Dear Members,

Greetings and good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all our readers.

New Year is generally the time to retrospect as well as look forward. It is the time to reflect on the highs and lows of our past year, as well as our plans and aspirations for the coming one.

The year 2017 has been satisfying and professionally rewarding for the institution, with most of our Centres showing upward mobility. As a community, we were delighted when AICTE recently published a public notice confirming valid recognition to all our students who were enrolled with us upto 31st May 2013, which would help them for their higher education and employment. However, this was already recognized by MHRD, earlier.

Let me assure all that we are pursuing this issue earnestly and hope to get affirmative response from higher authorities, who I am sure need no introduction to IETE and its benevolent activities. I look forward to the year ahead in keen anticipation of my members’ enthusiastic support towards the activities of the institution, together with renewed sense of commitment.

On the activity front, IETE recently organized 64th Foundation Day of the institution on 2nd Nov 2017 in a grand scale at HQ as well as various Centres/Sub-Centres, reinforcing its commitment for furtherance of intellectual enhancement of our members in the respective domain. The topic “Changing the World through Data Science” fired the imagination of one and all and I strongly urge larger attendance at such thought provoking sessions, where leading experts expound mind boggling advances that shape human destiny. Another significant event was 27th Sir J C Bose Memorial lecture delivered by eminent personality- Prof Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor- JNU, New Delhi on the topic, “Philosophical Origins of Higher Education”. His inspiring lecture compelled listeners to ponder over current challenges faced by the human society such as environmental protection, mental health, quality of life rather than merely technology focusing on standard of living.

Members would be glad to know that the institution is forging ahead with bold initiatives to empower women members of our society via holding special educative women centric sessions. We are aiming at giving the underprivileged women either free computer education or hold interactive sessions to enhance their awareness level about the potential they can achieve via digital empowerment. Success stories in this regard will be highlighted via a special sub-link on our website. Members are requested to share their programme contents with IETE.

IETE Telecommunications Regulatory Advisory Committee in its recent meeting formulated recommendations to serve as valuable inputs to the Government for the upcoming ‘National Telecom Policy-2018’. These focused on Digital India (Smart Cities, Broadband Highways), Make in India (Manufacturing, R&D, Export Promotion), Telecom Infrastructure (Green Telecom, Sharing & Safeguarding of Infrastructure), Spectrum Management (Efficient use, Harmonisation & Audit) and Skill Development-cum- Capacity Building. It is fervently hoped that these inputs will create significant value-addition.

Other initiatives that IETE is planning to undertake are (a) Creation of a digital platform-“IETE Discover” to promote and publish papers presented by students/scholars at ISF events or during any Conferences at IETE Centres. (b) Incentives to ISFs, Centres/Sub-Centres, Organizations who enroll large number of fresh members.
Perhaps many of our members may like to take advantage of such incentives that IETE is offering under membership drive. Alumni members can appeal their friends to join IETE. I am sure we can accomplish more with the help of members’ contribution.

IETE is also thinking of organizing/hosting some flagship conferences/seminars in niche areas for the benefit of the professional community. In 2018 IETE Bangalore Centre will be conducting 1st IETE International Conference India- 2018 on Technological Advances and Applications in IoT, Data Analytics/Big Data & 5G” during 2-4 May, 2018 at Bangalore.

Under skill development programmes, IETE successfully trained about 97 students in various certificate/Diploma/Advance Diploma/Post Graduate Diploma courses of Information Security and Cyber Forensics with the collaboration of Sedulity Group. Next, we have signed an agreement with M/s Proedge to conduct courses like Digital Marketing, Data Science, Java/C++ at Delhi and NCR. Efforts are being made to start these courses soon. ‘IETE Finishing School’ is yet another programme which has been designed by IETE with an objective to groom fresh, unemployed engineering graduates in the Electronics, Telecom & IT domain. It will have 6-weeks full time skill enhancement course with an objective to bridge skill gaps of participants and help them getting employed with the appropriate industry. I urge the passouts to avail this opportunity by getting enrolled in IETE Finishing School.

Applications can be sent as per the advertisement details hosted on www.iete.org.

Lastly, IETE Centres/Sub-Centres, which have significant role and responsibilities to play in propagating the objectives of organization are entreated to rise up to the occasion and explore the ways of interacting with the State Governments to promote state level technical programs or activities that could be taken up at school/college levels to add meaning and value to our activities. I am happy that all our Committees and Boards of the Institution are working towards it.

We appreciate the continued support of our members and look forward to work together in a common endeavour of development to further enhance the image and stature of this great institution.

Wishing you all once again a very happy New Year 2018.

Prof (Dr) KT V Reddy
Digital India initiative by the Government is poised to leapfrog the country to $1 trillion economy by the year 2022. This new productivity platform aims to usher inclusive empowerment of people. To capture the impact of this mind-boggling pace of change, IETE held this year’s Annual Convention during 17-18 September on the topic, ‘Marching towards Digital Economy’ at Kochi.

The event was inaugurated by Vice Admiral AR Karve, AVSM, FoC-in-C Southern Naval Command. Dr Vinay Kumar Dadhwal, Director, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Trivandrum, delivered inspiring 49th Bhabha Memorial Lecture during the inaugural session. Eminent experts from India and abroad besides Governing Council Members, Past Presidents and Distinguished Fellows attended.

Venue, the Auditorium of Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology (RSET) situated on extreme end of the city provided an intellectually-stimulating environment, where delegates - mostly youngsters bubbling with their findings - gathered for interchange of ideas.

Hosted by IETE Kochi centre and RSET, the event was a resounding success where students, teachers and experts fruitfully interacted to understand implications of this transformative technology. Interestingly, the presence of overseas Awardees from Denmark, Malaysia and Iran added tremendous value to the depth of interactions.

Shri CK Haridas, Zonal Coordinator (South) welcomed the audience and Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy provided overview of the AIC. President IETE, Lt Gen (Dr) AKS Chande, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) mentioned that India’s 500 million+ Net users - second to China - aspire to emulate world’s most valuable companies like Apple, Alphabet, Microsoft, Amazon to transform India to become a knowledge economy creating a complete new breed of skilled jobs.
Life Time Achievement Award was presented to Past President and Distinguished Fellow, Lt Gen Ashok Agarwal, PVSM (Retd) who selflessly served the profession for over five decades. Distinguished Fellowship was conferred upon Brig Lakshman Singh, VSM (Retd) and Past President, Shri RK Gupta. Long service retiring Council members, Dr S Pal and Prof C Murali were honoured for their services. The function also witnessed the soft launch of the book by Prof S C Dutta Roy, DFIETE, on “Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing” which is a collection of tutorial articles.

Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy was installed as the new President who outlined his dream-vision for future strides by the institution, namely setting up of the IETE University.

Dr TK Mani, Chairman Kochi Centre traced historical background of the Bhabha Memorial Lecture, where eminent experts expounded their ideas. Dr VK Dadhwal in his Lecture provided overview of the space technology, tracing roadmap of country’s stellar milestones like Chandrayan, Mangalyaan, launch of 104 satellites from one Rocket at fraction of costs incurred by others. Epochal development of cryogenic technology - denied by super powers - upped India’s image amongst comity of nations. He highlighted establishment of two Indian Earth Stations in Antarctica as part of monitoring mechanism of climate change. Space - mankind’s final frontier is all set to enable the world to attain ‘Global Sustainability Goals’.

Vice Admiral AR Karve AVSM emphasized the benefits of Government’s giant steps towards launch of Digital Economy via transformative innovations. Rapid smart-phones growth in Tier –II cities is leading to seamless penetration of 4G technology, enabling a whole range of services without commuting. He stressed emerging challenges like IPR, Security, legacy brick-and-mortar entities competing with e-commerce giants. Universal use of mobiles has empowered common man, improving quality of life. He highlighted Indian Navy’s role in hosting multiple services via a robust foolproof network.

Prof Ranjan Kumar Mallik of IIT Delhi, while delivering IETE Ram Lal Wadhwa Award Lecture elucidated the deployment of low-power, low-complexity receivers for sensor networks embracing Internet of Things and 5G technology. Distributed Antenna systems overcome major technical limitations. His talk covered the usage of Multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) system employing multi-level amplitude shift keying, where he filed a US patent.

Technical sessions were managed by Dr TK Mani, Chairman, Kochi Centre. Presentations of contributed papers by scholars elicited lively response. Valedictory session consisted of conferment of wide range of IETE awards to recognize excellence in scientific endeavor. These awards also included: Best Centre: 1st Position- Hyderabad; 2nd Position: Ahmedabad; Best Sub-Centre: 1st Position- Kozhikode; 2nd Position: Nashik.

Cultural program by local artists was highly appreciated. The AIC culminated in special visit to Kochi coastal waters.
India’s niche professional society, the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers celebrated its 64th Foundation Day on November 02, 2017. Foundation stone for the nationally recognized Institution was laid by Dr S Radhakrishnan, the then Vice President of India on 02 Nov 1953. Since then the Institution has grown from strength to strength and is now counted among the leading professional societies, and is devoted to the advancement of science & technology in Electronics, Telecommunication, Information Technology, Computer Science and other related disciplines.

The theme chosen to commemorate this year’s IETE Foundation day was “Changing the World through Data Science”. The dignitaries included, Dr M P Poonia, Vice Chairman AICTE; Dr B K Murthy, Group Head, MeITY; Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy, President IETE; Shri Gurjit Singh Butalia, Director (Technology) Aricent; Mrs Bina Sharma, CEO, Yukti Consulting; Prof M N Hoda, Chairman Technical Programmes & Publicity Committee(TPPC) and Maj Gen P K Jaggia, VSM (Retd) Secretary General IETE. The event was attended by Past Presidents of IETE, Governing Council members of IETE, Govt departments, Defense services, industry and volunteers.

The overview of the programme was given by Prof M N Hoda, who traced the milestones achieved by IETE like celebrations of Silver Jubilee followed by Golden Jubilee impacting lives of more than 1 lakh students during its 64 years of existence. He said that IETE was engaged in polishing skills via value added conferences and globally renowned publications. President IETE, Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy, in his address outlined the laudable aims and objectives of the Institution via its multidimensional activities, providing platform for creating awareness about latest technological trends at 63 Centres located in India including one at Kathmandu, Nepal.

Chief Guest, Dr Poonia, emphasized on building ‘enduring partnerships’ between industry and academia to leverage the emerging opportunities in view of digital transformation. He remarked that though industry is changing its paradigm in tune with global trends, educational institutions have yet to embrace the tempo. He rued that almost 50% educational infrastructure remains unutilised. Dr Poonia announced that AICTE is revamping academic curricula to include latest topics like Big Data, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, IoT, to address the yawning gaps in the intellectual skill sets.

AICTE is also formulating Start-up policies to meet the aspirations of youth who are bubbling with new ideas. He emphasized that mentors need to guide the young generation and vast knowledge base of IETE senior members should be exhorted to shoulder this responsibility. He also appreciated IETE’s yeomen role in propagating the latest technological knowledge at nominal cost to students.

Dr B K Murthy, in his quite inimitable way allayed the fears of youngsters sitting in the audience lest they be overwhelmed by the latest jargon and feel left out. One needs to understand how to cope up with the change, for which continuous updating or re-skilling is the need of the hour at every level, whether student or a teacher. Many disruptive technologies are coming leading to job worries but the interesting thing is that internet provides opportunity to re-skill yourself via Online courses which are mostly free. He remarked that the same internet connectivity is enabling patients in remote areas to avail of medical consulting over phones.

Guest speaker Shri Gurjit Singh Butalia, remarked that Data Science known as statistics in earlier days has witnessed tremendous reduction in life cycle, via online connection of data. This phenomenon called ‘Data driven Analytics’ gives useful feedback to implement real time action in practical situations. Today we have evolved from scarcity of data to explosion of data. To extract actionable knowledge from this vast data, there are tools like Cloud infrastructure, AI and algorithms, which are influencing our day-to-day lives. He cited the example of Google maps, used by cab companies like Uber and Ola. Self driving cars being tested in countries like Singapore, USA, Germany use ‘deep learning’ algorithms. Outlining the future trends he mentioned that Data Science will have useful applications in the areas of voice recognition, Computer Vision and Life sciences to enable us live healthy, long lives. He stated that ultimate use of Data Science will be to understand human behaviour to proactively manage conflicts.

Ms Bina Sharma mentioned that Data driven insight is central to provide strategic guidance in what she called as the 4th Industrial Revolution. Jobs will be created in new areas, 5 year old children will be performing the jobs that we have never heard before. Dominant trend today is towards open source software because most organizations including start ups have limited budget, which prevents them to make upfront investment. Flexible work environment will be the order of the day which will give fresh opportunities to earn more. She urged everyone to look closely at the ten strategic technical trends predicted by technology Consultant Gartner. Data Scientists need to be students all their lives to manage agile environment created by technologies like Blockchain, Cognitive machines, Robotic workforce, Artificial Intelligence and so on. She outlined names
of few overseas companies who specialize in providing Data Centric training.

Shri Atul Garg, Fellow member of IETE based in Australia, who was instrumental in opening a new Professional Activity Centre (PAC) in Perth, also graced the event along with his wife. He was felicitated for his yeomen services by President IETE. IETE also felicitated senior members who had long association with IETE. Members were: Shri Rajesh Kumar Arnold (F082719); Shri S S Madan (F-050510); Shri V P Sethi (F 009930); Shri Pooran Mal Bansal (F-054502) and Cmde Naveen Chandra, VSM (Retd) (F 053481).

The programme concluded with a lively Hasya Kavi Sammelan, where four eminent poets regaled the IETE fraternity.

Commemorating the birth anniversary of Sir J C Bose on 30th Nov 2017, the 23rd Sir JC Bose Memorial Lecture was delivered this year by Prof M Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, at IETE HQ on the theme ‘Philosophical Origins of Good Teaching in Higher Education’. Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy, President IETE, Past Presidents, Distinguished Fellows and Members present on the occasion, appreciated the inspiring manner in which it was delivered. The welcome note was delivered by Prof M N Hooda, Chairman, Technical Programmes & Publicity Committee.

The Guest Speaker successfully captured everyone’s attention by sharing his educational philosophies. He stressed the need of developing positive life style amidst technological transformational change. He highlighted how the technology is overwhelming our lives, attitudes. He said that a good teacher is a good human resource, who should know how to interact with his students and must have clear perception of role of a teacher and students.

