculty members and current students. Alumni shared their career experiences, professional achievements, and valuable industry insights during the interactive sessions, making the programme informative and engaging.

The event also provided a platform to discuss future collaborations, student mentorship initiatives, and strategies to strengthen alumni engagement activities. The active interaction among participants added warmth and vibrancy to the gathering.

The programme was coordinated by **Ms. Rini Madhavan Rajeev**, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of the organizing team and the enthusiastic participation of all 36 attendees.





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✓ DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CONDUCTS
VIRTUAL PYTHON WORKSHOP FOR HIGHER SECONDARY STUDENTS

The **Department of Computer Science and Engineering** successfully organized a five-day virtual workshop titled “Python Kickstart: Fundamentals for Beginners” from **25th May 2026 to 30th May 2026**. The program was conducted online through Google Meet from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, targeting 12th-grade students interested in learning programming fundamentals.

The workshop aimed to provide participants with a strong foundation in Python programming, covering essential topics such as variables, data types, operators, control structures, functions, and basic problem-solving techniques. The sessions were led by **Ms. Ashly K. John**, **Ms. Seenamole J**, and **Ms. Haritha P. G**, Assistant Professors of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from 47 students, who actively engaged in the interactive sessions and hands-on learning activities. The participants gained valuable exposure to



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the fundamentals of Python programming and developed an understanding of computational thinking and coding practices.

The successful completion of the workshop reflects the department's commitment to promoting technical knowledge and nurturing young minds with emerging technological skills. The Department extends its sincere appreciation to all the participants for their active involvement and looks forward to organizing more such outreach and skill-development programs in the future.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

CSE STUDENTS EXCEL IN NPTEL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS



The **Department of Computer Science and Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus proudly celebrates the outstanding performance of its students in the recently concluded NPTEL Online Certification Examinations (Jan–Apr 2026 session), mentored by IIT Kharagpur. Demonstrating commendable technical competence beyond their university curriculum, eleven of our students successfully qualified in highly competitive national-level courses. Leading the laurels with "Elite" silver and elite certifications are **Anusree S**, who achieved an exceptional top score of 79% (Elite + Silver) in Algorithmic Graph Theory and Data



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Structures, alongside **Alfina S N** (69% in Database Management System), **Anoop Panicker M S** (64% in Algorithmic Graph Theory and Data Structures), and **Alfiya Saju** (63% in Database Management System). Additionally, the department commends **Dhanush S Nair** (62%) and **Arshad S P** (55%) for clearing their certifications in Cloud Computing, as well as **Vaisakh S** (57%), **Alfiya R** (57%), **Fathima A S** (56%), **Rishiraj R** (48%) and **Shahid Ameen S** (43%) for completing their certifications in Database Management Systems.



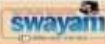


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Elite
This certificate is awarded to
DHANUSH S NAIR
for successfully completing the course
Cloud Computing
with a consolidated score of **62 %**
Online Assignments **25/25** Proctored Exam **36.71/75**
Total number of candidates certified in this course: **33252**
Jan-Apr 2026
(12 week course)

Prof. Haimanti Banerji
Coordinator, NPTEL
IIT Kharagpur

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

**NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)
This certificate is awarded to
ARSHAD SP
for successfully completing the course
Cloud Computing
with a consolidated score of **55 %**
Online Assignments **25/25** Proctored Exam **36/75**
Total number of candidates certified in this course: **33252**
Jan-Apr 2026
(12 week course)

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IIT Kharagpur

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**NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)
This certificate is awarded to
VAISAKH S
for successfully completing the course
Data Base Management System
with a consolidated score of **57 %**
Online Assignments **22.08/25** Proctored Exam **34.5/75**
Total number of candidates certified in this course: **12988**
Jan-Mar 2026
(8 week course)

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**NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)
This certificate is awarded to
RISHIRAJ R
for successfully completing the course
Data Base Management System
with a consolidated score of **48 %**
Online Assignments **16.04/25** Proctored Exam **31.5/75**
Total number of candidates certified in this course: **12988**
Jan-Mar 2026
(8 week course)

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**NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)
This certificate is awarded to
SHAHID AMEEN S
for successfully completing the course
Data Base Management System
with a consolidated score of **43 %**
Online Assignments **12.5/25** Proctored Exam **30/75**
Total number of candidates certified in this course: **12988**
Jan-Mar 2026
(8 week course)

