The Inaugural Function of the I B.Tech and B.Arch programmes was held on 19th July 2013 in the TRP Auditorium. Dr. Abdul Ghan, the Dean, welcomed the freshers, parents and all the invitees. Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Director (E&T), SRM University spoke on the Engineering and Technology stream focusing on the curriculum and on bridging the gap between Institution and Industry. Dr. Narayanaswamy, Director, presented a special address. Mr. V. Mohan Srinivasan, Principal Consultant, Wipro Technologies, Chennai stressed on the employability skills of the students. In his Inaugural address, Dr. P. Thangaraju, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Medical), SRM University gave an overview of the University. This was followed by a motivating Presidential Address by our Hon’ble Chancellor, Dr. T. R. Pachamuthu with his thought-provoking ideas and enlightened the audience on the milestones that has enabled SRM University attain world-acclaim today. Dr. L. Antony Michael Raj, Vice-Principal proposed the vote of thanks.
A one day Workshop on Chemistry Popularization was conducted by the Dept. of Chemistry on 10/8/2013 in association with the Association of Chemistry Teachers (ACT) and Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (TIFR), Mumbai. The Workshop was catalyzed and supported by National Council for Science and Technology Communication, DST, New Delhi. The Workshop was aimed for the students of class VII to XII and chemistry/Science teachers. Around 350 students and 40 teachers in and around Chennai participated in the workshop. It was inaugurated by Dr. N. Sriman Narayanan, Professor, Dept. of Analytical Chemistry, University of Madras. Dr. S. Ponnusamy, COE presided over the function. Dr. Brijesh Pare, Vice President, Association of Chemistry teachers and Chief Coordinator, of the workshop delivered the Special address. The talk was followed by the Quiz Session and Chemistry Magic was performed by Dr. V. Chidambaranathan, Professor in Chemistry, Anna University. A discussion was conducted on “How the element of WOW could be introduced in Chemistry Teaching—Learning process.”

Our School of Management conducted the first Alumni Meet on 25th August 2013 which was graced by Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Director (Engineering & Technology), Dr S Narayanaswamy, Campus Director, Dr L Antony Michael Raj, Vice Principal and Dr C Sundar Head, School of Management. More than 65 Alumni belonging to various batches participated. Mr Antony Christopher (Asst Manager, Indian Bank) of 2012 Batch was elected as President and Ms Ramsya Gayathri (Entrepreneur, Interior Designing) of 2008 Batch was elected as secretary of MBA Alumni Association.

An International level Tennis tournament was organized by Deaflympics in Sofia. Mr. S. Prithvi, III B.Tech IT ‘B’ of SRM University, representing the Indian Team participated in the same between July 26th and Aug 4th 2013. He played singles, doubles and Mixed doubles in the tournament. He won the 5th place.

Mr. S. Sathish Kumar defended his Ph.D thesis entitled “Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Activities of Triazolo and Tetrazolo Diazepam Derivatives” on 12.06.2013. Dr. Helen P. Kavitha, Research Supervisor, Dr. Farid Khan, Central University, Madhya Pradesh and Dr. Kannan, Anna University were present.
The Dept. of Mathematics, organised an interdisciplinary Mathematical Modelling Competition on 21.8.13 for the students. Dr. R. Usha, Department of Mathematics, IIT Chennai and Dr. R. Sahadevan, Ramanujan Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics were the judges. Rohith Dubey and his team from EEE Dept. and Amith Kumar and his team from Civil Dept. shared the 1st Prize. G. Pavithra and her team from ECE dept. won the 2nd prize. Anindya Halder and his team from EEE Dept. and Kirupa Shankar and his team from Mechanical Dept. shared the 3rd prize.

A National level Technical Symposium VERSIO ‘13 was organized by the Dept. of EEE, SRM University, on August 23, 2013. Dr. C.Kamalakannan, Professor/ EEE, Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai graced the function as the chief guest. The Valedictory Function was presided over by our Vice Principal Dr. L.Antony Michael Raj.


This team was awarded a Trophy as a token of their appreciation by pronouncing them as organizers.
The Department of English organised ‘Literary Meet 2013’ on 22nd August 2013. Dr.K.Ganesh, Associate Professor, Department of English, Madras Christian College was the Chief Guest. Dr.Ganesh gave a Midas touch to the Literary Club activities for the Academic year 2013-2014. This was followed by his talk on “Science & Sensibility”. In his eloquent address, Dr.Ganesh presented a contrast between Science and Literature through a medley of examples. While Science and Technology is inevitable, it is Literature which appeals to the senses and to real life, The Campus Director Dr. Narayanaswamy and the Vice Principal graced the occasion. The day also witnessed the inauguration of the Debating Society.

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**Higher Studies**

An Introductory session on “Immigration & Overseas Education” was organized by the Dept. of English on the 21st August 2013 for the III year students. Mr.Manohar, Olive Consultancy gave an overview about Immigration procedures related to higher studies abroad.

**Dept. of Computer Applications**

Department of Computer Applications conducted a seminar on the topic WEB SERVICES on 05.08.2013. The speaker Mr.Senthilkumar Murthusamy from Softtech Resources was interactive. The topics provided information about web services, cloud technologies and also enlightened the importance of backup server, database and network security.

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