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Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge. The science of today is the technology of tomorrow



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# Message from the Principal



#### Dear Desalites,

This year we have the joy of blessing and inaugurating pure science in our college. The Chemistry lab as well as the Physics with wonderful facilities is a witness to the importance given to science and those who follow it closely.

As a part of scientific research we learned that use of ball pens (use and throw culture) has harmed Mother earth in its own way.

Hence to save her from further harm the college has come up with "Fountain Pen Campaign - One Pen Many Years" wherein all the students pledge to use fountain pen and reduce the dispatch of plastic ball pens.

I am sure it would make a heaven of difference to Mother earth and natural disasters would reduce. I wish all the DeSalites understand the value behind this campaign and join hands with this great movement.

Hail DeSalites!

Fr. Dr. Herold Christopher PRINCIPAL

## Let's Meet: Stephen William Hawking

Stephen William Hawking CH CBE FRS FRSA is an English theoretical physicist, a former Lucasian professor of mathematics, cosmologist and author of the famous book, "A brief history of time". Sir Stephen Hawkins is the currently Dennis Stanton Avery and Sally Tsui Wong— Avery Director of Research at Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge.

Professor Hawking is known for his work on black hole radiation (Hawking radiation), gravitational singularity theorems and was the first to set out a theory of cosmology. He is a

vigorous supporter of the 'many- worlds interpretation' of quantum mechanics.

In 1963, Hawking was diagnosed with a form of motor neurone disease and given two years to live. But still he continues his family life and research and communicates with the world through computerized voice system. A recipient of a dozen of honorary degrees and numerous awards still hopes to make it into space one day.

## **SCIENCE** on wings

As per Marie Curie, scientific work must be done for itself, for the beauty of science, and then there is always the chance that a scientific discovery may become like the radium a benefit for humanity. Science is always exciting and the inspiration gained from this motivating excitement has bloomed as a wing dedicated to science on 24th October 2017 by Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial of the South West India Province and the General Manager of the College who evoked our commitment towards the college and thereby to the nation.

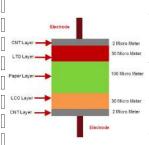






### **Student's Corner**

#### **PAPER BATTERY**



A paper battery is a flexible, ultra-thin energy storage and production device formed by combining carbon nanotubes with a conventional sheet of cellulose based paper. In addition to being unusually thin,

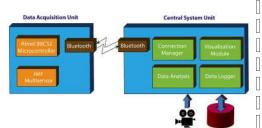
paper batteries are flexible and environmentally-friendly. The paper-like quality of the battery combined with the structure of the nanotubes embedded within gives them light weight offering potential for portable electronics, aircraft, automobiles and toys.

The batteries employ nanotubes, potentially slowing commercial adoption due to excessive cost. Widespread commercial deployment of paper batteries will rely on the development of more inexpensive manufacturing techniques for carbon nanotubes.

#### **BLUE EYES TECHNOLOGY**

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is to develop a computational machine having sensory and perceptual ability like those of humans.



☐ The Blue Eyes

technology system is a combination of a set of hardware and software systems. The hardware consists of a central system unit (CSU) and data acquisition unit (DAU). Bluetooth technology is provided for the coordination and communication between the two units. Using the Blue eyes Technology it is able to record and monitor the user's physiological condition and can thus provide a healthy stress free surroundings where the computers and humans can work together as intimate partners.

## **Faculty Corner**

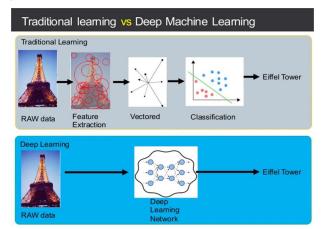
# AI vs. Machine Learning vs. Deep Learning

Al and machine learning are often used interchangeably, especially in the realm of big data. But these aren't the same thing, and it is important to understand how these can be applied differently.