The speaker’s presentation made the audience ponder over the bigger challenges and issues being faced by the human society today, be it mental-health issues like anxiety and depression, scarcity of biodiversity, environmental protection, spiritual development or need of looking into quality of life rather than standard of living. He highlighted the requirements of continuous skill developments by teachers to be effectual, apart from the necessity of continuous communication, clear content delivery, critical thinking, and good teamwork with students in the teaching environment. According to Prof Jagadesh Kumar the purpose of examination should only be to provide feedback to students of their learning progress and emphasized on the need of assessing them through constant quizzes, home assignments, preparing report on a topic or via seminars. He said that quality of enthusiasm should be integral with the teachers. He clearly brought out physical and inspirational aspects of teaching and learning, crucial role of teachers in student’s life, beside his personal teaching experiences in the profession. Vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary General, Maj Gen PK Jaggia, VSM (Retd) at the end.
IETE Zonal Seminars and ISF Congress

- **IETE East Zone Seminar** with ISF Congress was conducted during 15th-16th Jul 2017 at IETE Kolkata Centre on “Technology Needs for Smart India”. Sri S C Rudra, Chairman, IETE Kolkata Centre in his opening remarks welcomed the dignitaries, Chief Guest Shri Debasish Sen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of West Bengal, President IETE, other delegates and participants. This was followed by lighting of inaugural lamp. President IETE Lt Gen (Dr) A K S Chande, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) in his address highlighted the activities, future plans, social importance of IETE in the engineering fraternity. IETE Eastern Zonal Seminar book was released by Lt Gen Chandele. Delivering his address on Smart City, the Chief Guest Shri Debasish Sen, pointed the importance of concept in our society, and explained its benefits, security for inhabitants. Lt Gen (Dr) A K S Chandele, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) and Shri Debasish Sen were felicitated each with uttario and memento. Shri N Mitra, Hony Secretary, IETE Kolkata also shared the dais. Session ended with vote of thanks by Shri P S Biswas, Hony Treasurer, IETE Kolkata Centre.

The seminar was inaugurated on second day by Prof (Dr) Lalit Awasthi, Director, NIT Jalandhar, as the Chief Guest, who also delivered the keynote address. Prof (Dr) A K Paul, Vice Chancellor, Dr RekhaKalia Bhardwaj, Registrar and Dr Jasbir Rishi, Dean (Academics) DAV University were the other dignitaries on the dais. Prof (Dr) Paul in his welcome address touched upon the importance of ICT in development of not only smart cities but smart villages. Prof Gagan Deep Aul, Hony Secretary IETE Sub-Centre Jalandhar delivered concept note of the seminar. Prof (Dr) Lalit Awasthi explained the significance of ICT in resource management, waste management and smart transportation systems for upcoming smart habitats. Dr Sanjay Sood, Jt Director, C-DAC Mohali, presented an experiential view of how smart cities and technologies would lead to healthier and safer livelihood of citizens in a resource burdened future. Dr Ravi Inder Singh, Professor, GNDU Amritsar, highlighted the need of architectural innovations and smart urban planning techniques that can make smart cities a live reality.

Shri Utkarsh Mishra and Shri Aditya Sharma were recognized for securing 1st position in paper presentation competition, for their paper titled “Cyber Security: Threats & Measures”. Both the students are from IIIrd semester of ECE Dept of ISF, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Jaipur.

- **IETE Zonal Seminar and ISF Congress 2017**
(West Zone) was organized by IETE Yavatmal Sub-Centre at Jawaharlal Darda Institute of Engg & Technology, Yavatmal campus on “Recent Trends in Engineering & Technology” (RT_ET-2017)” on 8th Sep 2017. It was inaugurated by the then IETE Zonal Coordinator, West Zone- Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy, under chairmanship of Shri Kishor Darda, Secretary, JDES, Yavatmal. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Dr AA Ghatol, Ex Vice-Chancellor BATU, Lonere; Ex Principal GCOE Pune; Er AR Sawatkar, Principal GM (Mobile), Vidarbha-Marathwada Region, BSNL Nagpur; Shri Nitin Shrivastava, Plant Head, Raymonds UCO Denim Pvt Ltd, Yavatmal; Dr PV Ingole, Chairman, IETE Amravati Centre; Dr AW Kolhatkar, Principal, JDIET Yavatmal. Others in attendance were: Dr SM Gulhane, Chairman Sub-Centre and convener IETE Zonal Seminar & ISF Congress 2017; Prof A P Thakre Past Chairman of Amravati Centre, and Prof Khedkar, Past Chairman, IETE Pune Centre.

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The technical events organized by IETE Centres/Sub-Centres during the past four months were as follows:

AHMEDABAD

The Centre celebrated Engineers’ Day on 23rd Sep 2017 at Millennium Hall, Silver Oak College of Engineering & Technology on “Role of Engineers in a Developing India”. Shri Rajendra N Gaikwad, Convener of Program Committee & LEC member, highlighted importance of Engineer’s Day. Smt Smriti Dagur, Past President IETE touched upon the current activities and ISF students in her address. She inspired the students to take initiatives for new challenges in their fields and urged them to visit the ISRO Exhibition, Ahmedabad. A presentation of IETE activities was made through video after her speech. Smt Sweta Khandwala, Dir, Silver Oak Group of Institute graced the occasion. Other speakers were: Dr Saurin Shah, Principal, Silver Oak College of E & T, Dr Siddharth Jadaea, Principal of Aditya Silver Oak and Prof Nikunj Tahilramani, HoD EC, SO CET.

A workshop on “NavIC and GaGan Applications & Technologies” was organized jointly with SAC/ISRO at Silver Oak College of Engineering & Technology on 23rd Sep 2017, with Shri Nilesh M Desai, Dy Dir, SNA, SAC, Ahmedabad, as the chief guest. Dr Saurin Shah & Shri Aditya motivated students through their talks. Shri Rajendra N Gaikwad, Convener of Prog Committee introduced the topics and Shri Atul Shukla, Scientist, SAC/ISRO, threw light on “GAGAN: Systems & Research Potentials”. Shri Nilesh M Desai, spoke on “NavIC Applications & Enabling Technologies- Practical Case Studies”. Videos on GaGan & NavIC were shown to the students. Live demonstrations were done by a team of scientists from Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad on NavIC SPS Receivers, NavIC Dongle Receiver, NavIC Messaging Receiver, NavIC ASIC based Receiver; on Mobile Satellite Service (Reporting Service, Broadcast Service, Multimedia Service, Hand voice service) and on Vehicle Tracker Application using NavIC Rx, GSM & MSS RT in Silver Oak College Campus as well as SAC campus. The live tracking of NavIC receiver mounted on vehicle was displayed. The data from NavIC receiver was transmitted using MSS reporting terminal to HUB and from there it could be visualized on web portal. LEC Members Shri Rajendra N Gaikwad, Shri Sudhir Aggarwal, Shri CN Joshi, Prof Pankaj Prajapati, ISRO Team and Prof Nikunj Tahilramani (HoD, EC) with support of faculty member of Silver Oak College and IETE staff contributed towards the success of the program. ISRO team was felicitated by the Chief Guest.

Centre’s Foundation Day was observed on 29th Oct 2017. Dr S B Sharma, Ex Deputy Director Antenna System Area, Outstanding Scientist of ISRO SAC, Vice Chancellor/President Indus University was present as the Chief guest. The two expert speakers were Dr Dhaval Patel, AP/School of Engineering and Applied Science of Ahmedabad University, and Shri Sudhir Aggarwal, Scientist/Engineer ‘G’ from SNA of ISRO-SAC. Dr Sharma is a rare blend of fundamental researcher with sound understanding of the advanced electromagnetic modeling techniques and innovative hardware engineer having 44 years of diversified research, academic and teaching experience. Dr Patel’s area of interest includes Cyber Physical System, Cognitive Radio Networks-Physical Layer, Molecular Communications and MIMO Communications.

The Centre felicitated Prof O P N Calla on 8th Nov 2017, the Father of Microwaves Remote Sensing, Past President IETE, Past Chairman IETE Ahmedabad and Ex Communication Area Chairman Space Application Centre - ISRO.

64th IETE Foundation Day was observed on 10th Nov 2017 on theme “Changing the World through Data Science”. Dr Rajkumar, Dy Director, EPSA, SAC/ISRO was the Chief Guest while the theme speaker was Dr Surya Durbha, Assoc Prof, CSRE from IIT Bombay, gave his presentation on “Mobi-Informatics- Mobile map data for the societal benefit” and explained data science, handling, management, security and job opportunities. A special talk was also delivered by Shri Rajendra N Gaikwad, Scientist SAC/ISRO. Invited speaker Shri Awdhesh Sharma, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA, offered a recorded lecture with power point slides for display for huge data application and handling and latest technology used in retrieval.

A short-term course on “Computer Internet and Smartphone Awareness (CISAP)” was successfully conducted from 18th to 25th Nov 2017 to help women, housewives increase their awareness about computer and smart phone applications. Total 9 participants completed the course. The course was conducted and coordinated by Mrs Preeti Agrawal and other faculty members. Shri V K Garg, Outstanding Scientist ISRO and Former Dy Director, SAC, presided over the function and encouraged the participants to learn computer and apply in regular routine work. Shri V K Jain delivered welcome speech and motivated participants. Shri Bhargav Padia, Shri Ananth Shah, taught the participants about Microsoft word, Excel and Power point presentation. Smart phone awareness topics were covered by Ms Preeti Agrawal. Participants got more information of mobile settings and download applications like Ola app. Central Bank officer, Ms Sarita shared very useful information about net banking, account transfer, payment and account information. 7th Day of CISAP was followed by valedictory function, where Prof Usha Neelkantam-HOD EC, LD College of Engineering, was the Chief Guest. Shri K K Mehta Hony Treasurer welcomed the Chief Guest. Shri V K Jain, Chairman congratulated all participants with successful completion of
course while the participants shared their views at the end. The Chief guest delivered motivating speech and explained the necessity of such awareness courses from time to time. Vote of thanks was presented by Shri R M Makwana Hony Secretary.

ALLAHABAD

- On the occasion of Engineer’s Day on 27th Sep 2017, Chief Guest P S Rai, Chief Signal & Tele Comm. Engineer NCR Allahabad, spoke on the topic “Advancement in Indian Railways”. Er RN Mishra, Centre Chairman, delivered the welcome address while Prof KK Bhatani, DFETE, through his address recalled contribution of M Vishweshariya made towards development of major engineering projects in India. Er GS Shukla proposed vote of thanks. Other prominent participants during the occasion were: Prof SG Prakash, Prof Narsingh, Head JK Institute of Applied Physics and Technology, Dr Ashish Khare, Dr Rajneesh Srivastava, Dr RS Yadav, Hony Secretary, Er MK Singh, Er JP Mishra, Centre Vice Chairman and Dr GS Darbari.

- 64th IETE Foundation Day was celebrated on 9th Nov 2017, wherein Dr Zafar Taqvi prominent scientist from NASA was invited as the Chief Guest. He spoke on “Latest trends in Space Communication” elaborating various latest techniques used in space communication. He discussed the importance of RFID system which is helpful in tracing even the smallest lost particle or RFID tags that are attached to cash, clothing, and possessions, or implanted in animals and people, but he said the possibility of reading personally-linked information without consent has raised serious privacy concerns. Prior to talk of Dr Zafar Taqvi, Prof KK Bhatani, Director UPTECH gave in brief the contribution made by Dr Taqvi during his stay at NASA and also at Huston University where he is working at present at a very senior position. Around 100 students attended. Prominent dignitaries were Er GS Shukla, former Director of ITI, Prof Narsingh, HoD, JK Institute, University of Allahabad, Er MK Singh Ex GM ITI, and Prof PN Gupta amongst others.

BANGALORE

The date-wise activities conducted by the Centre were:

07-12 Aug 2017: System Design & Engineering for Active Phased Array Radar course for BEL, ISRO and CQAL, where Dr DC Pande, Indt Past Chairman was the Course Director and Prof HS Bhatia, Centre Hony Secretary was the Course Coordinator. Shri S Vardrajan, Former Director, LRDE inaugurated the course and delivered key note address. Subject experts were drawn from LRDE, Bangalore and Retired DRDO Scientists.

15 Aug 2017: Independence Day was celebrated and Prof HS Bhatia, Hony Secretary hoisted the flag.

08 Sep 2017: In association with UTL Technologies a five-day workshop on “Digital Design using FPGAs” was organized by Shri Jagannatha Rao. First three days were devoted to theory part and last two days were given to practicals.

9-10 Sep 2017: Under IETE Student Empowerment Program (ISEP), a workshop on IELTS Preparation was conducted, with Shri Satyanandan C, EC Member as the resource person.

15 Sep 2017: Engineers’ Day jointly celebrated with IMAPS India Chapter. A Hanumanth, Dy. Director General, AIR, Bengaluru, the Chief guest, spoke on “Latest Development in Radio Broadcasting”. Shri A B Srinivasan, Vice-Chairman presided over the function.

8 Oct 2017: A one-day workshop on “3P of DSP: Pedagogy, Principles and Practice” in association with Dept of EC, MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology (MSRIT), Bangalore, was held. Shri G Ramesh, Centre Chairman, Dr Ashok Rao, former Professor, IISc, Bangalore, Prof HS Bhatia, Hony Secretary, Shri Dwivedi, and Shri CG Raghavendra, Centre EC members attended the workshop. Shri Ramesh elaborated on the importance of signal processing, related it to cosmology and radio astronomy. He stressed on how interlinking of technologies was important for effective solutions. Interfacing with the help of sensors in mobiles, development of smart cities will lay focus on signal processing. He said that signal acquisition which requires a strong background of mathematics along with signal storage and processing would indeed be challenging. 100 plus participants were present. The person instrumental in organizing the workshop was Shri CG Raghavendra.
2 Nov 2017: IETE Foundation Day celebration and IETE-NY Gadadhar Memorial lecture were held together. Prof (Dr) T Menakadevi, the awardee of the memorial award delivered a talk on “Data Analytics for Future Software Define Radio Technology”. Dr MH Kori, spoke on “Changing the World through Data Science”. Selected senior IETEians were felicitated. Event had a gracious presence of Prof BS Sonde, Former IETE President, who was also honoured during the occasion.

CHANDIGARH

- The Centre celebrated Engineer’s Day at the Dept of ECE of ISF- Ambala College of Engineering and Applied Research, Devsthai, Ambala on 15th Sep 2017. Prof Ashok Kumar, ISF coordinator and Head, ECE Dept, highlighted the achievements of Sir M Vishveswarya, in whose memory the event is celebrated. The event had gracious presence of Dr Amit Wason, Principal, Gp Capt (veteran) CS Sharma, Registrar, Shri Ajay Pal Singh, Training & Placement Officer. Winners of various events were given trophies & certificates by Prof Ashok Kumar, ISF coordinator. The winners for 1st & 2nd positions respectively, for various events like Rangoli, were: Ms Pallavi & Ms Tanveen (3rd year) & Kashish & Shagun (2nd year); Project-display – Shri Saurav (4th year); Picture perception – Shri Navjot (3rd year) & Ms Pallavi (3rd year); Ad-Mad Show - Ms Akansha & Ms Pallavi (3rd year) & Shri Kunal & Ms Geetika (4th year) and Quiz competition – Ms Neha Bansal & Ms Priyanka (4th year) & Shri Punit & Shri Harsh (3rd year).

