#### VELAMMAL COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, MADURAI – 09.

(Autonomous)

#### **Department of Mechanical Engineering**





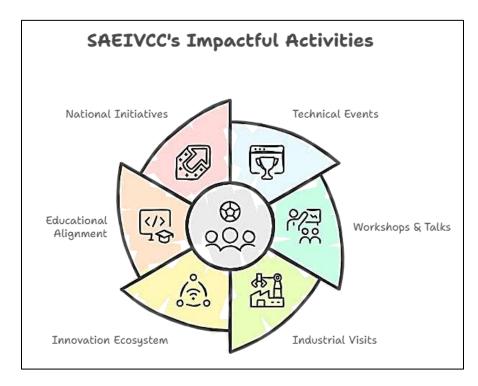


#### **SAEINDIA Velammal Collegiate Club (SAEIVCC)**

The **SAEINDIA Velammal Collegiate Club (SAEIVCC)** is a professional student chapter established under the **Society of Automotive Engineers India (SAEINDIA)**. It serves as a dynamic platform for students to explore advancements in mobility engineering, design, and manufacturing through active engagement in technical events, competitions, and collaborative learning. The club aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry by nurturing engineering excellence, innovation, and professional competency in automotive and allied domains.

Through participation in SAE events such as BAJA, SUPRA, EffiCycle, Aero Design Challenge, Bicycle Design Challenge, and Tractor Design Challenge, students gain practical exposure to real-world engineering problems, project management, teamwork, and product development. The club regularly conducts workshops, expert talks, design challenges, and industrial visits to enhance technical knowledge and leadership skills.

The activities of SAEIVCC play a significant role in strengthening the institution's innovation ecosystem by encouraging multidisciplinary collaboration, supporting the outcome-based education framework (OBE), and aligning with national initiatives like "Make in India" and "Skill India."



#### **Objectives of SAEIVCC**

- To promote student interest in mobility, design, and manufacturing technologies.
- To bridge the gap between academic learning and industrial practices.
- To provide hands-on experience through participation in SAE events and design competitions.
- To foster innovation, teamwork, and leadership among students.
- To create industry-ready engineers capable of addressing real-world challenges.

#### Name of the In-Charge with Designation:

Faculty Advisor - Dr. M. Vivek Prabhu, Assistant Professor / Mechanical Engineering

#### Events organized under SAEIVCC during the academic year 2023-24

S. No.	Name of the Event	Resource Person/Chief Guest	No. of Participants	Date
1.	Guest Lecture	Mr. S.S. Nallaperumal (Deputy Manager, Electrified Powertrain Control Systems development, Stellantis Engineering India, Chennai	45	19.08.2023
2.	Bi Cycle Design Challenge – 5th Edition BDC 24	Held at Knowledge Institute of Technology, Salem	12	25.02.2024



Mr.Nallaperumal SS. Delivered a guest lecture on Electric Vehicles Charging Technology.

#### Events organized under SAEIVCC during the academic year 2024-25

S.	Name of the	Resource Person/Chief	No. of	Date
No.	Event	Guest	<b>Participants</b>	
1.	Guest Lecture	Mr. M. Eswaran Assistant General Manager Fenner, Madurai	55	21.09.2024
2.	Student Convention – National Level	Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology, Chennai	12	21.09.024
3.	Student Convention – National Level	Kongu Engineering College - Perundurai	14	25.10.2024
4.	Guest Lecture	Mr. Meenakshi Sundar Kannan , CFD analyst of Lennox India Technology Center	55	18.10.2024
5.	Bi Cycle Design Challenge – 6th Edition BDC 24	Held at Knowledge Institute of Technology, Salem	8	26.10.2024



**Student Convention – National Level on 21.09.2023** 

## **Events organized under SAEIVCC during the academic year 2025-26**

S. No.	Name of the Event	Resource Person/Chief Guest	No. of Participants	Date
1.	Technical Talk	Mr. E. Kavieyarasu Assistant Manager, TAFE,	75	28.07.2025
2.	Guest Lecture	Madurai Mr. Ganesh Balanchandran Senior Powertrain Development Engineer, BRP Inc., Linz, Austria.	53	01.08.2025
3.	Technical Talk	Mr. G. D. Balakumar Chasis Engineer, Stellantis, Chennai.	55	01.08.2025
3.	SAE India Southern Section  - Tier 1 Competition	-	80	20.09.2025 & 27.09.2025
4.	Leadership Training Programme – Colt 2025-26	Mr. S. Shanmugam, Chair Member, SAEINDIA	55	31.10.2025 & 01.11.2025

TECHNICAL TALK ON

# STRATEGIC SOURCING

by Mr. Kavieyarasu, Assistant Manager at TAFE, on 28th July 2025.

