

National Conference on Emerging Trends in Mechanical Engineering (ETME-2009) at GCET, Vallabh Vidyanagar
One More Feather in the Crown of GCET

Department of Mechanical Engineering, GCET has added one more feather in the crown of GCET in terms of its National recognition. The National Conference on Emerging Trends in Mechanical Engineering (**ETME-2009**) during **20-21 March 2009** was a grand success. This was second consecutive national conference after the vibrant success of previous conference ETME-2008, which was the maiden attempt by the department as well as college to hold such National Level Conference.

The basic objective of the conference was to illustrate the emerging trends in the field of Mechanical Engineering and to provide a common platform to academicians, industrialist, research scholars and brilliant student of the country to share and exchange their technical knowledge and expertise.

Dr. C. L. Patel, Chairman of Charutar Vidya Mandal showered his blessings on the conference organizers and encouraged them. Dr. S. L. Bapat, Head-Mechanical Engineering of IIT, Bombay was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker of the conference. He delivered a lecture on Emerging Trends in Mechanical Engineering quite appropriate to the theme of the conference. During the inaugural function Dr. S. V. Vaishnav, Hon. Joint Secretary, CVM delivered the presidential remarks. Dr. Anurag Verma, Principal and Chairman of the conference greeted the delegates with warm welcome and briefed them regarding GCET. Prof. Mukesh Bulsara, Head-Mechanical Engineering and Convener of the conference provided a brief detail of the department and conference.

The organizing committee has received enormous response from across the country in the form of research papers from highly experienced academicians as well as from young and brilliant students. Participation was from almost all the corners of the country and from reputed academic institutions such as IITs and NIT. Industries such as, L&T, NTPC, Forbes Group etc. had also participated. It was a tough time to scrutinize from among many good papers. As learnt from the organizing secretaries, Prof. Darshak Desai and Prof. Alpesh Mehta, they received around **95** papers, out of which 85 were accepted after scrutiny. Total **70** papers registered for presentation and during the **2 day conference 60** papers were presented through total nine technical sessions. The technical sessions were arranged in parallel to cover all the paper during limited time span. The papers were presented under six sub group viz, Thermal Science and Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Design, Production, Material Science and Metallurgy and Industrial Engineering and Management.

During the valedictory function Dr. R. P. Arora, Advisor, Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering, GCET, recalled the success of previous conference ETME-2008 and congratulated the organizers and delegates for even bigger success of ETME-2009.





