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SPECANCIENS: Charting a Strategic Future

SPECANCIENS is deepening community bonds by fostering mentorship, collaboration, and lifelong connection among St. Peter's engineers. New AI model projects encourage shared learning and real-world impact. Alumni will play a stronger role in guiding current students. Events and communication are being enhanced with smarter tech. Together, we're building a vibrant, supportive network for growth and leadership.

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Best Alumni Award 2024

Thakur Akshay Singh (GS, SA) secures the Best Alumni Award for the first consecutive year, honoring his outstanding leadership and enduring contributions to SPECANCIENS and the college community. (cont. on pg 3)



Forged in SPEC: Lokesh's Journey of Resilience and Growth

Lokesh, an EEE graduate from SPEC, turned an unexpected academic path into a powerful journey of learning and self-discovery. Guided by inspiring faculty and supported by close friends, he overcame academic and pandemic-related challenges with resilience. His active role in SPECANCIENS not only enhanced his leadership skills but also left a lasting impact on his professional life. Lokesh emphasizes the importance of attitude, mindset, and clarity alongside academics. His message to students is simple yet profound: "Always aim to fly high, no matter the condition of your wings." (cont. on pg 6)

Unleashing Creativity: The Heart of SPECANCIENS

The Creative Corner is where imagination meets expression—a platform for our members to share their artistic side through poetry, sketches, paintings, and more. It's a space that celebrates individuality, emotion, and the stories that go beyond the everyday. Here, creativity isn't just encouraged—it's celebrated. (Turn to pg 9 for more)

Nostalgia'23: A Joyous Celebration of Memories and Togetherness

On 23rd December 2023, SPECANCIENS proudly hosted Nostalgia'23, the annual alumni reunion of St. Peter's Engineering College, bringing together graduates from various batches to reconnect, celebrate their journeys, and strengthen ties with their alma mater. The event was filled with cultural performances, interactive games, and heartfelt alumni-faculty interactions. The beautifully decorated campus, complete with photo booths and festive banners, set the perfect tone for the evening. Distinguished alumni were honored, and nostalgic moments were shared with warmth and enthusiasm. Nostalgia'23 wasn't just a reunion—it was a vibrant celebration of memories, pride, and the enduring spirit of St. Peter's. (cont. on pg 3)

Leela's SPECANCIENS Journey

Leela reflects on how SPECANCIENS transformed her from a shy first-year into a confident leader. Her advice: "Take the leap and build a story, you'll cherish it forever." (cont. on pg 5)

The Changing Face of IT: Beyond Code

The IT industry has transformed into a blend of technology, creativity, and strategy. Today's roles demand more than coding—problem-solving, collaboration, and user focus are key. Emerging tech like AI and cloud computing are reshaping careers and expectations.

Continuous learning is crucial in a field driven by constant innovation. IT is no longer just technical—it's about shaping meaningful, human-centered solutions. Soft skills like adaptability, critical thinking, and ethical thinking are now essential. (cont. on pg 2)

The Changing Face of the IT Industry: Beyond Code

- Dhananajay, Board Member, SA

The Information Technology (IT) industry has entered a thrilling new era. Once focused almost entirely on coding, server management, and technical support, IT today is a vibrant, multidimensional field blending creativity, innovation, and business strategy. As technology weaves itself into every part of life, the expectations placed on IT professionals are broader, more dynamic, and infinitely more exciting.

A New Spectrum of Opportunities

In the past, mastering programming languages or managing networks was often enough to build a strong career. Today's IT landscape, however, demands more than technical brilliance. Organizations now seek individuals who can connect technology to real-world solutions, who bring creativity to technical problems, and who collaborate effortlessly across departments. Roles have expanded beyond software developers and system administrators. Modern opportunities include cloud architects, cybersecurity analysts, AI specialists, data storytellers, UX designers, and digital product managers. The industry values professionals who understand both the code behind a platform and the people who use

it. and ethical reasoning are rapidly rising in importance. Storytelling with data — turning raw information into compelling, actionable insights — is now a prized ability.

