

**Tribute to Dr. C.V. SRIDHAR**  
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I was one of the student who was privileged and blessed to study Engineering degree course in P.S.G. College of Technology Peelamedu, Coimbatore. I entered in 1969 and finished my course in 1974.

A most interesting and proud moments happened to me in PSG Tech was given below as a mark of respect to my beloved teacher Shri. C.V. Sridhar.

During the final year we were asked to select the topic for doing Project Work as per our curriculum. A cut off date was given. I was contacting my batch mates to form 3 member group to inform the Project guide. It so happened that whom even I met a reply came to me that they have already formed. So left with no alternative we three (all like me) formed a group and met our guide. I selected a topic "Design and Construction of LENS antenna". We all met our guide and informed him. He accepted and gave instructions how to go about.

My project mates informed that I should take up the work of collecting various notes for the design and write up. The other two project mates said that they will do the construction part. I started collecting various study material in our Library. Took notes. A rough sketch and design data was drafted and we all went and met our guide. I explained to him and he gave green signal to go ahead.

Last semester in college as you know full of functions, parties, etc. The mood was elated every day. Thanks to my juniors in various clubs and my class mates who were with me in the hostel for 5 years. Every day passed with full of happiness.

The design part was over and with my project mates we purchased required materials. In the PSG Industrial factory engineering works carried out. Lens antenna was made in Aluminum sheets. Cutting, Buffing is most import part in the design. Our group constructed the model with a 2½ feet stand and a strong round steel bottom for support.

We took that model to the Laboratory. Tested the Model. In our first attempt itself it was functioning efficiently and we got desired signal reception. No words to express our joy. Our guide was happy and appreciated all. I started writing the project report with more zeal.

We all got good score in our Viva-voce (Practical exam). One copy of our Project Report was given to the Electronics Department.

AFTER 25 YEARS SILVER JUBILEE YEAR 1999.

We celebrated our Silver Jubilee year in August 1999. I took my wife, 2 sons. They got company and went with them. I was visiting various departments to recall my memory. I visited the Electronics lab and just moving around seeing the developments

after 25 years. While I passing I saw a model kept near a cupboard. I just went to that model and turned it. To my surprise it was our Project Model. Our names were embossed and I was happy and curious. I called the lab executive and enquired. I just told him that I came to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Jubilee reunion. I asked him why this model which was made in 1974 was kept. He said Sir, we have been using it as one of the experimental type for the lab. I asked him whether it is working still now? Yes Sir it was working well and it was very useful practical model? I still went around and I searched whether any project model was kept (1974 my batch models). I could not find any? The Lab assistant did not enquire about me and I was also not revealed to him that I was the one among three in that name board appeared in the project model.

Our project, a working model was used for the ECE students from 1975 to 1999. I could not share this joyful moment with any of the group at that time. Since our programme was very tight.

Then 2019 came and we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> year Reunion taking 1969 (Entry year) as our 1st year. It was one day gathering in College / Hostel Campus. Two days trip to Ooty. We honoured our Professors and at that time we were told that Dr. C.V. Sridhar passed away. I could not visit the Electronic Laboratory to check whether our project model was still there. Due to paucity of time I could not visit any of the department.

On a rough calculation of 50 students / year in ECE branch, upto 1999 around 1200 students might have used that Lens Antenna Reception. I attempted to inform this memorable incident in 2019 as a mark of respect to our beloved guide. But I could not find time in Ooty where we spent two days.

Nowadays with influx of number of engineering colleges, I find advertisement to prepare project work for students? In those period the PSG College Professors made the students to design and construct a working model. How great it was. We learned, designed and was confident to took up career.

Even my batchmates did not know about this happy news till date. I dedicate this write-up as a mark of tribute to Dr. C.V. Sridhar.

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#### Request

1. To publish in Parent Chapter Magazine
2. To publish in our Website
3. To inform in Reunion meetings for Juniors
4. To inform me whether that model is still in use in the Laboratory

Thanking you,



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