Report on the Inaugural of the Open Air Theatre & P.U Building

22\textsuperscript{nd} August 2014 was a really significant and momentous day in the history of Dr. NSAM First Grade College. It was the first time that three of our guiding lights and patrons were present together for the Inaugural function at the college.

Meticulous arrangements had been made for the occasion and the staff and student council of Dr. NSAM FGC had left no stone unturned to ensure the success of the programme. Invites had been sent and each part of the programme was planned with a strict watch on time schedules.

At 11.00 a.m. sharp our guests – Shri N. Vinay Hegde, President Nitte Education and Chancellor, Nitte University arrived along with Dr. N.R Shetty, former Vice Chancellor Bangalore University and Chief Mentor NMIT and Mr. Rajendra, Director – Finance & Planning arrived. Col. Ramachandra, College Co-ordinator, Mrs. Rajalakshmi, P.U Principal and Dr. Meera Krishnappa, Principal of First Grade College accompanied the guests.

The guests were accorded a ceremonial and traditional welcome by our 2 NCC cadets and girls of the degree college doing an aarti. Rose petals were strewn on the red carpet as the guests were escorted to the dais by the NCC cadets.

Other guests from our sister institutions such as Dr. Nagaraj, Principal of NMIT, Prof. Ranganath Shetty, Academic Dean, NMIT, Prof. Manjunath, Director of NSOM and Smt. Sandhya Singh, Principal of Nitte International School were also present along with many of the staff members of their institutions to add lustre to the occasion.

The inaugural programme commenced with an invocation followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais – Shri N. Vinaya Hegde, Dr. N.R Shetty, Mr. Rajendra, Col. Ramachandra, Mrs. Rajalakshmi and Dr. Meera Krishnappa.

The lighting of the lamp was followed by the welcome address given by Dr. Meera Krishnappa, the Principal of Dr. NSAM First Grade College. All the three guests were presented with bouquets as a token of our love.
Col. Ramachandra then spoke about the development of the infrastructure in both the institutions – FGC & P.U College. He stated that though the P.U College had started in the Degree College premises, today, it had its own building thanks to the generosity and vision of the Nitte Management. He also informed the audience that more classrooms had been added to the P.U Building and a hostel facility had also been provided in the second floor of the building to cater to outstation students. He outlined the various projects such as the Open Air Auditorium, Fully equipped Science Labs, A State of the Art Seminar Hall, Spacious Classrooms and the Hostel Facility with all amenities, that were undertaken this year and how they had been completed in record time. He stated that now both institutions were fully self sufficient as far as infrastructure was concerned and he thanked Shri N. Vinaya Hegde, President of Nitte Education Trust for his generosity in sanctioning all the projects.

Mrs. Hemavathi, Senior Faculty of Dr. NSAM FGC introduced Dr. N.R Shetty our chief guest for the day. Dr. N.R Shetty then addressed the gathering. He appreciated the fact that the Dr. NSAM First Grade College had come a long way since its inception. He was happy that both the degree college and the P.U College had a good infrastructure and hoped that both colleges would now work towards academic excellence as there were plenty of opportunities for bright students not only in India but also abroad. He promised all support from NMIT.

Ms. Bhagya, the Vice Principal of Dr. NSAM FGC then introduced Shri N. Vinaya Hegde, President of NET and Chancellor of Nitte University who was presiding over the function. Shri N. Vinaya Hegde then shared his thoughts with the audience which listened in rapt attention as he traced the origins of the college and how Dr. NSAM First Grade College was the first institution founded outside of Mangalore. He expressed his happiness and satisfaction on the physical growth of both the colleges but hoped to see them become centres of excellence like the other Nitte Institutions. He recalled his mother who had inspired him to take up the cause of education and reiterated that unless our educational institutions impart education and learning in the true sense, we would not be able to succeed as a nation. He added that India is a young nation as compared to many others and we need to capitalize on this resource. He wished all the students success in their future and requested them to respect the traditional values of courtesy, respect and care for the aged.
The inaugural programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Rajalakshmi, Principal of the Dr. NSAM P.U College.

The cultural programme then commenced after the dignitaries took their seats in front of the stage. The cultural programme which was well appreciated comprised of a devotional song, a Bharatnatyam recital, and a Bollywood medley by students of the First Grade College along with a folk dance by students of the P.U College.

The guests were then escorted to the new entrance of the P.U Building where our chief guest Dr. N.R Shetty cut the ribbon. A small puja was performed at the entrance after which all the staff and guests proceeded for high tea. Immediately after the high tea, Shri N. Vinaya Hegde and Shri Rajendra observed the presentations by Dr. NSAM FGC and Dr. NSAM P.U. College in the Seminar Hall.

Dr. Meera Krishnappa commenced the presentation highlighting the strength, new admissions, staff, annual fee structure, results and initiatives taken this year to improve the academic results, attendance and overall discipline of students. All the new committees formed also made their presentations by outlining their objectives, achievements and action plan for the year. Dr. Meera Krishnappa concluded her presentation by stating that the future vision of the college is to improve admissions, results, placements and work towards accreditation and financial viability.

This was followed by a presentation by Mrs. Rajalakshmi the P.U Principal wherein she brought out the various problems faced by the institution earlier and how these have been addressed through various measures taken by the staff and the Principal of the college.

Due to time constraint both Mr. N. Vinaya Hegde and Mr. Rajendra had to leave but they have promised to come back in September 2014 and provide their feedback on the presentations after a detailed study of the same. They were happy with the efforts put into the presentations.