CHENNAI

- The Centre & ISF at Panimalar Engineering College, Chennai, jointly organized a guest lecture by Shri A Athif Shah, ABE Semiconductor Designs on “Embedded Designs and Development”. Another guest lecture on “Internet of Things (IOT)” by Shri Srinivasan, Technical Treasure Hunt and Autonomous ground Vehicle Competition [ROBOT RACE] was also organized. The events were held on 22nd Jul 2017, 27th Jul 2017 and 1st-5th Aug 2017. About 200 members attended.

- The Centre & ISF at Kings Engineering College, Chennai jointly organized two-day workshop on “Embedded system design and real time applications” during 22nd-23rd Aug 2017. About 130 members attended.

- The Centre & IE(I), (TN) jointly celebrated the 50th Engineers Day on the theme “Role of Engineers in a Developing India” on 15th Sep 2017. About 125 members attended.


- The Centre & ISF at Chennai Institute of Technology, Chennai, jointly organized a guest lecture, which was delivered by Shri Santhanakrishnan, DGM (Retd), BSNL, Chennai Telephones on “Optical Communication” on 25th Sep 2017. About 175 members attended.

- Shri David Raj Daniel, Practice Lead, Database Engineering and Architecture Risk Solutions Royal Bank of Scotland, Chennai was Chief Guest for IETE Foundation Day, that was observed on 28th Nov 2017. This was followed by felicitations of Shri Tata Sudhakar
DEHRADUN

- On IETE Foundation Day 2nd Nov 2017, a talk was organized by the Centre on “Women Empowerment”, by Dr Priya Zadu, Director, State Centre for Adult Education, Uttarakhand, who has vast experience in the field of Women Empowerment, Adult Education and Save the Girl Child, projects of Government. The talk given highlighted the difficulty faced by women in their lives, and also tried to educate the audience in ways of helping the needy. About 100 members participated. The speaker has been associated with various projects of state and central governments like Saakshar Bharat- related to Adult Education program of GOI; Samavesh- a pilot project on financial inclusion; Awaahan- a project to save girl child and ensure effective working of PCPNDT act, UNDP-DoJ- access to justice program and UNDP-IKEA- women empowerment program etc.

DELHI

- The Centre organized a motivational lecture on the topic ‘Goods & Service Tax (GST) – Recently introduced New Mechanism on Indirect Taxation” by Shri Manish Kumar Rastogi on 22nd Oct 2017 for IGNOU students.

- A one-day workshop was held on “Safety Measures for Digital Transactions” by Shri Dinesh Bhatt on 14th Oct 2017. About 60 students attended.

- A one-day women program on “Computer Literacy” was organized on 20th Nov 2017 by Ms Pritika Nagi, Company Secretary, attended by about 30 women.

ERODE

- The Centre celebrated Teachers Day on 5th Sep 2017, by arranging a lecture by Prof R Mohan, Dept of Management Studies, Kongu Engineering College (KEC), Erode. Dr S Arumugam, Centre Hony Secretary, CEO, Nandha Educational Institutions (NEI) delivered the presidential address. Dr G Murugesan, Chairman/ IETE Erode Centre and HoD/ECE, KEC welcomed all. At the end, vote of thanks was proposed by Dr V Ashok, Hony Treasurer/IETE Erode Centre & Associate Professor/ECE/KEC. 40 members attended.

- A skill development programme was organized for the IETE Corporate members and ISF students on 15th Sep 2017 which started with a prayer song. Shri S Sundaramoorthy, CEO, Sunshiv Electronics Solution, Coimbatore, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Dr S Arumugam, Centre Hony Secy, CEO, NEI presided. Around 45 members attended. Dr D Malathi, AP/ECE/KEC proposed vote of thanks. A similar program was organized during 6th-9th Oct 2017 with resource persons, Shri S Sundaramoorthy and Shri S Sathesh, Production and Training Head of Sunshiv Electronic Solutions, Coimbatore, with the participation of 53 ISF students.

- 64th Foundation Day was organized on 8th Nov 2017 at Kongu Engineering College (KEC), Perundurai in the gracious presence of Dr AM Natarajan, Chief Exec, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam. The special lecture on “Data Science” was delivered by Dr M Madheswaran, Principal, Mahendra Engineering College, Mallasamudram. Dr M Madheswaran (F-158597), one of the most senior members of the centre was felicitated for his contribution for the development of technical education. ISF -Nandha Engineering College was lauded for its outstanding performance for conduct of various technical and non-technical activities during the year 2016-17. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr S Arumugam, Centre Hony Secretary.
GOA

• The 64th IETE Foundation Day celebration was held on 3rd Nov 2017 at IETE Goa Sub Centre, ETC Dept, Goa College of Engg. The dignitaries included: Shri Omkar Prabhu, Chief Guest and Keynote speaker; Dr HG Virani, Centre Chairman; Ms Sonia Kuwelkar, Centre Hony Secretary. The IETE’s President Message on the occasion was read by Ms Sonia Kuwelkar. The Chief Guest delivered his keynote address on Data Analytics using SEARCH. He elaborated on SQL and the advantages of SEARCH over existing Databases. The applications of SEARCH in Fraud detection, Global business, Document Analysis, Log Analytics, E-commerce, Corporate Search, and Government Sector was emphasized. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Palhavi Kerkar.

• The 1st (2017-18) Governing Council Meeting this year was held during 9-10th Dec 2017 at Goa.

GULBARGA

Under the leadership of Dr G Laxminarayana, Chairman and some senior members of IETE Hyderabad Centre, a meeting was conducted at IETE Gulbarga Sub-Centre, BKIT, Bhalki on 11th Nov 2017. The welcome remarks were given by Dr A M Bhavikatti, Centre Chairman. Dr V Gunasekhar Reddy, Vice President IETE, present on the occasion also addressed the gathering. Others in attendance were: Dr M Basavaraj, Chairman, BoA & IETE GC Member, Shri Raj Kumar Patil & Shri Dheeraj Deshpande, EC Members of Gulbarga Sub-Centre. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Sanjay Kumar Gowre.

HYDERABAD

• Indian Flag was hoisted on the occasion Independence Day, i.e. on 15th Aug 2017, in the presence of Centre Chairman, Hony Secretary, EC members and staff members of IETE.

• Ten old computers were donated to Shri Sreedhar Raju of Saraswathi Shishu Mandhir, Godavari Khani, on 21st Aug 2017.

• On 22nd Aug 2017- Dr CVS Rao 4th Memorial Lecture on “High Power Radar Studies of Atmosphere and Ionosphere” was delivered by Dr Pendyala Balarama Rao, Vice-Chairman–Advisory Committee for Space Sciences (ADCOS) & Member-Scientific Advisory Committees of Space Physics Laboratory, VSSC and National Atmospheric Research Laboratory of Dept of Space & Former Director – National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL), Department of Space, Govt. of India.

• The Centre conducted training on Asset Mapping activity of RR district of Telangana State under EPRIS project from National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad/ISRO. This pilot project is being carried out with help ISF students from different colleges of Hyderabad. CVR Engineering College, Hyderabad & Avanthi PG College, Hyderabad, including Lords Institute of Engineering and Technology; MVSR College of Engineering CVR College of Engineering and CMR Technical Campus.

• Prof (Dr) Linga Reddy D, UGC-Emeritus Professor, O U & Centre Hony Secretary, chaired the one-day Symposium on “Opportunities, Challenges and Trends in Navigational Technologies” on 5th Sep 2017 at NERTU Auditorium, O U, Hyderabad; inaugurated a Digi Class Room and participated in a Freshers’ Day Function at Govt Degree College, Cheriyal, Siddipet (Dist), on 12th Sep 2017.

• A lecture was delivered on “Satellite Communications” by Shri Teralingam, the Centre Co-ordinator, on 11th Sep 2017 at Gyanavani FM radio channel (105.6 MHz), AIR Hyderabad. The program was organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre Hyderabad.

• Centre Chairman, Vice Chairman and Coordinator attended a Bhuvan Workshop organized by National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) and Association of Geospatial Industries (AGI) during 12th-13th Sep 2017.

• The Centre was conferred “Best Centre Award” (1st Prize) on 17th Sep 2017 at Rajgiri School of Engineering and Technology, Kakkanad, Kochi, Kerala in the gracious presence of Dr G Laxminarayana, Centre Chairman, Shri A Sarveswara Rao, Centre Vice Chairman, Prof A Ravi Kumar, Centre Hony Treasurer, Dr KVNSVPL Narasimham, Shri OP Venkateswar and Dr V Gunasekhar Reddy, Governing Council Member, Vice President IETE. Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy, President IETE did the honours.
• Prof T Manjulatha, ISF Co-ordinator from Sphoorthy Engineering College, delivered a lecture on “Basics of Radar Technology” on 20th Sep 2017 at Gyanavani FM radio channel (105.6 MHz), AIR Hyderabad. This program was organized by IGNOU.

• Centre celebrated 44th IETE Hyderabad Centre Foundation Day on 6th Oct 2017. On this occasion, a lecture was arranged on “Status of Higher Technical Education in India: Challenges and Opportunities” by Dr VM Pandaripande, Former VC, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, Marathwada University, Aurangabad and Hony Dir, CEME, Adjust Prof ECE, OU.

• One-day workshop on “Applications of Matlab” was held on 8th Oct 2017 with Shri Vikram Kumar, Science Promoter, IIT Mumbai as resource person. About 124 members (students & faculty) from different colleges Sphoorthy, Stanley, Anurag, Guru Nanak, Avanthi, MVSR and ATRI attended. Certificates were distributed to all the participants by Shri G Laxminarayana, Chairman, IETE Hyderabad Centre.

• A special meeting was organized on 21st Oct 2017 in KITS(S), Karimnagar for establishment of IETE Sub Centre. Dr G Laxminarayana, Centre Chairman, Prof (Dr) Linga Reddy D, Centre Hony Secretary and Shri A Sarveswara Rao, Centre Vice Chairman, Dr K Shankar, Principal KITS(S), Dr V Sharmila, HoD, ECE, KITS(S), Dr Ch Sreenivas Rao, Principal and Shri Indrajeeth Singh, HoD ECE VITS were also present during the occasion.

• Prof S Narayana 7th Endowment Lecture was held on 27th Oct 2017 on “Miniaturized Broadband Transmit & Receive Modules for Electronic Warfare System” by Ms V Revathi, Scientist ‘G’, DERL, DRDO, Hyderabad (Awardee of IETE Ranjana Pal Memorial Award – 2017).

JAIPUR

64th IETE Foundation Day started with Student Technical Presentation Contest on the theme “Changing the World through Data Sciences”. Total nine teams consisting of 25 students from various colleges such as Poornima College of Engineering, Manipal University Jaipur, MNIT Jaipur and BIT-Mesra participated. The three winner teams were given mementos, pendrives and certificates whereas other participants were given certificates by the Chief Guest in the main programme. It was followed by expert lecture by Dr Emmanuel S. Pilli from MNIT Jaipur, who shared his deep insight on technical aspects of Data Science and how it would impact industry growth and people’s day-to-day life. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr RD Arya, IITS, Dy DG, DoT, Govt of Rajasthan and Guest of Honour Prof Sandeep Sancheti, President, Manipal University Jaipur, who also addressed the audience. Dr Ghanshyam Singh, Centre Chairman highlighted activities in Digital India and Skill India initiatives. Dr Manish Tiwari, Hony Secretary, read out the message of President-IETE on the occasion. Prof Sandeep Sancheti underlined the importance of data science in business and profession and the challenges posed by security aspects of the technology. Senior Member, Shri Ashok Kumar (F-052984) was felicitated by Prof V Sinha, Ex Director, IIT Kanpur, and Chair Professor, E&ICT Academy, MNIT Jaipur. The Chief Guest congratulating IETE fraternity said that the future belongs to information technology and data science. Young engineers have vital role to play in its development and deployment. He said that institutions like IETE are playing a vital role in making technology popular by bringing industry, academia and society at one platform.

JALANDHAR

The Sub-Center Jalandhar in collaboration with Telcocrats Technologies Pvt Ltd, Chandigarh, organized an expert talk and a workshop on
“Role of Optical Communication in the Modern World” on 2nd Nov 2017 on the eve of IETE Foundation Day. Er Gagan Deep, AP/ECE, DAV University, Jalandhar and Hony Secretary welcomed the guests. Dr AK Paul, Vice Chancellor, DAV University, Jalandhar briefed the participants about the role of Data Science in the modern world. Shri Taran Manku, L & D Executive, Telcocrats Technologies Pvt Ltd through his talk exhorted the modern day opportunities and challenges in telecommunication sector. It was followed by hands-on workshop on fiber installation and splicing. This gave students an opportunity to work on state-of-the-art modern machinery of fiber installation and splicing. Dr Jasbir Rishi, Dean (Academics), DAV University, highlighted the importance of such interactive sessions/workshop for telecom students.

Participants during the Workshop

JAMMU

- A one-day workshop on “Smart System Design” was organized in collaboration with Dept of CS, IT & Electronics on 7th Oct 2017. The workshop provided the participants an opportunity of developing self-tailored WiFi based smart systems on cutting edge technologies using fourth generation programming of RISC processors with economical components. Prof Mubarak Singh, Dir, Ramnagar Campus, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest. Prof PVKS Baba, Head, Dept of Physics, stressed the need for hands on experience in the studies and why students should attend such workshops regularly. Prof Rakesh Vaid, Head, Dept of Electronics, University of Jammu and Sub-Centre Chairman assured all support for such initiatives. Prof (Dr) Pawanesh Abrol, Dept of CS, IT and coordinator workshop, discussed various techniques of upcoming embedded scripting programming language. Prof Parveen Lehana, Dept of Electronics, University of Jammu elaborated the different hardware designs necessary for developing future smart systems. Dr Susheel Sharma, Dr Vijay Sharma, Dr Sunidh Puri, Dr Palak Mahajan, Ms Pooja Thapar, Ms Priti Rajput, Dr Jyoti Loatra, Ms Zeenat, Shri Pawan, Ms Akansha and Shri Manohar also attended. Dr Radhika Khanna, Sub-Centre Hony Treasurer conducted the proceedings.