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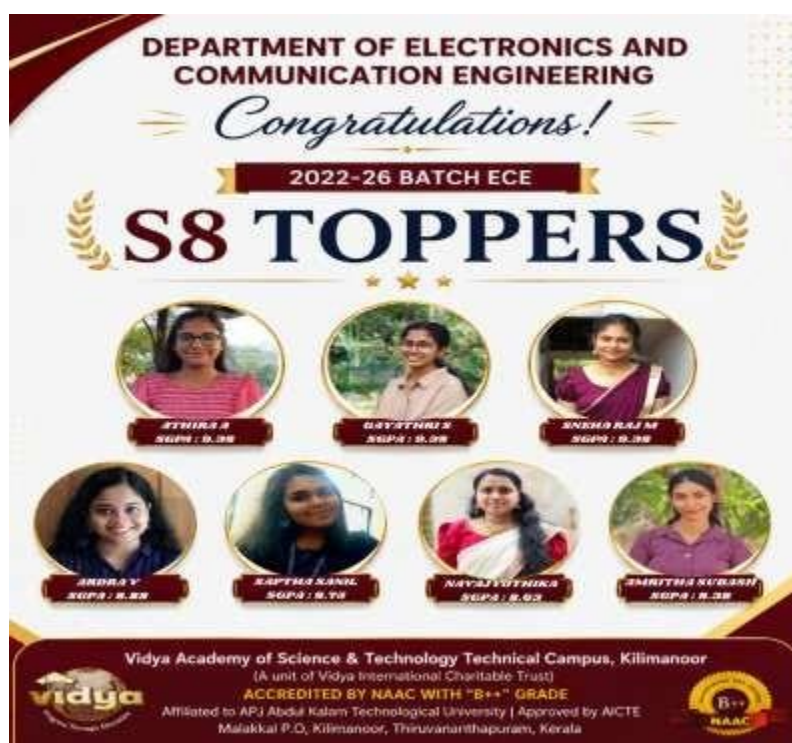
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✓ S8 TOPPERS (2022-26 BATCH ECE)

The **Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science & Technology Technical Campus, Kilimanoor, proudly congratulates the S8 toppers of the 2022–26 batch for their exceptional academic performance.

The students have demonstrated remarkable dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence throughout their academic journey. Their outstanding achievements reflect not only their individual efforts but also the strong academic environment fostered by the department.



Leading the list of achievers are **Athira A**, **Gayathri S**, and **Sneha Raj M**, each securing an impressive SGPA of 9.38. They are followed by **Ardra V** with an SGPA of 8.88, **Saptha Sanil** with 8.75, **Navajyothika** with 8.63 and **Amritha Subash** with 8.38. The achievement stands as a testament to the academic excellence and dedication upheld by the institution.



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✓ **S8 TOPPERS (2022-26 BATCH ECE)**



The **Department of Mechanical Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus, Kilimanoor, has announced the top performers of the 2022–26 batch in the eighth semester (S8) examinations. The achievement reflects the students' academic dedication and the department's continued commitment to excellence in engineering education.

Mr. **Jayakrishnan K. J.** secured the first position in the department with an impressive **SGPA of 8.21**, emerging as the S8 topper. Ms. **Rabeebath N.** secured the second position with an **SGPA of 8.06**, demonstrating outstanding academic performance.



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STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

✓ **PUBLICATION OF REVIEW ARTICLE**



Dr. K. Sargunan, Head of the **Department of Civil Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus, has published a review paper titled **“Agricultural Waste: Hevea brasiliensis and Bagasse Ash Performance in Concrete”** in the International Journal of Science and Research Archive in May 2026.

The publication highlights the potential use of agricultural waste materials, such as Hevea brasiliensis and bagasse ash, in concrete applications, thereby contributing to sustainable and eco-friendly construction practices. The review paper focuses on the performance characteristics and benefits of incorporating these waste materials in the construction industry, thereby promoting sustainable engineering solutions.

The research article was coauthored by final-year eighth-semester students of the Department of Civil Engineering — **Abhishek A. L**, **Gowthamkrishna S**, **Soorya Sushan**, and **Unnimaya S**.

✓ **PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH PAPER AT RIF 2026**





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Mr. Lenin Babu and **Ms. Midhila M**, Assistant Professors of the **Department of Civil Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus, achieved academic recognition through the successful publication and presentation of their research paper titled **“GIS-Based Assessment of Seismic Vulnerability in Buildings”** at the National Conference on ‘Recent Trends and Innovations for the Future (RIF 2026)’ organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education on **17th April 2026**. The research work focused on the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for assessing the seismic vulnerability of buildings and identifying earthquake-prone risk zones. The study highlighted the integration of spatial data analysis with structural assessment techniques to support effective disaster preparedness and urban planning.

Through their innovative research, Mr. Lenin Babu and Ms. Midhila M proposed a systematic GIS-based methodology for evaluating structural risks and prioritizing mitigation strategies in vulnerable regions. Their contribution reflects the growing research capabilities and academic excellence of the faculty members in the field of civil engineering.