On 28th July 2025, the SAEIndia Velammal Collegiate Club organized an insightful Technical Talk on "Strategic Sourcing". The session was delivered by Mr. Kavieyarasu, Assistant Manager at TAFE, who shared his expertise and professional experience with the students.

The talk focused on the importance of strategic sourcing in modern industries, highlighting how systematic supplier selection, cost optimization, and long-term vendor relationships play a crucial role in improving efficiency and competitiveness. Mr. Kavieyarasu also explained how sourcing decisions directly influence production quality, supply chain resilience, and overall business performance.

The session provided students with a clear understanding of procurement strategies, industry best practices, and the role of mechanical engineers in ensuring sustainable sourcing. Interactive discussions made the talk engaging, allowing students to clarify their doubts and relate theoretical knowledge with real-world industrial applications.

This technical talk not only enhanced students' awareness of supply chain management but also emphasized the need for engineers to develop managerial and decision-making skills in addition to technical expertise. It was an enriching experience that broadened the horizons of the participants, preparing them to face future industrial challenges with a holistic approach.



Technical Talk by Mr. E. Kavieyarasu, Assistant Manager, TAFE, Madurai on 28.07.2025

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Velammal College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), organized an enlightening seminar on "Automotive / Powertrain Development: Needs of Today and Tomorrow" on 1st August 2025 at Prof. C. K. Prahalad Hall, Dr. Sivali Ganesan Block. The session was graced by Mr. Ganesh Balachandran, a distinguished alumnus of the 2008-2012 batch, who currently serves as Head -Model Based Engineering and Senior Powertrain Development Engineer at BRP Inc., Linz, Austria.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome to the guest speaker, honoring his achievements and his continued connection with his alma mater. Mr. Ganesh delivered an engaging talk that captured the attention of both students and faculty as he explored the current trends, challenges, and future opportunities in the field of automotive and powertrain development. He emphasized how the global automotive industry is undergoing a major transformation, driven by advancements in technology, sustainability goals, and changing consumer demands.



Mr. Ganesh's thoughtful responses and real-world perspectives provided clarity and motivation, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering extended its heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Ganesh Balachandran for his time, effort, and inspiring address. The event not only enriched the technical understanding of students but also strengthened the bond between the department and its alumni network. This seminar served as a valuable reminder that engineering excellence stems from curio sity, innovation, and the determination to adapt to an everevolvina technological world.



# Automotive/Powertrain Development: Needs of Today and Tomorrow

by Mr. Ganesh Balachandran, Senior Powertrain Development Engineer at BRP Inc., Linz, Austria, on 01st August 2025.



Guest Lecture by Mr. Ganesh Balachandran, Senior Powertrain Development Engineer, BRP Inc., Linz, Austria on 01.08.2025

# Understanding Tire Mechanics and Vehide Dynamics

Guest Lecture by Mr. Balakumar G. D, Product Development — Chassis Engineering at Stellantis, Chennai.







### "Mastering Vehicle Balance"

The Department of Mechanical Engineering organized a Guest Lecture on "Understanding Tire Mechanics and Vehicle Dynamics" on 28th August 2025 at the II Floor Smart Classroom, Dr. Sivaji Ganesan Block. The session was delivered by Mr. Balakumar G. D, a proud alumnus of the 2008–2012 batch, currently serving in Product Development – Chassis Engineering at Stellantis, Chennai.

Mr. Balakumar shared valuable insights into the intricate relationship between tire mechanics and vehicle performance. He explained how factors such as tire design, material composition, and pressure influence vehicle stability, control, and overall dynamics. The lecture also shed light on the role of chassis engineering in enhancing ride comfort, traction, and safety in modern vehicles.

Students actively participated in the interactive session, gaining a deeper understanding of how theoretical concepts are applied in real-world automotive development. The session proved to be both educational and inspiring, bridging the gap between classroom learning and industrial practice.

Technical Talk by Mr. G. D. Balakumar, Chasis Engineer, Stellantis, Chennai on 28.08.2025





SAE India Southern Section - Tier 1 Competition held on 20th and 27th September 2025













Club Officers Leadership Training (COLT) Programme held on 31.10.2025 & 01.11.2025