- 64th IETE Foundation Day of the Sub-Centre was celebrated in collaboration with Dept of Electronics, University of Jammu, in gracious presence of Dr Baij Nath Kaushik, Head, School of Computer Science and Engg, SMVDU, Katra, the Chief Guest; Dr Rakesh Vaid, Centre Chairman and Head Dept of Electronics; Maj Gen (Retd) S K Sharma, Director Academics, MIET and Shri Joy Ganjoo, Sub-Centre inmdt Past Chairman as special guests of honour. Dr Kaushik, delivered illuminating lecture on “Machine learning and its Applications”. Dr Parveen Lehana, Sub-Centre Hony Secretary read out the message of President IETE. Others present were: Prof Pawanesh Abrol, Dr Susheel Sharma, Dr Rockey Gupta, Er Vijay Sharma, Shri Deepak Anand, Shri Rakesh Kumar and Shri Jang Bahadur.

KANPUR

- The Centre celebrated the Women Training Program on Digital India Initiatives on 26th Aug 2017 at the Dr Ambedkar Institute of Technology for Handicapped (AITH), Kanpur, which was graced by Er Sandeep K Gupta, GM (P), BSNL Kanpur, as the Chief Guest. Dr J Ramkumar, Chairman, IEEE UP section & Prof Dept of Mechanical Engg, IIT Kanpur, and Dr Pragya Agarwal, Prof & Head, Dept of Physics, DBS College, Kanpur, theme speakers, delivered their talks. They explained the changes that have taken place in India due to digitalization and how women can change their lives by playing active role in it. 110 members attended. Programme concluded with vote of thanks by Er CP Varma, Hony Secy of the Centre.

- The Centre observed 50th Engineers’ Day jointly with IE (I) Kanpur Local Centre, IEEE UP Section & INAE, Kanpur Chapter on 15th Sep 2017 at IIT, Kanpur. Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak, VC, AKTU, Lucknow & HBTU, Kanpur was the Chief Guest & Er Vinod Kumar Tripathi, Chief Engr, Ram Ganga Project, Irrigation Dept, Kanpur, was the Guest of Honour. Prof Shashank Kumar Mehta, Dept of CSE, IIT, Kanpur & Prof Keshav Kant, Past Chairman IE (I) Kanpur Centre, two theme speakers spoke on “Role of Engineers in a Developing India”. Prof DP Mishra, Chairman, IE (I), Kanpur Local Centre welcomed the participants. Prof Yogesh M Joshi, Vice Chairman, INAE, presented the Life sketch of Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya. About 150 members attended. The programme ended with vote of thanks.
• **Prof (Dr) Raghuraj Singh**, Ex-Director of KNIT, Sultanpur (UP) was the Chief Guest for **64th IETE Foundation Day** on 2nd Nov 2017, whereas **Dr Raghvendra Garg**, Chairman, Krishna Institute of Technology, Kanpur & **Dr Vibhash Yadav**, Director, Krishna Institute of Technology, Kanpur added dignity to the event as Guests of Honour. The programme started with lighting of lamp and garlanding of portrait of Maa Saraswati followed by welcome address from **Prof (Dr) S N Singh**, Centre Chairman. Highlighting the theme, he talked about the importance of Big data and Data science and its importance in development programmes. Er AK Jain, Centre Hony Treasurer, read the President’s message. Theme speakers **Prof (Dr) Raghuraj Singh** and **Er Prashant Kumar** spoke on “Changing the World through Data science”. Student’s activities were conducted for ISF, KIoT Kanpur and winners were awarded.

**KOLKATA**

• To address the issues of Cyber security, the Centre organized a Cyber Security Awareness programme jointly with Cyber Security Education Foundation (CSEF) on 9th Sep 2017, which started with the welcome address by **Dr Samir Mukherjee**, Founder & Council Member of CSEF. The keynote address on the occasion was delivered by **Shri Joydeep Bhattacharjee** COO, TCG Digital, who succinctly explained massive impact a seemingly innocuous cyber security breach can have to even entire countries at large. **Shri Bidh Chatterjee** a Public Prosecutor, (Cyber Law) for the Government of West Bengal explained legal ramifications of issues of cyber security and how best to combat them. This was followed by a panel discussion titled “Simple Steps to Online Safety” moderated by **Shri Sandeep Sengupta** of ISOAH.

• The Centre also celebrated **64th IETE Foundation Day** on 2nd Nov 2017 in association with Aunwesha Academy, Digital Marketing Associate of Kolkata. The Centre felicitated senior members: **Prof BN Chatterji** (F-028525) and **Dr CK Chatterjee** (F-068357) on the day. Two learned speakers addressed the audience. There was sizable group participation from students of Techno India Group and professionals from Industry.

**MHOW**

The Centre celebrated **64th IETE Foundation Day** on 31st Oct 2017 and organized a workshop for JE (NE) courses on “Changing the World through Data Science”, inaugurated by **Col John Prince**, Centre Hony Secy. The workshop was attended by students and highly appreciated by the ISF members and the audience. Summing up of the workshop was done by **Col Haridas**. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr CN Khairnar, AP/Centre Hony Treasurer.
NAGPUR

Shri Anup Kelkar, Director, Python Academy, Nagpur was the Chief Guest for IETE Foundation Day organised on 2nd Nov 2017. Er AR Sawatkar, Centre Chairman presided. Prof Ajay Tunguria, Hony Treasurer, readout the President's message for the day. Essay Competition for the students of 9th to 11th class was held on “Ill Effects of Excessive mobile phone uses”. First Prize was won by Ms Nandini Bondre (Xth Std) Dinanath High School, Dhanoli, Nagpur; 2nd Prize was won by Tisha Gour, (Xth Std), and 3rd prize was bagged by Shalu Agrawal (Xth Std) from Adarsha Vidya Mandir School, Nagpur. Senior members Er SP Gorowara, (F-020985) and Lt Col RM Onkar (F-036069) were felicitated on the occasion.

NASHIK

The 64th IETE Foundation Day was celebrated on 2nd Nov 2017 at the Dept of E&TC Engg, Karmaveer Kakasaheb Wagh Institute of Engineering Education & Research (KKWIEER), Nashik. It was marked by the presence of number of dignitaries: Dr DM Chandwadkar, Chairman, IETE Nashik Sub-Centre & HoD/E&TCE, KKWIEER, Dr SS Morade, former Hony Secy IETE Nashik Sub-Centre, Dr MP Satone, Dr SP Ugale, Prof SS Bhabad and Prof RV Chotne and Activity Co-ordinator, E&TCE Dept. On this occasion, the initiatives taken by IETE in the domain of “Data Science” were highlighted. Members gave suggestions as to what all can be done to accelerate current actions in the domain and provide significant support in accomplishing this mission.

NOIDA

• A lecture on Right to Information Act 2005 by Prof (Brig) Ramesh Chandra was organised by the Centre on 27th Aug 2017. Prof Chandra speaking of this powerful transparency tool, informed the audience that for a healthy functioning of modern democracy, an uninformed citizen cannot possibly be expected to be good citizen. Hence the government enacted the Right to Information Act, 2005. It is a tool to bring transparency and usher an era of accountability. It empowers people to get the information, records etc of the government authorities as a matter of right. There are two main stakeholders in provision of information, the information seeker i.e. citizens and information provider i.e. public authorities including government funded NGOs. The lecture covered various aspects of this Act to assist a citizen in seeking information, such as how to apply, where to apply, fee to be paid, and in case information is delayed or denied or is believed to be incorrect, then where and how to file appeal etc. Some interesting facts and success stories of the Act, were also covered.

• Prof (Dr) KTV Reddy, President IETE, visited Noida Centre on 3rd Nov 2017 and met Executive Committee members. The President was shown the facilities & infrastructure of the Centre and the Chairman briefly explained about the activities of the Centre.

PALAKKAD

• The Centre started workshops and hands-on training programs on Arduino and Connected subjects in engineering colleges. The first four day program for two batches was conducted at Nehru College of Engineering & Research Centre, Pampady, on 7th-10th Aug 2017. The program was inaugurated by Shri P Suresh, Centre Manager and EC Member. 82 students attended the program. The second two day program of Hands-on Training was conducted at NSS College of Engineering, Palakkad, on 25th-26th Aug 2017 by Shri P Suresh. Third one was conducted at Al-Ameen Engineering College Kulappulli, Shornur, on 28th-29th Aug 2017. The programs were appreciated by the students, college management and faculty members.

• The Centre conducted a two-day workshop jointly with Dept of EEE, NSS Engineering College on 25th-26th Aug 2017. Dr T Sudha, Principal, NSS College of Engineering presided over the function. Prof (Dr) V Devi delivered the welcome remarks. Shri C K Haridas, IETE South Zone Coordinator and Prof C Pradip delivered felicitation speeches. The resource person Asst Prof Kavin Kumar, Kongu Engineering College, Erode, conducted the workshop on Processing Signals, Images and Power Electronic systems through MATLAB on 25th Aug. Pace Electronics, Cochin took the hands-on training on DSP on 26th Aug. Assoc Prof, S Priya, Asst Prof (Dr) Ajay Babu and Asst Prof N Leena, coordinated the workshop.

• A three-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp sponsored by Dept of Science and Technology-NIMAT, Govt of India, was
inaugurated by Shri C K Haridas, South Zone Mentor on 21st Sep 2017 at Kalaighar Karunanidhi Institute of Technology, Coimbatore (KIT), Palakkad. Dr N Mohandas Gandhi, Principal, KIT presided over the function and Dr S Ravichandran, EDC Coordinator welcomed the participants. Dr P Anbalgan, Dir of the Institute, in his address motivated the students for starting entrepreneurship on getting their professional degrees. Total 11 resource persons from different industries conducted the sessions in these 3 days. Eminent persons from Coir-board, Gargi Huettenes Albertus Pvt Ltd, Mumbai and Village Industries Commission, Green Earth Aggregates, Micro Tech Polymer Industries, Addl Director (Food), MSME Govt of India APM United Group and one resource person from Dr NGP Arts and Science College, guided various sessions. Also the participants were taken for industrial visit at RIVERA Pumps, Coimbatore, by the college.

Dignitaries on the dais during Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp

- The Centre also celebrated 64th IETE Foundation Day on 2nd Nov 2017 with Dr K Geetha, Chairperson presiding over the function. She explained the activities of the Centre. Shri CK Haridas, IETE Zonal Mentor, South welcomed the audience and informed about AICTE’s issued public notice that endorses recognition to IETE DIPIETE Mentor, south welcomed the audience and informed about AICTE’s presentation of theme was made by Shri Milan Bavlecha, AMIETE-CS. Dr Rahul D Mehta, Hony Secretary gave introductory remarks. Er HS Goswami, Dy Dir Doordarsan Kendra Rajkot Centre read out the President’s Message. Vote of thanks was proposed by Er SM Suchday, EC member of the Centre.

SHIMOGA

- The Centre celebrated IETE Foundation Day on 4th Nov 2017 at JNN College of Engineering. Office bears- Shri A S Vishwanatha, President; Shri T R Ashwathanarayana Shetty, Vice President; Shri SN Nagaraja, Secretary; Shri CR Nagaraj, Treasurer, were the dignitaries of the day. Prof HK Harish, Centre Chairman presided. Dr P Manjunatha, Centre Hony Secretary, Prof SR Ashwini, Centre Hony Treasurer and Dr S V Sathyanarayana, EC member were present. About 150 members attended.

RAJKOT

- A technical event on “Technoplanet – 2017” was organized by The School of Engineering R K University, Rajkot, in association with the Centre, ORACLE, CISCO, IEI and ISTE at R K University premises on 6th Oct 2017. Technoplanet 2017 is an initiative by the students to widen the technical horizons and open new opportunities and challenges for the technically inclined students. Theme for this year’s Technoplanet was ‘Digital India’. The event was inaugurated by Deputy Mayor, Dr Darshita Shah, Principal AVPTI, in presence of other dignitaries- Dr AS Pandya, Shri Jatin Kataria, founder/CEO Global Co Working Space; Shri Bhavin Dabhi, owner of Universal desinovation Lab; Executive Vice President RK University Shri Denish Patel; Vice President-Shri Mohit Patel; Registrar RK University Shri Shivlal Ramani and Directors of various schools of RK University. The Judges included Grinij Haria, MD, Impitus Technomatic; Prof RD Raghani, Head EC, AVPTI & Centre Ex Treasurer; Capt MG Purohit, HoD, Civil Dept Govt Polytechnic & centre former co-opted member; Shri Parag Jani, Digitron India and Shri Rakesh Patel, Ganga Forge Pvt Ltd. Prize distribution and valedictory ceremony was conducted in presence of Shri Jokes, CEO Levaral Consultancy LLP, Shri Shivlal Ramani Registrar RKU, Dr Nilesh Kalani, Director, RKU & Centre Co Op Member and Shri Dhalbip Pipaliya, Convener Technoplanet –2017.

- 64th IETE Foundation Day was celebrated on 5th Nov 2017. Key note speeches were delivered by Shri Maulik Dhomecha, Asstt Prof/ CE, V V P Engineering College, Rajkot and Shri Ashwin Raiyani Asst Prof & TPO CE/IT, School of Engineering, R K University. The presentation of theme was made by Shri Milan Bavlecha, AMIETE-CS. Dr Rahul D Mehta, Hony Secretary gave introductory remarks. Er HS Goswami, Dy Dir Doordarsan Kendra Rajkot Centre read out the President’s Message. Vote of thanks was proposed by Er SM Suchday, EC member of the Centre.

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- Organized a 2-day workshop on “IoT- a Hands-on Approach” on 4th-5th Nov 2017. Dr H R Mahadevswamy, Principal, JNN college of Engineering, Shivamogga, presided. Shri SN Nagaraja, Secretary, National Education society, Shimoga, was the Chief Guest. Prof H K Harish, Centre Chairman, Dr P Manjunatha, Hony Secretary, Dr Ushadevi MB, Member were present. The topics for workshop were - Basic programming using Arduino and NodeMCU; Sensors and its applications; Interfacing of sensors, Bluetooth and GSM with Arduino,
Introduction to Raspberry Pi and IoT and Lab session on programming Raspberry Pi using PYTHON. About 60 students studying in ECE/TCE/EEE/CSE/and ISE departments of Engg and polytechnic colleges of Karnataka, actively participated in the workshop and largely benefitted.

**SIVAKASI**

- The Centre and ISF MEPCO Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi, jointly organized a blood donation camp on 16th Sep 2017 in association with Virudhunagar Government Hospital. 100 students including 22 girls donated their blood in the Camp. A team of nurses lead by a Doctor from Virudhunagar Government Hospital supervised the camp. Lions Club of Sivakasi provided fruits to the blood donors. Dr S Arivazhagan, Principal, presided over the blood donation camp. NSS Program Officer Shri C Uthranarayan and Shri M Sankar, MEPCO Schlenk Engineering College, organized the camp.

