

Dr. Sam Pitroda Visits Sahyadri





Welcome by the Management Team

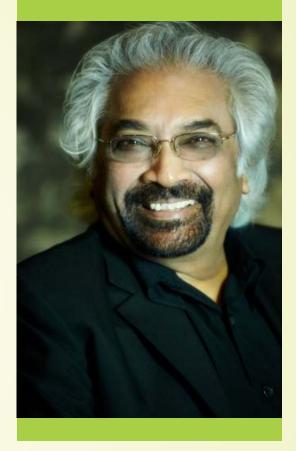


Stepping into Sahyadri Campus

About Dr Sam Pitroda

Dr. Sam Pitroda is an internationally respected telecom inventor, entrepreneur, development thinker, and policy maker who has spent 50 years in information and communications technology (ICT) and related global and national developments.

Credited with having laid the foundation for India's telecommunications and technology revolution of the 1980s, Dr. Pitroda has been a leading campaigner to help bridge the global digital divide. During his tenure as Advisor to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Mr. Pitroda led six



technology missions related to telecommunications, water, literacy, immunization, dairy production, and oil seeds. He was also the founder and first Chairman of India's Telecom Commission. In these plural roles, Mr. Pitroda helped revolutionize India's development philosophies and policies with a focus on access to technology as the key to social change.

As a way to induce the second phase of India's technology revolution, in 2005 Mr. Pitroda headed India's National Knowledge Commission (2005-2009), to provide a blueprint of reform for the knowledge-related institutions and infrastructure for the 21st century in the country.

Recently, Dr. Pitroda served as Advisor to the Prime Minister of India on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovation, with the rank of a Cabinet Minister. He served as the Chairman of the Smart Grid Task Force, as well as the committees to reform public broadcasting, modernize railways, deliver e-governance, and other developmental activities.

Dr. Pitroda is a Founding Chairman of five non-profit organizations including the India Food Bank, the Global Knowledge Initiative and the Institute of Trans disciplinary Health. He is also a founding Commissioner of the United Nations Broadband Commission for Digital Development and Chairman of the

International Telecommunication Union's m-Powering Development Board that looks to empower developing countries with the use of mobile technology.

In addition, Dr. Pitroda is a serial entrepreneur having started several companies in the United States. He holds around 20 honorary PhD's, close to 100 worldwide patents, and has published five books and numerous papers and lectured widely all over the world.

Around the Sahyadri Campus



Research Design Lab - RDL Technologies



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Interaction with Students, Faculty and Staff

Dr. Sam Pitroda, while speaking to the audience, expressed his delight to be at the campus. He was fascinated by the student-centric innovations at the campus and referred Sahyadri to the 'Learning of tomorrow'.

During the interactive session, Mr. Manjunath Bhandary, Chairman, Bhandary Foundation introduced Dr. Pitroda to the students and staff. He said Sam's journey of life is an inspiration to him. He also said that during the setting-up process of Sahyadri College of Engineering & Management, he had approached Dr. Sam Pitroda for advice and Sam was very clear that an institution should be 1 out of 100 and not 99 out of 100. Chairman proudly expressed the fact that Sahyadri is now contributing to the society and has reached the goal which Sam had initially set for Sahyadri. He mentioned of the achievements talking about how Sahyadri has grown over the years. He also acknowledged that Sam is the person behind the strategic implementation of out-of-the box initiatives undertaken by Sahyadri.

Talking about education, Dr. Pitroda mentioned that the current education system needs to be changed. It is the next big challenge for the country. The world we live in is very obsolete. Information is been democratized. Everything is available yet we don't know how to use it. To learn something, you just need motivation, time and content. If you have enough motivation and time, you can get surplus amount of content on the internet and you can learn whatever you want, he said. Dr. Pitroda concluded his speech asking the students to face the unknown, redefine yourself & be creative.



Sam Pitroda visits Sahyadri Engg College



Sam Pitroda during an interaction at Sahyadri College

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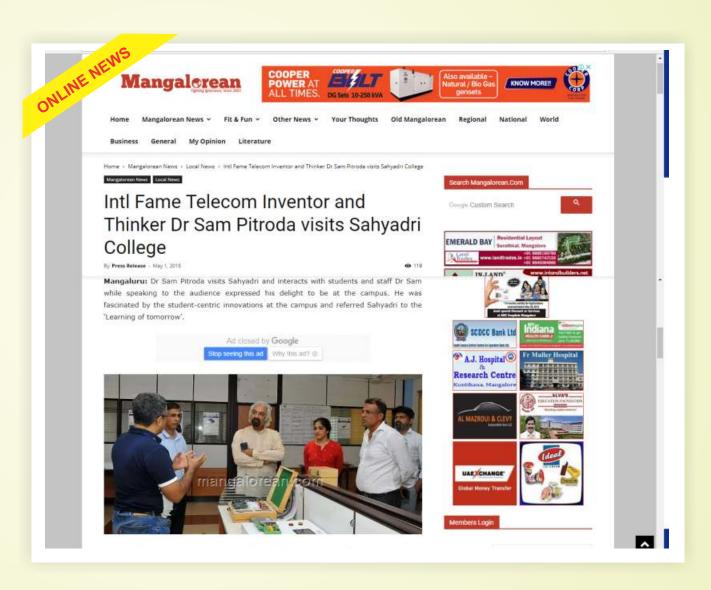


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Sahyadri College of Engineering & Management is in existence since a decade, being recognized by AICTE, Government of India, affiliated to VTU, Government of Karnataka, NAAC accredited with "A" Grade and certified by ISO.

Sahyadri has Academic MoU with various National, International Universities and also has collaborations with leading Corporate & Industries that have given a tremendous boost to the students for innovation, incubation, internships, research, projects and hands on experience.

Sahyadri encourages students to "Walk-in with the Idea and Walk-out with the Product". The College aims at imparting Project based learning, thus enabling students to understand the process of learning concepts.

Students right from day one are offered an opportunity to take part in the events held at IIT's, NIT's and SAE events, thus improving their analytical skills, connectivity and gain exposure across the globe. The total student and staff strength at campus is nearly 4000.



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