✓ **HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS EARN PRESTIGIOUS NPTEL CERTIFICATIONS**

❖ **Department of CSE**





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Seven Faculty members of the **Department of Computer Science and Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus have completed various 12-Weeks NPTEL online certification courses offered through the SWAYAM platform, showcasing the department's strong commitment towards academic excellence and continuous professional development.

Dr. C. Brijljal Ruban, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, completed the course ‘Computer Networks and Internet Protocol’ and secured an Elite Certification.

Faculty members **Ms. Beena V. R**, **Ms. Sansya Vijayan**, **Ashily M. Baby**, **Ms. Saranya Raj S**, **Ms. Haritha P. G**, and **Ms. Anju M. R** also completed several prestigious certification courses, including ‘Computer Networks and Internet Protocol’, ‘Mathematical Foundations of Machine Learning, Deep Learning’, ‘Cloud Computing, Blockchain and its Applications’, ‘Compiler Design’, and ‘Problem Solving Through Programming in C’.

Several faculty members earned Elite Certifications and secured commendable scores in their respective courses. These achievements reflect the department's active involvement in upgrading technical knowledge, exploring emerging technologies, and promoting a culture of lifelong learning and innovation.





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❖ Department of ECE



Nine faculty members from the **Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering** at Vidya Academy of Science and Technology Technical Campus have successfully completed prestigious NPTEL online certification courses conducted by Indian Institute of Technology Madras during the Jan–Apr 2026 session.

The faculty members, **Dr. Jayarenjini N, Mr. Chandu C. B, Ms. Sreejitha S. G, Ms. Aswini Dutt, Ms. Bhagya Suresh L. S, Ms. Shyna Nazar, Ms. Devika K. P, Ms. Lekshmy S, and Ms.**



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Apsana S have completed the 12-week courses offered through the SWAYAM–NPTEL platform funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Dr. Jayarenjini N, Head of the Department, secured the Elite with Silver certification in the course ‘Signals and Systems’ with an impressive score of 83%. In addition, two faculty members earned certifications in ‘Principles of Digital Communication’, while six faculty members completed the course ‘Introduction to Machine Learning’ with Elite certifications.





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This certificate is awarded to ASWINI DUTT for successfully completing the course Introduction to Machine Learning with a consolidated score of 54 % Online Assignments 22.85/25 Proctored Exam 30.88/75 Total number of candidates certified in this course: 8354		This certificate is awarded to RHAGYA SURESH L S for successfully completing the course Introduction to Machine Learning with a consolidated score of 65 % Online Assignments 22.85/25 Proctored Exam 42.89/75 Total number of candidates certified in this course: 8354	
 Prof. Andrew Thompson Chair Center for Advanced and Applied Education, IITM		 Prof. Andrew Thompson Chair Center for Advanced and Applied Education, IITM	
Jan-Apr 2026 (12 week course)		Jan-Apr 2026 (12 week course)	
			
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No. of credits recommended: 4		No. of credits recommended: 4	
This certificate is awarded to APRANA S for successfully completing the course Introduction to Machine Learning with a consolidated score of 66 % Online Assignments 22.85/25 Proctored Exam 43.15/75 Total number of candidates certified in this course: 8354		This certificate is awarded to SHINYA NAZAR for successfully completing the course Introduction to Machine Learning with a consolidated score of 55 % Online Assignments 22.72/25 Proctored Exam 32.75/75 Total number of candidates certified in this course: 8354	
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This certificate is awarded to LEKSHMY S for successfully completing the course Introduction to Machine Learning with a consolidated score of 63 % Online Assignments 22.85/25 Proctored Exam 40.90/75 Total number of candidates certified in this course: 8354		This certificate is awarded to DEVIKA R P for successfully completing the course Introduction to Machine Learning with a consolidated score of 64 % Online Assignments 22.85/25 Proctored Exam 41.90/75 Total number of candidates certified in this course: 8354	
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❖ **Department of CE**



Dr. K. Sargunan, Head of the **Department of Civil Engineering**, completed the NPTEL Online Certification course on “Railway Engineering” offered by the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee during the January–April 2026 session.

The 12-week course was conducted through the SWAYAM–NPTEL platform under the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The faculty members of the **Department of Civil Engineering**, **Ms. Rini Madhavan Rajeev** (Asst. Prof), **Ms. Anjali Saji** (Asst. Prof) and **Ms. Nayana Gopan** (Asst. Prof), completed a 4-week online NPTEL course on “Drone Surveying” during the February–March 2026 session. Along with the course completion certificates, the faculty members also received certificates from the Faculty Development Programme (FDP).