**TIRUPATI**

The Centre observed IETE Foundation Day on 4th Nov 2017 where Dr K Raghava Rau, CEO and Founder, Big Data Science Research, Bangalore was the Chief Guest and Prof G Padmanabhan, Principal, Shri Venkateswara University College of Engineering, Tirupati was the Guest of Honour. Dr TVC Sarma, Centre Chairman, presided over the function. Dr Raghava Rau gave an elaborate exposition starting with the characteristics of a data scientist. He outlined the skills and knowledge requirements for data scientists in the fields of statistics and computer science along with business skills and curiosity. A Data Scientist is responsible for designing and implementing processes and layouts for complex, large-scale data sets used for modeling, data mining, and research purposes. He needs to have expertise in diverse technologies, good understanding about the framework of a big data platform, proficiency in several programming languages, a good understanding about database technologies (especially NoSQL database) and a very good background in mathematics/statistics, machine learning and data mining fields. In addition he should have business skills and a spirit of innovation. The term Big Data is used to describe large collections of datasets that can be unstructured and grow rapidly to very large volumes. Such data is difficult to be managed by traditional databases. Big data is generated by various agents and processes.
The Centre organized a technical lecture by Dr Sameer Rohadia, Asst Prof, CK Shah-Vijapurwala Institute of Management and MS student at University of Bolgna, Italy, on “Data Science: Concepts and Techniques” on 29th Jul 2017. Prominent educationists and professionals in the field of electronics, communication, computers and IT attended the program. Members of IETE, CSI, academicians and students were specially invited, so as to foster partnership amongst professional societies. Shri Tushar Kher, Chairman, Vadodara Centre, welcomed the Guests and introduced the speaker. Dr Rohadia explained difference between the roles of Data Analyst, Data Engineer and Data Scientist. He listed different Data science techniques and explained how Data Mining can be applied.

Brig (Dr) VD Abraham, SM (Retd), GC Member, IETE and Chairman, IETE Professional Activities and Revenue Generation Committee, former VC, Oriental University, Indore, was the Chief Guest for 64th IETE Foundation Day celebration on 11th Nov 2017. Dr VK Shah, Centre Vice Chairman explained, how the topic “5G Technologies” was very important and is well connected with the theme. Shri Tushar Kher, Chairman, IETE, Vadodara Centre, read message from President, IETE. Brig (Dr) V D Abraham spoke on “5G Technologies”. He shared his experience during Antarctica Expedition. He described New Radio Access Techniques, what enabled the Intelligence in Wireless Networks, Cooperation in Mobile Adhoc Networks, Radio Resource Management and Virtualization in Wireless Networking and Security Issues in 5G. Prof RC Desai, founder Chairman of IETE Vadodara Centre, felicitated Brig (Dr) Abraham (F-177298) on the occasion. Dr Mamta C Padole, proposed the vote of thanks.

Brig (Dr) VD Abraham, SM (Retd), GC Member, the Chief Guest being felicitated on the occasion

VIJAYAWADA

Er Pammi Kalee Prasad, MIETE, Senior Engineering Assistant, Doordarshan Kendra, Vijayawada, Chief Guest for the IETE Foundation Day spoke on “Changing the World through Data Science” conducted on 2nd Nov 2017. Dr K Ramanjaneyulu, Hony Secretary read out the IETE President’s message. Er Pammi Kalee Prasad (M-174365) was felicitated on this occasion. About 50 members attended including EC, Past Chairmen & Students of the Centre.

WARANGAL

The Centre conducted a two-day workshop on “PCB Design”, inaugurated by General Secy, Dr G Srinivas Reddy, Vaageswari Educational Society during 18th-19th Sep 2017 in association with IETE Hyderabad at ECE Dept, Vaageswari College of Engineering. The resource person from Prayog Labs Hyderabad, demonstrated KiCAD software, designing of electronic circuits using KiCAD software. Convener, HoD/ECE, D Sampath Kumar stated that students had hands-on experience on KiCAD software. On 19th Sep 2017, the circuits were designed and simulated. Such workshops enhance innovative thinking capability. While addressing the media, Principal, Dr Ch Srinivas stated that their management was always ready to provide quality and innovative methods to students, in order to enhance their technical skills.

YAVATMAL

A visit was arranged to Vasantrao Naik Dumb Deaf and Handicap Residential School, Yavatmal on 15th Sep 2017 by the Sub-Centre. Dr SM Gulhane, Centre Chairman, Prof PD Pawar, ISF Faculty Advisor, Prof PG Kaushik, Prof AB Rathod, Prof AA Pachghare, EC members, Corporate members of IETE Yavatmal Centre and ISF members were present during the visit.

The Centre arranged the “Tree Plantation Programme” on 15th Sep 2017. Plantation of trees was undertaken by corporate members of IETE in JDIET, Yavatmal campus. Dr AW Kolhatkar, Principal, JDIET Yavatmal, Dr SM Gulhane, Centre Chairman, Prof PD Pawar, ISF Faculty Advisor, Prof PG Kaushik, EC members, corporate members and ISF students participated.
The Sub-Centre in association with Jawaharlal Darda Institute of Engineering & Technology, Yavatmal organized a 5 days Awareness Program on ‘Socio-Economic Development of Women’ during 20th-24th Nov 2017. Ms Madhavi Raje, President, Rotary Club of Yavatmal inaugurated the programme. Renowned Gynecologists Dr Girish Mane and Dr Vrushali Mane along with Dr Sanjay Gulhane, Centre Chairman, Dr Pankaj Pandit, Hony Secretary, were present. Dr Girish Mane spoke on ‘Improving Women’s Health: Challenges, Access and Prevention’. Dr Vrushali Mane spoke on ‘Women’s Hygiene’. Shri Sudhakar Bobade, Counselor, Financial Literacy Center (RBI) Yavatmal addressed the audience on ‘Financial Literacy Awareness’. Shri PH Raut, Asstt Drug Commissioner, detailed the medicine manufacturing process, food/drugs acts, rules and punishments. Dr Narayan Mehare, Regional Director of YCMOU spoke on “Awareness of Protection Under Consumer Act”. Dr Suprabha Yadgirwar, Amolkachand Law College, delivered talk on “Women Empowerment through Legal Acts and Protection”.

The Sub-Centre had its Foundation Day celebration on 23rd November and it was celebrated in the presence of Dr Avinash Kolhatkar, Principal, JDIET, Yavatmal. The glimpses of the various programs organized by the Sub-Centre in past four years were shown to the attendees through video clips, followed by a talk from Mrs Vijaya Pandhare, Asstt Police Inspector & Head of Damini Pathak, (Women’s cell, SP Office, Yavatmal). She explained how to protect oneself from road-romeos, safety measures and self defense. In the second session, Mrs Rita Uike, District Special Branch Head, SP Office, Yavatmal shared various instances of women violence and preventive measures taken by women in such cases. The awareness program concluded by a talk on ‘General Health Awareness’ delivered by Dr Vijaya Kawalkar, Head of Pathology Department, Sanjivani Hospital and Yavatmal. She guided on the issue of ‘good touch-bad touch’, tricks for self-defense, how to tackle the embarrassing situations. About 82 working women participated in the program.

Mrs Rita Uike, District Special Branch Head, SP Office, Yavatmal sharing various violent experiences faced by women

News from Professional Activity Centres (PACs)

- A new IETE Professional Activity Centre (PAC) was inaugurated at Dept of ECE, Bapuji Institute of Engineering & Technology, Davangere, Shimoga on 13th Oct 2017. Dignitaries present during inauguration were: Prof HK Harish, Chairman, IETE Shimoga Centre, Dr SR Mahadeva Prasanna, Dean for Academic and faculty welfare, IIT Dharwad, Shri AC Jayanna, Treasurer BEA, Dr Subrahmanyam Swamy S, Principal, BIET, Prof Y Vrushabhendrappa, Director, BIET and Dr GS Sunitha, Prof & Head, Dept of ECE, BIET. The function coincided with the inauguration of the national conference NCRAECE-17 (National Conference on Recent Advances in Electronics and Communication Engineering).

- IETE Delhi Centre facilitated opening of a Professional Activity Centre (PAC) at Infinite Careers Foundation, Mathura Road, Faridabad, which is now functioning under the guidance of Shri Viney Kakkar, EC Member IETE Delhi Centre. The Delhi Centre conducted a joint training program with PAC, on Computer Hardware & Networking at Faridabad in Sep 2017, wherein 25 students participated.

To share your insights with peers you are requested to contribute overview type articles, case studies, for consideration towards publication in IETE Journal of Education
IETE Students’ Forum Activities

IETE Student Forums are formed at various departments of the Engg Colleges (ECE, EEE, E&TC, CSE & IT) to help students develop and reinforce their personality and confidence level by encouraging them to attend seminars present paper, develop their organizing skills and improve their management capabilities. As usual the response from ISFs this time too, has been overwhelming and we have tried to cover all the events in short sent by ISFs. In case any news has been inadvertently missed out, it shall be covered in the next issue, if brought to our notice. The technical events reported by IETE Students Forums (ISFs) during past months are as follows in chronological order.

• ISF at Dept of ETC, Padre Conceicao College of Engineering (PCCE), Verna, Goa invited K Naveen, alumni of PCCE, who obtained his PhD from IIT Bombay to present a session to the third and final year students of PCCE on May 2, 2017. The session topic was “Repeater insertion for speeding up interconnects in wired and wireless communication systems”. The ISF also conducted a one week workshop on ‘MSP430, TiVA-C series and IoT integration during Jul 3-7, 2017 in association with EdGate Technologies Bangalore, under the Texas Instruments University Program. Vernon Ferrao, Engineering Project Manager, TCS, Mapusa, was the Chief Guest. Trainers were Asif Hussain and Mr Sagar Minchinal, Application Engineers at EdGate Technologies.

• ISF at Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE), Pune, conducted Seminar on “Analog and mixed signal circuit verification” for TE & BE E&TC Students on Jul 7, 2017, inaugurated by Dr NB Chopade. Dr Bhandari, Dr Kinage, Prof AR Suryawanshi and Shri Sandeep Sharma (alumni PCCOE E&TC Dept 2007-2008) were the speakers. 225 members attended including faculty co-ordinator and members. The ISF organized a one-week short term training programme (STTP) on Electronics System Design during Jul 14-18, 2017. The aim of the STTP was to provide in depth understanding of design of electronic circuits and systems with a focus on design of switched mode power supply, Data Acquisition System and design of communication block. 65 students including faculties- Dr MT Kolte, Prof Varsha Bendre, Prof VK Harpale, Prof Swati Jagtap, Prof Archana Bhamare, and Prof MP Chinckhar attended. The inauguration event of ETSA & IETE 2017-2018 took place on Jul 18, 2017. Dr NB Chopade inspired all by his motivational speech. Shri Ashok Shubham Shandilya also addressed students. Vote of thanks was by IETE Vice Chairman, Shri Shubham Shandilya. A two-day workshop was organized on “Basic course on Image processing using MATLAB” on Jul 29-30, 2017, with an objective to give understanding of basic concepts and analyze various algorithms of Image Processing. About 40 members participated.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, Jeppiaar Maamallan Engineering College, Sriperumpudur, Chennai, conducted a two day workshop on “Rapid open source hands-on with simple link Wi-Fi IoT solution, a single-chip wireless MCU & SOC’S” on Jul 11-12, 2017. It also conducted a one-day workshop on “Design of Electrical & Electronic Circuits using AutoCAD” in association with IETE Chennai Centre and student development cell – Electronics Club & CADD School Pvt Ltd on Aug 9, 2017. About 125 members attended. Another five-day short Term Training Program (STTP) was arranged on “Arduino for Beginners - Foundation Level” from Sep 11-15, 2017 by the ISF.

• ISF at Dept of E & TE, MIT College of Engineering (MITCOE), Pune, organized a workshop on Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) & Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) on Jul 12-14, 2017 that made the participants acquainted with the conceptual as well as practical knowledge of the Industrial Automation & latest technologies being used to achieve industrial automation. Shri Rajendra Joshi explained the present scenario of the industrialization and deliberated on how PLC dominated Microcontrollers in terms of numbers of inputs and outputs, memory and networking.

• ISF at L D College of Engineering, Ahmedabad organised a two-day workshop on “Designing and Implementation of hardware projects” during Jul 14-15, 2017. The main objective was to facilitate the students with designing the hardware projects with the help of experts. Hands on practice on the EAGLE software for PCB Designing process was planned under the guidance of the alumni students of the college, who are having their own start-up now. More than 50 participants attended. A unique touch was given to the inauguration ceremony by an idea of wireless “deep pragatya” android application of mobile phone. It was inaugurated in the presence of Shri Panchal, former Engineer, PRL, Ahmedabad and Shri VK Jain, Chairman, IETE Ahmedabad Centre, Prof Usha Neelakantan, HoD/EC, Prof Bhavin Sedani, ISF coordinator and Prof Pankaj Prajapati, ISF committee member of ECE Dept. Students were taught working of EAGLE software. They made layouts for their circuits, learnt to bring layouts and designs in the form of PCBs. The process of ironing, itching, drilling and soldering the PCBs was explained. The ISF also organized Time Management and Goal Setting Seminar, Technical Quiz and Treasure Hunt on Sep 7, 2017. Dr Venkant Ramani, former scientist, Institute for Plasma Research and Mg Director, Aditya High Vacuum Private Ltd, GIDC, Kathwada, Ahmedabad and other dignitaries Dr GP Vadodaria, Principal, Prof Usha Neelakantan, HoD/EC and Ms Nirna Somani, were the invited speakers.
• ISF at GITAM School of Technology, Bangalore, organized a technology challenge on Jul 15, 2017 for IETE Student Chapter. TECH RETO is a challenge, which was framed into 3 rounds testing technical skills of the participants. 50 students participated. The first round was based on general technology, second session was ‘Just-A-Minute session’, to promote individual skills, while in the 3rd round, presence of mind of participants was tested.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, Kings College of Engineering, Thanjavur (TN) organized a guest lecture titled “Solar Powered Inverters” on Jul 21, 2017 by Shri S Arunkumar, Manager, Engineering & Solution support, Yaskawa India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore. He explained the concept of solar power harvesting, working principle of Photovoltaic cell, specifications & requirements of PV panel and functional blocks of solar powered inverter. He also highlighted the concepts and techniques of maximum power tracking, positioning and orientation of PV panels, comparison of output power obtained in winter and summer and issues of solar power harvesting. Shri T Jeyaseelan AP/ECE, ISF coordinator took the lead.

• ISF at RMD School of Engineering, Pune, organized a seminar on “Motivational speech on opportunities after engineering” on Jul 24, 2017. Resource person was Shri K B Gorane, Vice President Operation Head, ALFA Laval, USA.