The Impact of Emerging Technologies

Revolutionary technologies have reshaped the industry dramatically. Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and augmented reality (AR) are no longer futuristic concepts; they are active tools in solving complex challenges across industries. Cloud computing has also changed the game. Instead of maintaining bulky hardware, professionals design scalable, agile, cloud-based solutions that support millions of users. Cybersecurity has become more critical than ever, protecting data in an increasingly interconnected world. These technologies demand not just technical mastery, but also ethical sensitivity, creativity, and strategic vision.

Looking Ahead: Endless Innovation

The future of IT promises even greater evolution. Quantum computing, ethical AI governance, digital sustainability, and next-generation cybersecurity will redefine what professionals do and how they do it. Continuous learning and curiosity are no longer optional — they are essential to long-term success. The IT world has truly moved beyond just writing code. It now demands a colorful mix of technical depth, creative thinking, human understanding, and ethical responsibility. Those who embrace this broader vision will help shape the technology-driven future in bold and meaningful ways.

Beyond Technical Skills

Today's successful IT professionals possess a powerful blend of technical and soft skills. Collaboration, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, adaptability, and leadership have all become crucial. Agile methodologies prioritize fast iteration and teamwork over isolated excellence.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: NOSTALGIA '23 (AAE) & DECENTNIAL GALA '13

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everyone with renewed pride and a deeper connection to their roots, promising even greater involvement from the alumni community in the future. With plans for mentorship programs, collaborative projects, and year-round engagement, the legacy of SPECANCIENS continues to grow stronger.

Nostalgia'23 has set a new benchmark for alumni engagement, and the enthusiasm generated has sparked excitement for future gatherings, ensuring that this cherished tradition will continue to thrive for years to come.



Best Alumni Award 2024:

Thakur Akshay Singh

We are thrilled to share that Thakur Akshay Singh has been awarded the Best Alumni Award. Since joining SPECANCIENS in 2022, Akshay has played a key role in elevating the recognition and impact of our alumni association within the college. Known for his friendly and approachable nature, Akshay balances warmth with a high level of professionalism and discipline in his work. His dedication, leadership, and inspiring presence continue to motivate both alumni and students. Congratulations, Akshay on another well-deserved honor!



"The moon"

– Farheen Nisha, Associate, SA

The moon is a silent witness
To the joys and sorrows of the earth.
She shines her silver light
On lovers and dreamers in the night.
She changes her shape and size,
As she orbits around the skies.
She waxes and wanes with grace,
And shows us her different face.
She inspires poets and artists,
With her beauty and mystery.
She is a symbol of hope and faith,
And a friend to humanity.

SPECANIENS: Charting a Course for Enhanced Impact and Strategic Growth

St. Peter's Engineering College's alumni association, SPECANIENS, outlines a strategic roadmap to amplify its role as a vital link between its alumni network and the current student body. Building upon its established foundation, the association is poised for significant expansion in reach and influence. This forward momentum is underpinned by structured initiatives and ongoing professional development within its operational framework.

A cornerstone of this future direction is the launch of "Futuristic AI Model Projects." This initiative will provide members with invaluable practical experience in leading-edge artificial intelligence technologies, specifically focusing on applications that address pertinent real-world challenges with societal benefits. The program aims to cultivate advanced technical competencies alongside critical problem-solving and analytical skills.

Furthermore, SPECANIENS intends to scale its established mentorship programs and signature events. The focus will be on creating more structured pathways for career guidance, facilitating meaningful internship placements, and broadening the network accessible to students. Operationally, the association is adopting technology-driven event management systems to enhance efficiency, communication, and overall professionalism. Enhanced collaboration and cross-functional training between the Operations and Executive Bodies are also prioritized to cultivate leadership and strategic planning capabilities within the association's governance.