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 **NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
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This certificate is awarded to
SARGUNAN K
for successfully completing the course
Railway Engineering

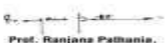
with a consolidated score of **48** %

Online Assignments	18.13/25	Proctored Exam	30/75
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Total number of candidates certified in this course: **71**

 **Prof. Kaushik Ghosh**,
Professor (Chemistry),
Coordinator (CIC)

Jan-Apr 2026
(12 week course)

 **Prof. Ranjana Pathania**,
Professor (ISSE),
Coordinator (NPTEL)

 Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee



Roll No: NPTEL26CE785367000020 To verify the certificate  No. of credits recommended: 4

 **NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
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This certificate is awarded to
RINI MADHAVAN RAJEEV
for successfully completing the course
Drone Surveying

with a consolidated score of **83** %

Online Assignments	23.75/25	Proctored Exam	59.3/75
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Total number of candidates certified in this course: **522**

 **Prof. Kaushik Ghosh**,
Professor (Chemistry),
Coordinator (CIC)

Feb-Mar 2026
(4 week course)

 **Prof. Ranjana Pathania**,
Professor (ISSE),
Coordinator (NPTEL)

 Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee



Roll No: NPTEL26CE1251158800047 To verify the certificate  No. of credits recommended: 2

 **NPTEL-AICTE
Faculty Development Programme**
(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)

This certificate is awarded to
RINI MADHAVAN RAJEEV
for successfully completing the course
Drone Surveying

with a consolidated score of **83** %

 **Prof. Andrew Thangaras**,
NPTEL Coordinator
IT Madras

Feb-Mar 2026

Roll No: NPTEL26CE1251158800047 Duration of NPTEL course: 4 Weeks

The candidate has studied the above course through MOOCs mode, has submitted online assignments and passed proctored exams.
This certificate is therefore acceptable for provisions under QAE at all AICTE institutions dated 19th Nov 2024, similar to other certificate / diploma courses.
For AICTE / RIPS / FDP through MOOCs / DCE

 **NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION**
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This certificate is awarded to
NAYANA GOPAN
for successfully completing the course
Drone Surveying

with a consolidated score of **73** %

Online Assignments	21.83/25	Proctored Exam	50.70/70
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Total number of candidates certified in this course: **522**

 **Prof. Kaushik Ghosh**,
Professor (Chemistry),
Coordinator (CIC)

Feb-Mar 2026
(4 week course)

 **Prof. Ranjana Pathania**,
Professor (ISSE),
Coordinator (NPTEL)

 Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee



Roll No: NPTEL26CE1251238800160 To verify the certificate  No. of credits recommended: 2

 **NPTEL-AICTE
Faculty Development Programme**
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This certificate is awarded to
NAYANA GOPAN
for successfully completing the course
Drone Surveying

with a consolidated score of **73** %

 **Prof. Andrew Thangaras**,
NPTEL Coordinator
IT Madras

Feb-Mar 2026

Roll No: NPTEL26CE1251238800160 Duration of NPTEL course: 4 Weeks

The candidate has studied the above course through MOOCs mode, has submitted online assignments and passed proctored exams.
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✓ VAST TC FACULTY MEMBER APPOINTED VICE CHAIR OF IEEE KERALA
SECTION STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 2026





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Prof. Lekshmy S, a faculty member of the **Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at VAST TC**, received a prestigious appointment in recognition of her active involvement and contributions to IEEE student and professional activities. As Vice Chair of the Travancore Hub, she will play a significant role in coordinating and promoting student engagement initiatives, technical activities, leadership programmes, and professional development events under the IEEE Kerala Section during 2026.

The announcement was made by IEEE LINK, the Local Integrated Network of Kerala IEEE Students, as part of its newly constituted Student Activities Committee for 2026. Prof. Lekshmy S will lead and coordinate student-focused initiatives across the Travancore Hub, which covers a key geographical cluster of engineering institutions in Kerala.

The Student Activities Committee plays a pivotal role in nurturing student leadership, technical skill development, and professional networking through IEEE. Her appointment to this prestigious state-level position reflects her consistent contributions to student mentoring, technical education, and IEEE activities at VAST TC.

The IEEE Kerala Section Student Activities Committee 2026 is chaired by Dr. John George, CEA, with Mr. Varghese Cherian, UST GLOBAL, serving as Advisor. Other Vice Chairs include Prof. Vishnu S, CCET for Kochi Hub, and Dr. Bindima T, GECK for Malabar Hub.

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S (Asst. Prof., ME), Ms Ashily M Baby (Asst. Prof., CSE), Ms Devika K P (st. Prof., ECE), and
Ms Aswathy S (PA to Principal).

SUGGESTIONS & SUPPORT

We value your suggestions for improvement. For contact or assistance on related matters, please email us at wednesdaynews@vidyatcklmr.ac.in. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

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