• New ISF at Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai, inaugurated by Dr Swarna Ravindra Babu, Chairman, IETE Chennai, arranged a guest lecture on “The Role of GPS and Sensors in Modern Navigation” by him on Jul 27, 2017. About 175 members attended.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, Panimalar Engineering College, Chennai, organized a guest lecture on “Opportunities & Freedom of Choices” on Jul 27, 2017 by Ms Santhoshi Srinivasan, CEO, who explained various opportunities available to ECE graduates. A technical paper presentation event, Tech’o’ration ‘17 was organised on Aug 16, 2017. Dr Leones Sherwin Vimalraj, Prof / ECE, Mrs J Jeneetha Jebanazer, AP / ECE and Shri N Chidhambaram, AP/ECE constituted the panel of judges and three prizes were awarded for the best presentations. A two-day workshop on Robotics was conducted on Aug 17-18, 2017 in association with good engineers. ISF Student’s Day, Intellonics ‘17 was celebrated on Aug 23, 2017. Dr Srimathy Kesam, CEO, SpaceKidz India, graced the occasion and delivered special address. Haffizur Rahman, Scientist, DRDO, Avadi, delivered a technical talk on “Scopes and Exposures in Government Sectors” on Aug 30, 2017.

• New ISF at Easwari Engineering College, Chennai, was inaugurated by Shri Tata Sudhakar, Scientist F, National Institute of Oceanography, Vice Chairman, IETE Chennai Centre on Aug 3, 2017. About 150 members attended the inauguration.

• Workshop for III yr BTech/ECE and EEE students on MATLAB was organized by the ISF at Sphoothy Engineering College, Hyderabad, during Aug 4-5, 2017. Shri P Vikram Kumar, Science Promoter, IIT Mumbai & Dr Karthik, IIT Chennai were the resource persons.

• ISF at T S Srinivasan Polytechnic College, Chennai, and ISF at SRM University–Kattankulathur, Chennai, both conducted a two-day workshop at their campus on “Internet of Things–IoT”, collaboratively by CAISER and IETE Chennai on Aug 5, 2017 and Aug 7, 2017 with 35 and 84 participants correspondingly.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, Nandha Engineering College (NEC), Erode, conducted an academic seminar on Aug 8, 2017 in association with IETE Erode Centre. Dr RK Mugelan, AP/ECE, PSG College of Technology Coimbatore, the resource person delivered lecture on “Wireless Communication and its Evolution towards 5G”. Prof P Premkumar, AP/ECE, Prof TG Dharani, AP/ECE, Prof P Kokila, AP/ECE, Prof R Murugasami, ASP/ECE, Students of ECE attended. The ISF organized Association Inaugural function (eZEALOTS 2018) in association with IETE, for the academic year 2017-2018, on Aug 23, 2017. Ms Mandip Kaur, Scientist (Wos C), Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council, DST, Govt. of India, Chennai, the chief guest, delivered lecture on “Fundamentals of IPRS and Nitty-Gritties of Patents”.

• As per the circular of Government of Maharashtra about plantation of 2 crore trees, ISF at Prof Ram Meghe College of Engineering & Management (PRMCEAM), Badnera, Amravati, took the initiative of organizing a Tree Plantation Program on Aug 9, 2017. Dr KN Kasat, Head of EXTC Dept was the chief guest for the event. Faculty Members of the college and around 60 ISF Members participated in the event.

• ISF at Aurora’s Technological Research Institute (ATRI), Hyderabad, conducted “Technical Quiz” on Aug 10, 2017, which acclaimed huge positive buzz from the students. The ISF also conducted “Project Expo” on Aug 23, 2017, where 65 working models in different domains were shown. The ISF conducted another seminar on “Research Paper Publication” on Sep 1, 2017. The students showed great enthusiasm in displaying their ideas. The main aim of this event was to provide them an opportunity to explore technical problems and their solutions. There were 65 working models in different domains, appreciated by all and judged by the experts.

• ISF at Mepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi, organized a guest lecture on “IPSLA – Active Network Monitoring Technology” on Aug 12, 2017, inaugurated by Dr R Shantha Selvakumari, Prof & Head/ECE, of the College. Shri S Sangara Narayanan, Software Development Engineer, CISCO System, Chennai gave clear understanding on the Network Monitoring technology and explained about SLA architecture and how to configure and verify IP SLA. He also gave information about IP SLAs TCP Connect Operations and emphasized the importance of recent developments in the area of network monitoring. Shri A Kamaraj, AP/ECE & Ms V Gnanalakshmi, AP/ECE were the resource persons. 210 students attended.

• ISF at Dept of ET, Don Bosco College of Engineering, (DBCE), Goa, conducted a one day workshop “Arduino” on Aug 12, 2017 attended by 45 students. Resource persons were Shri Myron and Miss Cecilia. Prof Vishnu Rathod IETE co-ordinator, was present during workshop and welcomed the gathering.
• ISF at Army Institute of Technology (AIT), Pune, organized workshop on “PCB Designing and Circuit Simulation”, on Aug 12-13, 2017. Resource person was Shri Ranjeet Singh (MD & CEO), Nutan Infotronics (P) Ltd. The ISF also organised a seminar on “Industrial Automation”.

• ISF at Kamaraj College of Engineering and Technology (KCET), Madurai, conducted a guest lecture for faculty members of ECE Dept on “Internet of Things and Machine learning using TensorFlow” on Aug 18, 017. Shri Sathyannath Premkumar, MD, Amogas Products Pvt Ltd. addressed the gathering. The ISF also conducted “PCB Design Project Expo” on Sep 27, 2017. 13 teams participated and shared their talents. Mrs A Geetha, Assoc Prof/ ECE and Shri RS Venkatesan, AP/ECE, coordinated while Prof G Srinivasan/CSE, evaluated the event.

• ISF of Dept of IT, Dharmsinh Desai University (DDU), Nadiad, Gujarat, organized an application development session on Android Platform on Aug 19, 2017. Shri Nilesh Madhudia, Shri Tejas Mehta and Shri Hardik Muliya were called from Mastercard Pvt Ltd, Baroda, Gujarat, to conduct the workshop. Topics covered included: Activity lifecycle Fragments, basic views/layouts, Emulators etc. Prof RS Chhajed, Head, IT Dept, DDU, Dr Vipul K Dabhi, Co-ordinator, DDU-ISF, Dr Harshad Prajapati, Prof Sanddep Suthar, Prof Anand Dave and faculty members of IT Dept, attended.

• ISF at K S Rangasamy College of Technology (KSRCT), Tiruchengode (TN), conducted one-day workshop on “PCB Design and Fabrication” on Aug 19, 2017. Shri K Raguvatan, AP/ECE, KSRCT, explained the concept, implementation and application of PCB design and fabrication. The hands on training were given for PCB fabrication. The workshop was very informative and students gained knowledge on PCB fabrication.

• New ISF at A P Shah Institute of Technology (APSIT), Thane (MS), was inaugurated by the ISF faculty co-ordinator of EXTCE Dept, Prof MP Kurvey on Aug 22, 2017. The dignitaries included: the Chief Guest- Prof Uttara Gogate, Hony Secy, IETE Mumbai Centre, Prof Madhuri Rodge, Convenor, IETE Mumbai Centre, Dr UD Kolekar, Principal APSIT & Prof AM Deshpande, Vice Principal and HoD/EXTCE, APSIT. Dr UD Kolekar mentioned that identification of area of interest is a must, which will help every student to select their domain and help to excel. Prof AM Deshpande, delivered inspiring address. Prof Uttara Gogate, enumerated benefits of taking the membership of IETE. Prof MP Kurvey, ISF faculty Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks.

• ISF at Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology (GRIET), Hyderabad, Telangana, conducted “App Inventor Workshop” to teach students the importance of app development and its applications during Aug 23-24, 2017. The software used is MIT App Inventor 2.0. Lectures were delivered by Radhand Sir, Abhiram, Suraj, Vivek and Harsha.

• ISF at Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering for Women, Visakhapatnam, was inaugurated by Prof DV Rama Reddy, Hony Secretary, IETE Visakhapatnam Centre on Aug 31, 2017. Other dignitaries present were: Dr P Somaraju, Secy, Gayatri Vidya Parishad (GVP), Prof EV Prasad, Principal, Prof K Raja Rajeswari, Council Member and Prof DN Madhusudhana Rao, HoD/ECE. Prof DN Madhusudhana Rao emphasized the role of IETE and IETE technical journals. Prof Raja Rajeswari enlightened the audience regarding benefits of ISF. Principal, Prof EV Prasad congratulated the department of ECE, for having started the IETE Students’ Forum. Guest of Honour, Prof Somaraju, Secretary, GVP, advised to plan innovative events. Chief Guest- Prof Rama Koti Reddy conveyed the objectives of IETE and benefits of ISF and delivered a technical talk on “Sensors”.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), Hyderabad, organized a two-day workshop on “PCB Design and Fabrication” during Aug 31-Sep 1, 2017 in collaboration with PGP Electronics Pvt Ltd. Workshop provided knowledge about complete PCB designing using simulation tool to test electronics & electrical circuits in software environment and also its fabrication, about PCB design software named Cad soft EAGLE & to make physical PCBs at home. Almost 50 students from IIT ECE and ISF members participated in the workshop. The ISF also organized an Industrial training via “Industrial Visit to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Regional Training Centre, Hyderabad” for their students on Sep 13, 2017. The 50th Engineers’ Day celebrations was organized on Sep 19, 2017.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, Velalar College of Engineering & Technology, Erode, conducted workshop on “Smart Mobile Phone Technology, Maintenance and Servicing” on Aug 31–Sep 1, 2017. Dr M Jayaraman, Principal, felicitated the workshop. The Dean (Student Affairs) of VCET, Prof P Jayachandar explained its benefits. Controller of Examination, Dr K R Valluvan, focused on the importance of mobile phone technology and HoD, Dr K Venkatachalam delivered the key note address. Resource person for the workshop was Er R Karthick, Mg Dir, New Technology, Coimbatore. The workshop ended with Flashing Technology classes. K Senthil Prakash, ASP, S Mahendrakumar, Asst Prof, P Senthil Kumar, Asst Prof, also attended.

• ISF at Dept of ECE, SSM Institute of Engineering and Technology (SSMIET), Dindigul (TN), organized a technical symposium (RESNOVAE 2K17) on Sep 1, 2017. Shri Tamilselvan Mahalingam, CEO, Futurecaptains, Chennai, was the chief guest; welcome address was given by Dr A Gopi Saminathan, HoD/ECE. The other speakers were : Dr M Saravanan, Principal; Dr R Chandran, Campus Director, who motivated the students. Two juries were allotted per event for selecting the winners. The day ended up with valedictory function. Around 150 students participated.

• An invited talk was organized by ISF of Stanley College of Engineering and Technology for Women, Hyderabad for ECE students on Sep 1, 2017. Prof (Dr) K Jaya Sankar, Principal, Vasavi College of Engineering, Hyderabad & GC Member delivered a lecture on “Career Guidance/Technologies of Tomorrow”, Director, Principal, HoD ECE, R&D Director and Dr KN Sahu, ISF Coordinator attended.
Prof Jaya Sankar was felicitated on being elected as Governing Council Member of IETE. The ISF also organized KALPANA 2017 a student level project competition as a part of 50th Engineers’ Day celebrations on Sep 15, 2017 for the students of ECE, EEE, CSE and IT (1 to IV years). Prof (Dr) Linga Reddy D, UGC-Emeritus Professor, Osmania University, Hyderabad & Hony Secretary, IETE Hyderabad was the Chief Guest and gave message on skill development and social skills. The Guest of Honour, Shri Rajesh Kumar, Scientist ‘F’, DLRL, DRDO, Hyderabad & EC Member, IETE Hyderabad Centre highlighted the role of engineers in the society. Dr KN Sahu, ISF Coordinator delivered the welcome address and announced the newly elected ISF executive body for 2017-2018. The best projects were evaluated under four distinct categories such as Startup Project, Proof of Concept, Learner’s Project and Case Study/Technology of Tomorrow by Dr A Vinay Babu, Director, Dr Satya Prasad Lanka, Principal, Prof A Gopala Sharma, HoD, ECE and Dr Ravindharan Ethiraj, Director, R&D. The 86th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was celebrated on Oct 13, 2017. Shri Narendra Kale, Scientist ‘F’, DRDL, DRDO, Hyderabad, graced the event as Chief Guest and delivered ‘Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture’ on ‘Application of Electronics in Missile Systems - A Case Study’. On this occasion Pratibha Khoj 2K17, a student level talent competition was organized for the students of ECE, EEE, CSE and IT and the winners of various events such as video making, poster presentation and quiz were recognized. Others who graced the event were: Dr KN Sahu, ISF Coordinator, Dr A Vinay Babu, Dir, Dr Satya Prasad Lanka, Principal, Prof A Gopala Sharma, HoD, ECE and Dr Ravindharan Ethiraj, R&D, Director.

- **ISF at Vidya Pratishthan’s Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute of Engineering and Technology Baramati, Pune**, organized a 2-day workshop on “Logix: Logic Development using C Programming” by ‘G4Genius’-a group of self motivated students from BE E&TC, on Sep 2-3, 2017. The ISF also conducted a workshop on “Raspberry Pi” in four batches during Sep 16-17, 2017. Prof Madhav N Arotale, Dept of E&TC, successfully mentored 12 students.

- **New ISF at Velammal Engineering College, Chennai**, was inaugurated by Shri R P B Sundaram, (Retd) AGM, BEL & EC Member, IETE Chennai Centre, on Sep 5, 2017. About 200 members attended.

- **New ISF at SJ Polytechnic Govt Diploma College, Bangalore**, was inaugurated by PVJKS Prakash Rao, Director, GSAT, ISRO Satellite Centre, on Sep 5, 2017. He delivered a technical talk to the benefits of students community and teaching staff. Shri G Ramesh, Chairman and Prof H S Bhatia, Hony Secretary of Bangalore Centre were the Guests of Honour. Shri DV Srinivasmurthy, Principal, presided over the function.

- **ISF and Dept of ECE association Electro Ethnarch at K Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, Tiruchirappalli**, organized an “Interdepartmental paper presentation” contest on Sep 6, 2017. 110 students presented paper in 55 batches. Three prizes were distributed by the Principal, Dr D Srinivasan to the winners. The contest was arranged by the ISF Coordinator -Dr M Maheswari, Professor/ECE and was co-ordinated by Shri Viugneswaran, AP/ECE and Ms R Gayathiri, AP/ECE.