In essence, SPECANIENS is strategically evolving beyond traditional networking functions to become a dynamic platform fostering leadership development, technological innovation, and a commitment to lifelong professional growth within the St. Peter's community.



STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS



We are proud to share that our Associate, **Kalle Akansha** (3rd Year, CSE), has secured the 1st rank in the Computer Science & Engineering department with an impressive CGPA of 9.12. Her dedication, consistent academic performance, and passion for learning have been truly commendable. This remarkable achievement is a testament to her hard work and perseverance.

We congratulate her and wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

We are delighted to announce that our Associate, **Karipe Neeraj Kumar** (2nd Year, CSD), has achieved 3rd place in the Project Expo at SPECFESTA'24.



A Heartfelt Farewell: In Conversation with Leela

Q: Hey Leela! Let's take it from the top — how did your journey with SPECANCIENS start?

Leela: (smiling warmly) Honestly, my entry into SPECANCIENS was quite unplanned. In the beginning, I was that typical first-year student — slightly overwhelmed, juggling academics, and trying to figure out where I fit in. I remember attending the SPECANCIENS orientation because a senior personally invited me.

I had no idea what the association actually did. But the way they spoke about alumni connections, about creating experiences and memories that last beyond college — it caught something in me. It wasn't about prestige or adding something to my resume. It felt...personal. So I filled out the form, not knowing that decision would eventually shape so much of my college journey.

Q: What was your first real experience after joining? How did it feel stepping into that world?

Leela: (laughs softly) It was a little chaotic, to be honest. My first event was an Alumni Talk series, and I was assigned to the guest coordination team. I was supposed to welcome alumni, guide them around, make sure they were comfortable. Sounds easy, right? But for someone who was shy and anxious about making a good impression, it was nerve-wracking. I kept rehearsing greetings in my head. "Good morning, sir. Welcome back to campus." Over and over. (laughs)

But the seniors were really supportive. They didn't expect perfection. They just expected sincerity, and once the event started, once I interacted with those inspiring alumni, I realized — this was bigger than just an event. It was about stories, connections, and building something meaningful.

Q: Was there a defining moment when you felt completely part of the SPECANCIENS family?

Leela: Absolutely. It was during our Annual Alumni Meet. It's one of our biggest events — the scale, the pressure, the chaos. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong that day. Mics failing, schedules shifting, guests arriving early, last-minute decor issues. At one point, I just stood backstage thinking, "How are we going to pull this off?" But then, I saw everyone stepping up. Seniors calmly guiding juniors, teammates covering each other's tasks without even being asked. It was like an unscripted symphony. No panic, just pure trust. That night, as we sat around post-event, tired but smiling, sharing leftover snacks and laughing over the disasters we survived — that was the moment. I knew they weren't just teammates. They were my people.

Q: How did SPECANCIENS help you grow in terms of leadership and personality?

Leela: (thoughtfully) SPECANCIENS showed me that



Ramaleela — Executive Member

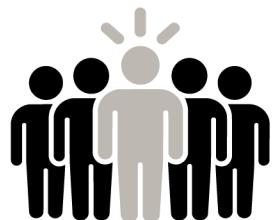
leadership isn't about wearing a title or giving instructions. It's about setting the tone when things get tough. I learned that real leaders aren't the ones barking orders — they're the ones quietly picking up tasks no one wants to do, checking in on team members, staying calm when things spiral. Handling alumni, managing juniors, dealing with technical crises — all these small, invisible battles slowly built my confidence. I started speaking up more, trusting my instincts, taking decisions without second-guessing everything. It wasn't an overnight change. It was gradual, and it stuck.

Q: If you had to describe your SPECANCIENS journey in a sentence, what would it be?

Leela: (smiling brightly) "It's where I found my courage, created unforgettable bonds, and discovered a version of myself that I had only dreamed of becoming."