Artificial intelligence is a broader concept than machine learning, which addresses the use of computers to mimic the cognitive functions of humans. When machines carry out tasks based on algorithms in an "intelligent" manner that is Al. Machine learning is a subset of Al and focuses on the ability of machines to receive a set of data and learn for themselves, changing algorithms as they learn more about the information they are processing.

Training computers to think like humans is achieved partly through the use of neural networks. Just as the brain can recognize patterns and help us categorize and classify information, neural networks do the same for computers. Benefits of neural networks are (i) extract meaning from complicated data (ii) Detect trends and identify patterns too complex for humans to notice (iii) Learn by example (iv) Speed advantages

The concept of deep learning is sometimes just referred to as "deep neural networks," referring to the many layers involved. A neural network may only have a single layer of data, while a deep neural network has two or more. The layers can be seen as a nested hierarchy of related concepts or decision trees. The answer to one question leads to a set of deeper related questions. Deep learning networks do not need to be programmed with the criteria that define items; they are able to identify edges through being exposed to large amounts of data.



Prof. Jithy Lijo Dept of Computer Science

## **Know Our Research Organizations**

India has world class research institutes for various subjects in the discipline of Science. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is the chief of most of the scientific research activity in India. There are more than 30 premier research organizations working under the purview of CSIR. Apart from CSIR, Indian Council of Medical Research and DRDO supervise research activities in the institutions those comes under their purview.

Following are some of the top research institutions in India.

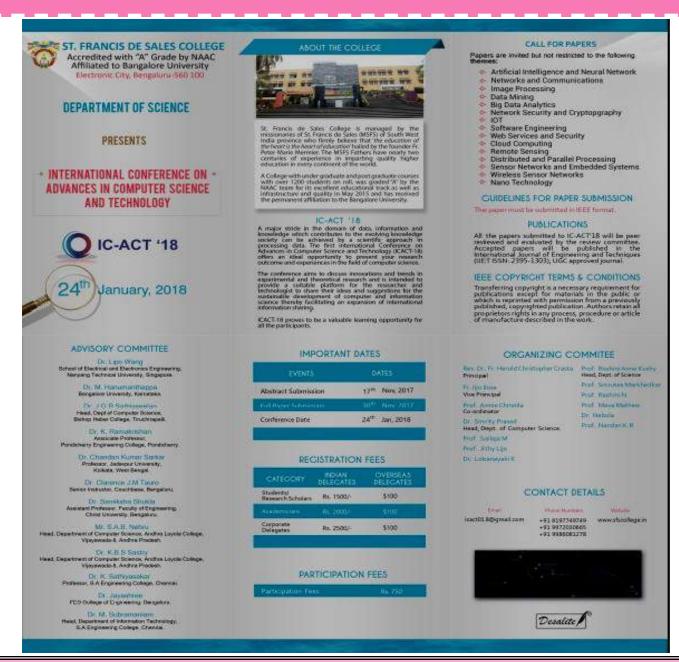
- Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore)
- National Physical Laboratory (New Delhi)
- Defence Research Development Organisation (New Delhi)
- Institute of Physics (Bhubhaneswar)
- Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (Mumbai)
- Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (Pune)
- National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (Pune)
- Inter-University Consortium for DAE Facilities (Indore)
- Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (Bangalore)

- Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Chennai)
- Centre for Advanced Technology (Indore)
- Indian Space Research Organisation- (I) Physical Research Laboratory (Ahmedabad); and (2) Space Physics Laboratory (Thiruvananthapuram)
- Mehta Research Institute of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics (Allahabad)
- Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (Mumbai)
- Physical Research Laboratory (Ahmedabad)
- Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (Kolkata)
- S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (Kolkata)
- Raman Research Institute (Bangalore)
- Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (Kalpakkam,)
- Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (Hyderabad).
- Indian Institute of Astrophysics (Bangalore)
- Institute of Plasma Research (Gandhinagar)

Prof. Nandan Department of Physics

# **Upcoming Event**

"INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCES IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY"
IC- ACT 2017
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