- **ISF at Dept of E&TC, K K Wagh Institute Engineering Education & Research, Nashik**, organized the E-Ganesha Competition in collaboration with IETE on Sep 7, 2017, inaugurated by HoD, Dr DM Chandwadkar. Its main objective was use of electronics in Ganesha decoration & to enhance students’ interest in electronics field. Judges were- Shri Kalpesh Patil, Matrix Nashik & Ms Surabhi Jalori, Emerson, Nashik, who are the alumni of the Dept. Total 16 groups, each of 3 to 4 students, enthusiastically participated in the competition. Out of which 3 groups were declared winners. The students used electronic concepts very innovatively for the decoration.

- **ISF at Dept of E&TE, MES College of Engineering, Pune**, was inaugurated on Sep 7, 2017. The inaugural function was hosted by Shubham Choubey and Bhargav Deshpande. Principal Dr A A Keste mentioned the importance of the ISFs in his address. Prof P B Chopade, HOD E&TC, motivated the participants to conduct the various activities under the ISFs. The function was graced by the Guest of Honour- Shri G K Dawara, Chairman IETE, Pune Centre, Shri K R Shende, Hony Secy, Prof S K Khedkar, Past Chairman, Pune Centre. The Chief Guest highlighted the activities being carried under IETE Pune centre. Shri K R Shende addressed the audience on the topic ‘Energy Resources’ followed by the address from Prof S K Khedkar. The activity was co-ordinated by Prof P N Kota, Prof R D Maknikar and Prof M D Katole.

- **ISF at Dept of E&TE, VIVA Institute of Technology, Palghar (MS)**, organized a two-day workshop on “Image Processing Using Matlab” on Sep 7-8, 2017. The workshop was based on Image processing concept using the MATLAB software which was conducted by Shri Thayyal. Principal, Prof M D Katole. The workshop was aimed to provide knowledge about complete Image processing concept using the MATLAB software which was conducted by Shri Thayyal. Principal, Prof M D Katole. The workshop was aimed to provide knowledge about complete Image processing concept using the MATLAB software which was conducted by Shri Thayyal. Principal, Prof M D Katole. The workshop was aimed to provide knowledge about complete Image processing concept using the MATLAB software which was conducted by Shri Thayyal. Principal, Prof M D Katole. The workshop was aimed to provide knowledge about complete Image processing concept using the MATLAB software which was conducted by Shri Thayyal. Principal, Prof M D Katole.
graduates” needed for upgrading of their skills. Shri S Pradeep/AP, conducted the workshop and gave hands-on training on PCB Design using Diptrace simulator. Shri D Karthikeyan, AP/ECE, proposed vote of thanks. The ISF conducted a technical paper presentation on Sep 15, 2017 on Engineers Day. Faculty members: Dr K Amudha & R Shankar adjudged the paper presentation event. Prof M Dharmalingam, HoD, ECE, distributed prizes and certificates to winners and participants.

- ISF at Dept of ECE, BVRRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women, Hyderabad, organized first International Conference on Micro-Electronics, Electromagnetics and Telecommunications – ICMEET on Sep 9-10, 2017. It was technically sponsored by Springer LNEE series and organized under IETE and ISTE Student chapters. Shri M SR Prasad Garu, Dir, DRDL, was the Chief Guest. Dr Naeem Hannoon, Faculty of Electrical Engineering in University Technology Mara, Malaysia, was Guest of Honour. Dr Suresh Chandra Satapathy, Corresponding Editor, Springer LNEE series, ICMEET – 2017 was the special guest. Chairman, K V Vishnu Raju, Vice-Chairman Ravi Chandran Rajagopal; Director, Dr S Sundarrajnan; Principal Dr KV Sunitha; Conference Chair Dr J Naga Vishnu Vardhan; Convenor, Dr K Seetiaiah graced the occasion. About 75+ papers were presented under the categories like Embedded, VLSI, Communications and Signal Processing. For Valedictory Ms Radha Nayani, Scientist from NRSC was the Chief Guest.

- ISF at K J Institute Trinity Academy of Engineering, Pune, was inaugurated on Sep 11, 2017 in the presence of Chairman of IETE Pune Centre- Shri GK Dwara; Hony Secretary- Shri Kishore Shende; Past Chairman- Prof SK Khedkar; Principle of TAE- Dr Prof VM Wadhai; HOD- Prof DD Kulkarni and ISF Staff Coordinator-Prof D A Jakkam. About 30 students were enrolled.

- Technical talks were delivered on Sep 12, 2017 by Shri Devadasan Kizhapat, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Unpickle Analytic Solutions, Bangalore and Dr Rajasekar Mandi, Reva University at ISF- Shri Venkateswara College of Engineering.

- New ISF at JSPM Imperial College of Engineering & Research, Pune, was inaugurated. About 70 students were enrolled.

- Dept of ECE at ISF -Prasad V Polluri Siddhartha Institute of Technology (PVPSIT), Vijayawada, conducted various events as part of Engineers’ Day celebrations, on Sep 13, 2017 and prizes were distributed on Engineers’ Day, i.e. Sep 15, 2017. Project Expo was also conducted on the same day. Personality development drive for H & III year students were organized on Sep 21, 2017 by Prof KV Subba Raju, Professor Emeritus, SRKRM Engineering College, Bhimavaram.

- ISF at Adhiyamaan College of Engineering, Hosur, Tamil Nadu, organized a 5th Technical Symposium on Computing, Control and Communication System (CCCS2k17”) during Sep 13-14, 2017. Dr YVS Lakshmi, Group Leader, IPR- Marketing and KMG, Centre for Development of Telematics (CDoT), Bangalore, graced the event as Chief Guest, while Shri P Sudarshnam Rao, Scientist 'F' (Retd), LDRDE- DRDO, Bangalore, as Guest of Honour. Dr G Ranganath, Principal and Dr T Menakadevi, Coordinator-ISF were also there. Dr Lakshmi and Shri Rao delivered the inaugural address and special address respectively. Dr G Ranganath, Principal, presided over the function. Ms Sameer Fathimal, Student President–ISF proposed vote of thanks.

- ISF at VKR, VNB & AGK College of Engineering, Gudivada (AP) conducted 5th ISF Annual Day celebrations on Sep 14, 2017, where in Paper Presentation, Technical Quiz and Circuit Design events were held. The ISF also conducted a 2-day workshop on “PCB Designing & Manufacturing” on Sep 22-23, 2017 by V Govinda Rao (MD) Microlink Peripheral Controls Pvt Ltd, R&D Centre.

- ISF at Padmabhushan Vasantdada Patil Pratishthan’s College of Engineering (PVPPCoE), Mumbai, conducted a five-day workshop on LaTeX for report writing and conference paper writing on Sep 14, 20, 21, 27&28, 2017.

- Engineers’ Day was celebrated at ISF Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Technology, Pachapalayam, Coimbatore, on Sep 15, 2017 by organizing a Project Expo. Many students actively participated in the project display. The judges were: Mrs D Binu, AP/ECE & Mr G Ravindran, AP/ECE.

- ISF at Dept of ECE, Technocrats Institute of Technology & Science (TIT & Science), Bhopal, organized a one-day seminar on “Consumer Connect Initiative” on Sep 15, 2017 by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). Keynote speakers were: Er Rakesh K Tiwari, ITS Dy Advisor, TRAI; Er Yogesh Kumar, ITS Dy Advisor, TRAI & Er Lalit Kumar Gujar, Sr Research Officer, TRAI. Main focus areas were Mobile Technology, 3G, 4G, VoLTE, GSM, CDMA and apps available. Commercial aspects such as tariff plan, service qualities, call, drop, roaming etc were also explained.

- ISF at Dept of ECE, Baba Institute of Technology and Sciences, Visakhapatnam (AP), organized Electro–Expo 2017– a Mini Electronic Project Exposition & Paper Presentation on Sep 15, 2017, commemorating 156th Birth anniversary of Shri Visvesvarayya. It was graced by Chief Guest-Chairman IETE Visakhapatnam Center–Prof P Mallikarjuna Rao, Dept of ECE, AU College of Engineering, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. He addressed the students’ community to meticulously work in their academics and be grounded in the basic fundamentals of their respective subjects. Principal–Dr C V Gopinath, HoD/ECE–Shri B Siva Prasad, HoD/EEE- Shri Sai Ganesh & ISF Co-ordinator–Shri G Aswan Kumar also attended the event.

- ISF at Jawaharlal Darda Institute of Engineering and Technology (JDIEEE), Yavatmal, celebrated the “Engineers’ Day” on Sep 15, 2017. 100 EC members, corporate members and ISF member attended. The ISF in association with IETE Yavatmal Sub-Centre also arranged the “Blood Donation Camp” on Oct 9, 2017. Dr AW Kolhatkar, Principal, JDIEEE Yavatmal; Dr SM Gulhane, Chairman, IETE Yavatmal Sub-Centre; Prof P D Pawar, ISF Faculty Advisor; Secretary Rotary Club, Yavatmal; Prof PG Kaushik, Prof AA Packghare, EC Members of IETE Yavatmal Centre, corporate members and ISF students were present. 161 donors participated.
New ISF at MNM Jain College of Engineering, Chennai, was inaugurated by Vice Chairman of IETE Chennai Centre, Shri Tata Sudhakar, Scientist F, National Institute of Oceanography on Sep 16, 2017. About 150 members attended.

ISF of Reva University, Bangalore, was inaugurated on Sep 16, 2017 by Dr D C Pande, Ex scientist, LRDE, DRDO & Immdt. Past Chairman IETE Bengaluru Centre. He delivered a technical talk on RADARS. In the very first batch of ISF from Reva University, 74 student members enrolled for ISF from ECE dept and all the sixty Faculty members of School of ECE became life members of IETE. Prof HS Bhatia, Hony Secretary, IETE Bengaluru Centre speaking on the occasion expressed special thanks to Dr SY Kulkarni, Vice-Chancellor and Dr RC Biradar, Director, School of ECE.

ISF at BITS, Vadodara, organized an event on Wired Robotics workshop for IInd year/EC students, supervised by IETE Faculty coordinator, Prof Kashish M Makhijani on Sep 16, 2017. The first session was in nutshell- introduction to the Basics of Proteus. With the help of Hardware kit, in second session students were guided to make the hardware for the same. After completing the hardware for the ‘wired robo-car’ the students were also made aware about how to convert the ‘wired robo-car’ into a ‘wireless’ and some circuits were demonstrated ready for simulation intended to help students for their coming semesters. Dr Surbhi Dwivedi keenly observed the event.

ISF at Dept of ETC and Association of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering Students (ASSETS), Goa College of Engineering (GEC), Farmagudi, Goa, in association with IETE, Goa Centre, organized a two-day workshop on “HTML, CSS and Java Script” on Sep 16-17, 2017. Ms Gauri Desai, CEO, Thoughtslate Pvt Ltd, Ponda, was the resource person for the workshop. 24 students participated. Dr HG Virani, Professor and Head, ETC Dept, GEC and Chairman, IETE, Goa Centre and Shri Sangam Prafulla Borkar, AP/ ETC Dept, GEC, coordinated the workshop.

New ISF at IFET College of Engineering, Vellupuram, Chennai, was inaugurated by Shri R P B Sundaram Retd) AGM, BEL & EC Member IETE Chennai Centre, who gave a talk on ‘Benefits of IETE’ and a technical presentation on ‘Role of Electro – Optics in Defence’ on Sep 18, 2017.

ISF -Dept of ET, Pankaj Laddad Institute of Technology and Management Studies (PLITMS), Buldana, organized a student technical event ‘Electro-Fest 2k17’ on the occasion of Engineers’ Day on Sep 18, 2017. Dr PM Jawandhiya, Principal, guided the students through his talk. Dr PB Shelke, ISF Coordinator & Head and the faculty members were also present on the occasion.

ISF MVSR Engineering College, Hyderabad, observed Engineers’ Day on Sep 18, 2017.

ISF at Dept of ECE, MM University, Chandigarh, organized a one-day technical workshop on NI LabVIEW (Laboratory Virtual Instrument Engineering Workbench) and Arduino Interfacing on Sep 19, 2017 in association with IETE Chandigarh Centre. The main objective of the workshop was to update the students about latest research trends and technology ongoing in the domain of Electronics circuit simulations using lab view software. It began with welcome address by Prof Parveen Bajaj, HoD, who enlightened the students about the relevance, importance and applications of NI LabVIEW software and Arduino Interfacing. A lecture-series was provided by Rattan Dass, Sr Research Fellow.

ISF inauguration at Dept of Telecom Engg of Sir MVIT, Bangalore was organized on Sep 20, 2017. Inaugural address was given by the Vice Chairman, Prof GK Venkatesh and concluded with a technical talk by Shri Devadasan, UnPickle, Bangalore on “Analytics and Big Data”.

New ISF at ITM Vocational University, Vadodara, was inaugurated on Sep 23, 2017. Shri Tushar B Kher, Chairman IETE Vadodara Centre; Dr Vijay K Shah, Vice Chairman and Shri Gorakh Sharma-Hony Treasurer participated. Dr KS Murthy, Hony Provost of ITM Vocational University, Dr Devang Shah, Principal, ITM VU, Dr KS Murthy declared the ISF open and delivered motivational speeches. It is thought that Forum would play a stimulating role in improving the standard of Education; Counsel students in emerging new opportunities; Encourage outside classroom studies/practical work/seminars. ITM Vocational University, organized a seminar on Internet of Things (IOT), where Dr Vijay K Shah, the program senior principal engineer, BUPPMV member, PPMV international team of R&D expert ABB India Ltd, delivered a talk on ABB robotic products. Intel video on IOT and IEEE reports were also shared. Interactive presentation by Dr Shah was well received.

ISF at Dept of ECE, Nandha College of Technology, Erode, organized a student motivation programme on “Personality Development & Stress Management” on Sep 25, 2017. Dr V Rajasubramaniam, Prof, Esteem Academy, Erode & Shri A Sivakumar, Vice Principal, AGM College of Education, Erode, were the Chief Guests, who spoke on - How to develop self personality, How to avoid stress. Dr S Nandagopal, Ho/ECE was present.

ISF at Saveetha Engineering College, Chennai, conducted two-day workshop on “Internet of Things (IOT)” on Sep 25-26, 2017. This program is done collaboratively by CAISER and IETE Chennai. About 60 members attended.

Prof H S Bhatia, Hony Secretary, Bangalore Centre, inaugurated ISF at BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore on Sep 26, 2017. Dr G Poornima, HoD of the College, presided over the function. Shri Sudarshan Rao, EC Members and Prof G K Venakatesh were the dignitaries on the occasion.

ISF at Dept of ECE of TRP Engineering College (SRM Group), Trichy, was inaugurated by Dr G Murugesan, Chairman, IETE Erode Centre with 212 student members on Sep 28, 2017. Dr Murugesan advised the students to make use of such facilities available at IETE chapters to enhance expertise and verifiable skills as it is the only way to thrive in competitive world. He also gave seminar on “Exploring Engineering”. Dr P Thiruvalar Selvan, Head/ECE, delivered the welcome address, presidential address was given by Dr PKA Muniswaran, Director, SRM-Trichy Campus. Felicitation talk was
by Dr S Malik Raj, Principal. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs K Priyadharshini, faculty co-coordinator ISF.