Q: Final words for someone considering joining SPECANCIENS?

Leela: Take the leap. You might join thinking you're just helping with events, but what you'll actually be building is your own story — one filled with friendships, leadership, laughter, learning, and memories you'll carry for life.



coming up next..... "Alumni's Success Story"

Forged in SPEC: Lokesh's Journey of Resilience, Friendship, and Flying High

Stepping onto the grounds of St. Peter's Engineering College (SPEC) marks the beginning of countless journeys. For Lokesh, a graduate of the Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) stream, it was the start of a path that, while perhaps not initially planned, became profoundly formative. He recalls his entry into EEE, "Although EEE wasn't my initial choice, it served as a strong backup option... and it turned out to be a fantastic learning experience." This twist of fate set the stage for a journey defined by discovery, challenge, and connection.

The lecture halls and labs of SPEC became Lokesh's proving ground. He found himself drawn to the intricacies of subjects like Power Electronics, Non-Conventional Energy Resources, and Engineering Machines. Yet, the path wasn't without its hurdles. Like many students, he faced formidable challenges in subjects such as Digital Electronics, Signal and Systems, and Mathematics III. Through it all, the guidance of dedicated faculty shone brightly. "Faculty members such as Mr. Krishna and Dr. Ganesh had a tremendous positive impact on my academic journey with their outstanding teaching," Lokesh shares, acknowledging the mentors who illuminated his path.

Perhaps the most unexpected challenge arrived with the global pandemic, casting a long shadow over his B.Tech years. "During the lockdown, I spent almost 3.5 semesters studying from home," he recounts, remembering the struggle to maintain focus and motivation in isolation. In these trying times, the bonds of friendship proved unbreakable. "With the support and encouragement of my best friends," he reflects emotionally, "I was able to overcome those challenges and successfully clear my subjects." It's a poignant reminder that shared struggles forge the strongest connections.



Lokesh Reddy – Executive Member

Beyond academics, Lokesh sought growth through community. Drawn by the "concept and agenda" of SPECANCIENS, the alumni association, he initially joined as a Senior Associate, later earning a promotion to Executive Member. This involvement, spanning a year as a student and extending into his life as an alumnus, was seamlessly integrated. "Managing my time was not very difficult," he notes, highlighting his ability to balance responsibilities.

The true value of SPECANCIENS, however, unfolded in its lasting impact. "Being a part of SPECANCIENS made a significant impact on my professional life," Lokesh states emphatically. "It taught me how to carry myself confidently and how to address others respectfully. These skills have been deeply ingrained in me and continue to help me grow in my career." This experience underscores his firm belief in the power of alumni relations, viewing them as crucial for providing mentorship and real-world insights that shape student futures.

Looking around, Lokesh recognizes the evolving demands of the professional world. "Currently, the job market is even more challenging... Students must be mindful of the tough competition," he advises, urging current students to sharpen their skills and maintain academic diligence. Yet, he believes the foundation for success lies deeper than technical prowess alone. "Apart from academics," he insists, "students should cultivate a positive attitude, a strong mindset, and clear intentions. With these qualities, the rest of the skills will naturally develop."

Lokesh's journey is a testament to navigating unexpected paths, finding strength in community, and turning challenges into stepping stones. His message to the current students and future members of SPECANCIENS resonates with heartfelt wisdom:

"Always aim to fly high, no matter the condition of your wings. It's not about how big your wings are — it's about how much strength you have to lift yourself higher. Make your family proud and be the reason for their happiness. I wish all of you the very best for your future endeavors."

Lokesh's story is more than just a reflection; it's an inspiration, reminding us that the experiences and connections forged at SPEC provide the launchpad for reaching new heights.

