

EMPOWER 2011 – A Motivational Program for School Teachers

- 1 A unique program to motivate, inform and accredit Teachers
- 2 Aims to empower the student by enabling the Teacher
- 3 Lays emphasis on the teacher's well-being

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology (AVIT), an ambit institution of the renowned Vinayaka Missions University (VMU), organized EMPOWER 2011, the motivational program for school Principals/Teachers on November 19, 2011 at the AVIT campus, Paiyanoor, Chennai. Principals and Teachers from all over Tamil Nadu participated in the event.

The EMPOWER program is conducted every year and aims to motivate the Teachers and in turn guide their students on updated courses and concepts, thereby enabling the well-being of academia.

Prominent speakers and academicians including "Kalaimamani" Prof. **Dr. G. Gnanasambandhan** from Thiagarajar College, Madurai; "Thamizhtheni" **Prof. Dr. R. Mohan**, Madurai Kamarajar University, Madurai and "Thamizhsudar" **Prof. Dr. Nirmala Mohan**, Senthamizh College (Retd.), Madurai made thought provoking and invigorating speeches at the event. While Prof. Dr. G. Gnanasambandhan spoke inspiringly on the topic "Vetri Nam Pakkam" (Victory Is Ours), Prof. Dr. R. Mohan made an emphatic speech titled "Vallamai Tharayo" (Empower Me) and Prof. Dr. Nirmala Mohan gave a spirited speech on the topic "Vizhikalil Vazhi" (A Way Through Our Vision).

Over 230 Principals and Teachers from 90 institutions including Schools, Polytechnics and Arts & Science Colleges participated in the day long motivational program.

Dr. A. S. Ganesan, Vice-Chairman, VMU presided over the programme and said, "We are very happy to conduct the programme EMPOWER at AVIT every year. With the explosion of knowledge today, the teacher, besides providing theoretical knowledge has to be a guide who helps students grasp concepts and apply them."

Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, Director, Vinayaka Missions University explained the multiple roles performed by every teacher in an academic institution. **Dr. N. R. Alamelu**, Principal, AVIT welcomed the gathering.

The Teachers were taken on a campus tour during which they participated in the live demonstration of the latest and most sophisticated equipment at AVIT's state of the art laboratories to understand the technical concepts which the students learn in school.

The exposure gained by Teachers will also help them brief their students better about making apt choices in the various disciplines of study as they advance to higher classes. Besides making Teachers more self-confident and responsible, participation certificates were also issued.

The programme was well appreciated by the teachers who felt that this programme was a meaningful linkage between schools and colleges.