Event Highlights



4. Nostalgia'24 - Annual Alumni Meet

For Graduated Students on 23rd Dec 2023

the annual alumni reunion of St. Peter's Engineering College was held, bringing together graduated students to reconnect with peers, faculty, and the alma mater. The event celebrated the professional journeys of alumni, rekindling memories and strengthening the bond with the college. It was a vibrant gathering, filled with interactions, performances, and heartfelt moments, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among all attendees. The event left everyone with a renewed commitment to contribute to the college's future growth and success.



1. Interaction & Awareness Program for First years On 30th Sep 2023

an interactive session was held for first-year students, featuring alumni speakers Shireesh, Syed Imran, Akshay, Sahithi, Bhargav, and Lokesh. The session focused on sharing their B.Tech experiences, offering practical tips for academic success, and providing insights into personal and professional growth. The alumni engaged with the freshers, sharing valuable advice on navigating college life and making the most of their time at St. Peter's Engineering College. The session fostered a sense of belonging and motivated students to embrace the opportunities ahead.



Hands-on workshop on Agile For 2nd Years On 16th Mar 2024

Sashidhar Kadambari conducted a one-day hands-on workshop on Agile methodology using JIRA for second-year AI&DS and CSG students. The session focused on Agile practices and demonstrated how JIRA can be used for project management. Students gained valuable skills to apply in academic projects and future careers. The workshop fostered an interactive learning environment, allowing students to ask questions and explore Agile workflows. It was an enriching experience that equipped them with practical knowledge for professional growth.

Public Speaking for Beginners: From Stage Fear to Stage Presence

If the thought of speaking in front of a crowd makes your palms sweaty and your mind race a thousand miles per hour — you're not alone. Most of us have been there, staring at an audience and feeling like a deer caught in headlights. But here's the exciting part: public speaking is not some secret talent you're either born with or without. It's a skill — and like any skill, it can be learned, polished, and even mastered.



Yash Mittal - Treasurer

The first step to conquering stage fear is understanding that nerves are natural. In fact, a sprinkle of nervous energy can make your speech more vibrant and real. The trick is to manage it, not erase it. Start by breathing deeply before you walk onto the stage. It sounds simple, but calming your body can anchor your thoughts and steady your voice. Think of it as hitting a personal "reset" button.

Next, preparation is your best friend. Know your material like the back of your hand — not word-for-word memorization, but understanding the core message you want to deliver. When you really own your content, you're less likely to blank out or panic. And trust me, audiences are far more forgiving than we imagine. They root for you; they want you to succeed!

Another powerful trick? Connect with your audience. Look around the room and make eye contact — not just with one person, but a few, scattered across the audience. This creates a warm, conversational vibe instead of a stiff performance. Imagine you're sharing exciting news with a group of friends rather than delivering a "perfect"

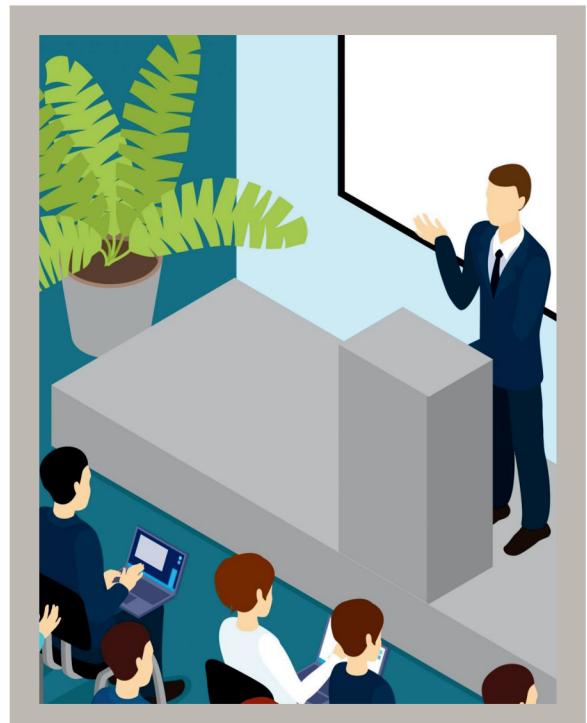
speech. Your energy will instantly feel more natural and relatable. Don't underestimate the power of your body language. Stand tall, shoulders relaxed, and use purposeful gestures. A confident posture not only projects assurance to your listeners but signals your brain to feel more confident too. It's a small shift that makes a huge difference.

Also, keep it conversational. Speak as you would in an animated discussion with your friends — enthusiastic, clear, and with natural pauses. You don't need fancy words or complex sentences to sound impressive. Authenticity always wins over perfection.

Finally, practice isn't just important — it's transformative. Rehearse aloud, record yourself, or gather a small group of friends for a mock session. With every practice round, your fear will slowly dissolve, replaced by familiarity and even a surprising sense of fun.

Public speaking isn't about being flawless. It's about making a connection, sharing your story, and standing in your own light with pride. So next time you feel those butterflies fluttering before you speak, smile and welcome them — because they're a sign that you're about to do something truly powerful.

You've got this. Your stage presence is just waiting to shine.

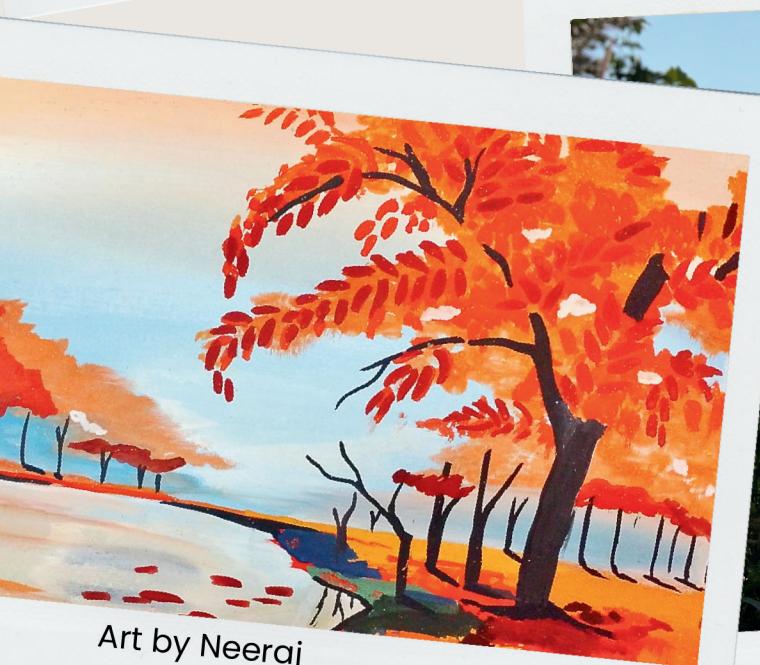




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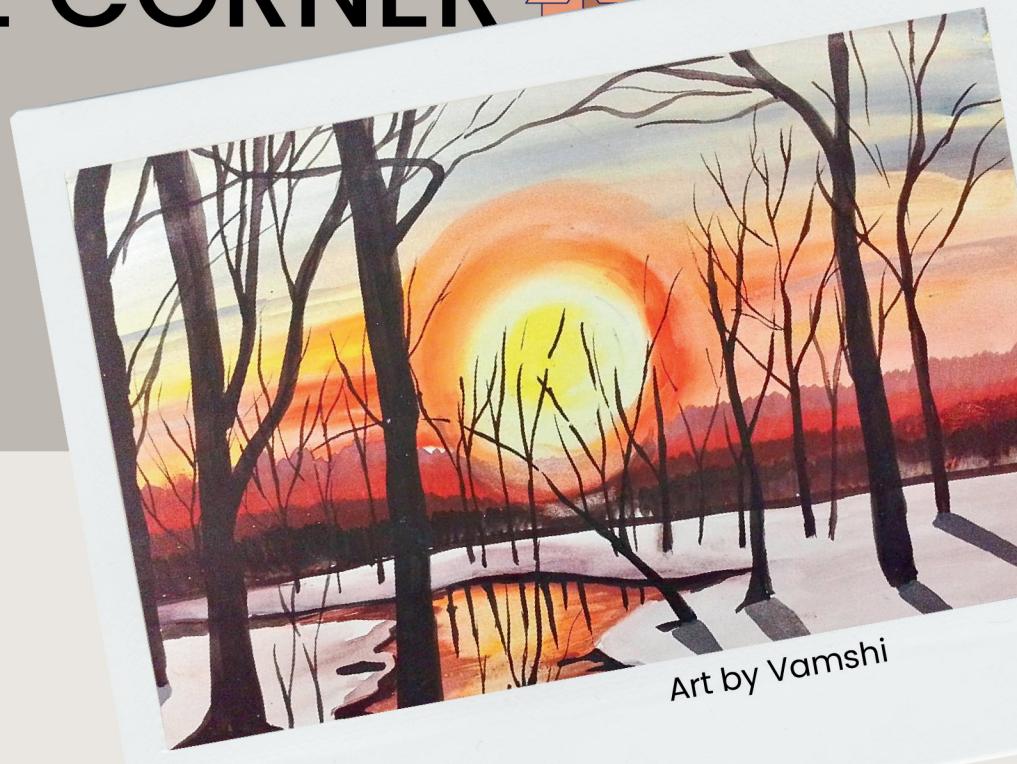


Art by Akansha

CREATIVE CORNER



Step into SA's creative realm, where vibrant imagination meets refined technique. Through their compelling photography and expressive artwork, SA explores themes of identity, nature, and emotion, drawing viewers into a space of wonder and contemplation. Every creation reflects a deep passion for storytelling, making their work both visually stunning and deeply meaningful.



Art by Vamshi

EDITORIAL



Welcome to the latest edition of the SPECANIENS newsletter, your premier connection to the thriving alumni community of St. Peter's Engineering College (SPEC), Hyderabad! In 2024, SPECANIENS represents a dynamic global network at the forefront of innovation and impact. This newsletter is our platform to share cutting-edge developments, celebrate collective successes, and strengthen our lifelong engagement with SPEC.

This issue delves into the exciting initiatives shaping the future of our network and the remarkable achievements of our alumni. We'll spotlight members leading technological advancements, share inspiring stories of impact in various industries, and feature the creative and entrepreneurial spirit within the SPECANIENS community. Expect updates on flagship programs and future-focused events.

The foundation built at St. Peter's Engineering College empowers us to lead and innovate. SPECANIENS actively fosters this potential through high-value networking, impactful mentorship, and forward-looking learning opportunities. This newsletter keeps you plugged into these resources, essential alumni events, college news, and the pioneering accomplishments of your fellow SA members.

Your active involvement drives the influence and reach of SPECANIENS. Share your breakthroughs, mentor emerging talent, and connect with peers pushing boundaries. A vibrant network depends on your participation. Whether aiming to collaborate on new ventures, give back strategically, or stay informed on industry trends through your peers, SPECANIENS is your catalyst.

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to bringing you content that reflects the cutting edge. Expect deep dives into emerging technologies with alumni experts, columns on future-proofing careers, and inspiring features on disruptive startups founded by SA members. We eagerly await your feedback on how we can elevate this newsletter further.

Thank you for being a driving force within the SPECANIENS family. We hope this issue sparks ideas and reinforces your connection to our innovative community.

Sincerely,
The Editorial Team, SPECANIENS Newsletter (2024)

UP NEXT...

Exciting times ahead! Our upcoming issue dives into the journeys of our rising talents and their experiences joining the SPECANIENS family. Catch all the highlights from our recent flagship events, discover the artistic flair of SA, and enjoy an inspiring one-on-one with a trailblazing alumnus. Don't miss these stories of ambition, inspiration, and community!

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