- **ISF at R Ramakrishnan College of Technology, Trichy**, was inaugurated by Dr G Murugesan, Chairman, IETE Erode Centre on Sep 28, 2017.

- A one day workshop on “LabVIEW and its applications” was organized by the ISF at ANITS, Visakhapatnam, on Oct 8, 2017 for the benefit of students of ECE. Shri J Bhaskar Rao and Shri A Siva Kumar delivered presentations on labview for applications related to image processing and signal processing. A guest lecture was also organized on Antennas and Microwave Group, Dept of ECE in association with ISF on Oct 31, 2017, delivered by P Trirumathulu, Scientist-G, Project Director, Varunastra & ALWT (Advanced Lightweight Torpedo Technology), Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam, for the benefit of faculty and students on “Torpedo Engineering”. The speaker deliberated on control systems, batteries & LASER guidance involved in the design of Varunastra, which is an indigenous system as a part of “Make in India” program. Dr V Rajya Lakshmi, Prof & HoD, presided over the event.

- New ISF at Punjabi University, Patiala, was inaugurated on Oct 10, 2017. Dr Umesh Tvari, former Hony Secy and Dr Surender Singh Saini, Hony Secy of IETE Chandigarh Centre, graced the inaugural ceremony. Dr Surinder Singh, Principal Scientist, CSIO, inaugurated the ISF at Dept of ECE. Dr Umesh Tvari, Principal Scientist and Ex Hony Secy of IETE, inaugurated the newsletter of IETE ECE Punjabi University Patiala. Dr Manjit Singh Patterh, Dr Gurmeet Kaur, Head and other ECE faculty members were also present. Workshop on Advances in Telecommunication was held where Kapil Bhutani was the key speaker. Dr Reecha Sharma, Asst Professor ECE, was designated as Coordinator of IETE Student Forum ECE Punjabi University Patiala. Dr Lovkesh Assist Professor ECE was designated as Co-coordinator of ISF-ECE Punjabi University Patiala.

- **ISF at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore** organized a three-day event “Technotronz” – the Battle of Minds” on Oct 10-12, 2017. The event saw young enthusiastic participants from various departments coming together with around 100 teams in total. Owing to the fact that “Knowledge is of no value unless it comes to practice”, Technotronz conducted three unique events to test the young minds. First one was “Technothirst”, a technical event which had three rounds, namely Aptitude, Connections and Memory challenge. 30 teams participated in which 5 teams were selected. The second day was “Code-Rush”, which was a technical event based on coding. This challenging event mainly focused on testing the knowledge and agility of programming skills among the contestants with two different rounds. The series of events ended with non-technical event- Know your Country, on third day with three rounds based on current affairs, riddles and shipwreck. Winners were recognised.

- **ISF at Kongu Engineering College (KEC), Perundurai, Erode**, organized Tech Thirst on Oct 12, 2017. Dr G Murugesan, HoD, KEC welcomed the gathering. The felicitation address was given by Prof S Kuppuswami, Principal, KEC. Presidential address was given by Thiru A Venkatachalam, Correspondent, KEC. He stressed upon the students to participate in extra and co-curricular activities in order to develop their soft skills and technical skills. He also emphasized the students to make use of the IETE services effectively. Tech Thirst was an inter departmental technical symposium in which students showcased their technical skills and talents. The valedictory address was given by Dr G Murugesan, HoD, ECE.

- **ISF at Kamaraj College of Engineering and Technology, Virudhunagar**, conducted a guest lecture on “Introduction to Cancer and X-ray & CT Scan Images” for III Year ECE students on Oct 12, 2017. Dr Joe Pradhip, Indian MRI Diagnostics and Research Limited, Madurai, was the speaker. Prof Prashant Nair, Hony Treasurer, IETE Coimbatore Centre, was the Chief Guest during the inauguration of the new ISF at Dept of ECE, PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, Coimbatore, on Oct 14, 2017. Prof Dr. R. Suresh Babu, HOD/ECE, presided. Dr Joe Pradhip deliberated on the technology behind the X-ray machine, CT and MRI Scan machine, & ultrasound scanner. V. Jeyalakshmi, AP/ECE, co-ordinated the event.

- **ISF at Chandigarh Engineering College (CEC), Landran**, conducted an expert lecture on “GSM Networks” by Ms Chanpreet Kaur, AP/ECE, CEC, on Oct 13, 2017. 70 students attended.

- Prof Prashant R Nair, Amrita University & Hony Treasurer, IETE Coimbatore Centre, was the Chief Guest during the inauguration of the new ISF at Dept of ECE, PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, Coimbatore, on Oct 14, 2017. Dr E Malar, Prof & Head/ ECE Dept, Dr P Vetrivelan ISF Coordinator, were present on the dais. Prof Nair inspired students to follow their passion and to work hard and aim at gaining knowledge through the various forums provided by the association.

- **ISF at Dept of ECE, Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science (KITS), Warangal** – organized ‘Circuitrix’ in association with IETE, Warangal Centre on Oct 14, 2017 as a part of technical activity under Smshodhini’2017. The students coordinators of the event- Shri P Anurag, Md Ameerullah, Shri B Birla, Shri P Sai Krishna conducted the event in a practical way by employing various rounds of the competition. Judges were : Assoc Prof A Vijaya /ECE & MIETE, Shri A Pavan, AP/ECE and Shri Ch Pavan Kumar, AP/ECE. The event of ‘Techbuzz’ was also organized by student coordinators - K Bhavana, T Rajeswara, K Saha & P Shashank. Judges included : E Suresh, Assoc Prof, ECE and Vice- Chairman of IETE Warangal Centre, P Yugander Asst Prof, ECE, E Sushmitha Asst Prof, ECE.

- **ISF at Dept of ECE, Saintgits College of Engineering, Kochi**, conducted a “Quiz Competition” in connection with the Engineer’s Day celebration on Oct 27, 2017 (Prelims conducted on Oct 13, 2017). Ms Herlin Mary Jose & Ms Elizabeth Pothen of S, Dept of Civil Engg bagged the first prize. Mr James M Chacko & Joshua Siby of S, of ECE bagged the second prize while third prize was taken away by Mr Justin Mathew & Mr Amal Babus of S, of CSE. The quiz masters for the completion were Ansa Miriam Ninan & Maria Rose James of S, of ECE.
ISF at MLR Institute of Technology (MLRIT), Hyderabad, organized IETE National Technical Convention on ‘Recent Trends in VLSI and Signal Processing’ on Oct 27-28, 2017. Chairman, IETE Hyderabad Centre, Dr G Laxminarayana; Hony Secretary, Prof (Dr) Linga Reddy D; Vice Chairman- Prof CR Sarma and Prof A Sarveswararao, OP Venkateswar, Dr IV Subba Reddy, Dr KVNSVPL Narasimham and K Subbi Reddy attended. Dr Laxminarayana delivered a guest lecture on ‘Trends in VLSI’. Vice Chairman, Prof Sarma spoke on ‘IOT’. Nearly 600 students and faculty from different colleges participated. Events like Paper and poster presentations, Technical Quiz and Circuit debugging were included.

ISF at Dept ECE, ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysuru, organised a five-day workshop on “Applications of Advanced Embedded Systems using NI LabVIEW & ARDUINO” during Oct 27-31, 2017, in association with NI LabVIEW Academy, Dept of ECE, SJBIT, Bengaluru. 185 students from ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru and other engineering colleges such as CIT, Ponnampet, NEIIT and GSSSIETW, Mysuru participated. The workshop was coordinated by Chief Coordinator- Dr Mahesh P K, HoD; Conveners- Dr Yathisha L and Pavithra A C and Co-Conveners- Amrith Poonacha and Girish M, Asst Profs, Dept of ECE, ATME with Dr L Basavaraj, Principal, ATMECE, Mysuru, as the Organizing Chair. The Resource persons were Dr Ravikumar A V, Assoc Prof, Chief Coordinator, Shreenidhi and Nagarjun Gowda, LabVIEW Academy, SJBIT, Bengaluru, Darshini M B, Asst Prof and Kishan V, ATMECE, Mysuru. Elintz Lab, Bengaluru provided the hardware kits which were procured by ATMECE Mysuru.

ISF at Dept ECE, Gandhi Engineering College (GEC) Bhubaneswar, organized “Telecom Conclave-17” on Oct 28, 2017. The event was graced by Shri AK Pahi, GM, BSNL as Chief Guest and Shri Pradip Kumar Sahu, Principal RTTC, Bhubaneswar as Guest of Honour. Prof (Dr) K Bijay Kumar, Dir, GEC, welcomed the gathering. Shri Sanjeev Acharya, Bhati Airtel and Ms Saroj Panigrahi, Vodafone, were the notable speakers. On the occasion the departmental annual technical magazine “Electrocazione” was released. Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Kaustav Dash, AP/ECE.

ISF at Dept of ECE, Chandigarh University, Gharuan, Mohali, Punjab, Telcocrats Technologies, Ludhiana in association with the IETE, Chandigarh Centre, organized a three-day technical workshop on “Advance Wireless Communication” during Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2017. It started with the opening speech by Shri Khushal Thakur, AP/ Chandigarh University, followed by the introduction speech on IETE and Telcocrats mission and vision by Shri Kapil Bhutani, Director, Telcocrats Technologies. Dr Paras Chawla, HoD, motivated students on the new opportunities available for the new engineers and on how to make a better career in their respective domains. Mayank Kaushal, Sr RF Engineer shared his experience followed by the workshop on planned modules of Advance Wireless Communication. On second day, Taranjeet Singh, explained the practical aspects in Networking and Optical Fiber followed by the explanation of latest trends such as 5G, IoT and NGN. On the day three, Mayank Kaushal continued the module of Wireless Technology with practical on live software for 3G and 4G technologies. Students were given chance to do hands-on training on industry tools and its working software.

ISF at Dept of ECE, Punjabi Univ, Patiala, organized an expert lecture by Shri Kapil Bhutani on “Wireless Networks” and 3G and 4G. for MTech students and IETE members for enhancing their interest in core subjects of electronics on Nov 7, 2017. 60 MTech students and 40 IETE members participated. The event was arranged by IETE Coordinator, Dr Reecha Sharma.

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IETE Organizational Members Activities

- Adhi College of Engineering and Technology, Chennai, Organisational Member (G00508) & ISF, conducted a two-day certificate course on “Real Time PCB Design and Fabrication Technique” during 13th-14th Jul 2017 with Mr S Sahul Hameed, Head/Department, Venkateswara College of Engineering, Tirupur, presided. They spoke on ‘PCB design’ and ‘Filter design’ respectively. Dr K Sakthisudhan, Convener, delivered the welcome remarks. Dr R Anitha, Assoc Prof/ECE, Coordinator, explained recent trends related to PCB fabrication design. Another programme on “Recent Trends in Antennas and Filter Design” was held on 31st Jul 2017. The Chief Guest-Dr D Sriram Kumar, Prof/ECE, National Institute of Technology, Trichy and Dr H Umma Habiba, Prof/ECE, Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriripuram, presided. They spoke on ‘Antenna design’ and ‘Filter design’ respectively. Dr Habiba shared her knowledge in RF filter design with the demonstration using ADS tool. Dr A Devaraju, Principal/ACET delivered the presidential address. 160 students participated. Another one-day technical symposium on “CORICS’2K17” was organized by this College on 18th Aug 2017. The Chief Guest Mr A Adhit Shah, COE & Chairman, ABE Semiconductor Designs, Siruseri IT Park, Chennai, presided. Mrs Sujatha Maran, CEO/ACET, and Dr A Devaraju Principal/ ACET, also addressed the gathering. Events like Paper Presentation, Project Presentation, Circuit Debugging, Technical Quiz were conducted. Yet another one-day programme on “Recent Trends in Antennas and Filter Design” was organized on 22nd Sep 2017. The Chief Guest Dr Srimathy Kesavan, Indian Ambassador coordinator for NASA & Russian Space Centre, and also Founder/CEO of Space Kidz India, Chennai and Dr K Sakthisudhan Convener, HOD/ECE presided and shared experiences in the design of “Kalam-1 Satellite Creation” and also explained about “Near Space Vehicle” to read the air quality, altitude, gases around near Space etc.
- ISF at Dept of ECE, Muthayammal Engineering College (MEC), Rasipuram (G00343) in association with Sinetec Technologies, Coimbatore, organised a one-day workshop on “ADS and Multipurpose Lab Station” on Sep 8, 2017. The objective of this workshop was to give working knowledge of Keysight Advanced Design System (ADS) software. It provided knowledge on handling Measuring Instruments “Multipurpose Lab Station” which is used in most of the Engineering Industries to make precise measurements. Dr J Rangarajan, Convener, Professor/ECE, welcomed participants.

Participants of the Workshop

National Symposium of CORICS’ 2017

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Awards & Achievements

Dr D Tumati Venkateswar Rao (F-191928), Chairman, IETE Vijayawada Centre, presently working as Prof & HoD/ECE at Sir C R Reddy College of Engineering, ELURU, WG Dist (AP), received his 2nd PhD degree from JNTU, Kakinada, on the thesis entitled, “Analysis of Compact Notch Band Antennas with defected Ground Structure for UWB Applications” in Electronics And Communication Engineering. His first PhD degree was from Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU), Guntur. IETE congratulates him.

Dr S Lakshminarayana (F-169862) has been elected as Fellow of Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences- FAPAS for the year 2017 in IT and Computer Sciences area. This is an honour given to a person in Academics, R&D, Industry and Government, who is a native of Andhra Pradesh and working by profession anywhere in India or an Indian citizen working in Andhra Pradesh by profession at the time of election and who has made outstanding contributions in S&T and continues to be actively engaged in his field. Dr S Lakshminarayana is Principal Scientist at CSIR National Institute of Oceanography, Vishakhapatnam. Taught 5 years at Department of Computer Science and Systems Engineering for UG and PG programs. He is a recognized guide for doctoral programs at JNTU, Hyderabad and Kakinada. His professional interests are Search Engines, Web algorithms, Data Mining and Natural Language Processing. Congratulations to him!

Dr Hemant Rambhau Deshmukh (F-237083) one of the Executive Committee members from IETE Amravati Centre, has been elected as Senate member of the Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. He is elected from amongst the ten Engineering Teachers’ category. Congratulations to him!
Ms Anupama Chopra (F-500724) is a leading expert in M2M (Machine to Machine) Communication software. Her strength is her indepth knowledge of the M2M common services like Device Management, Registration, Security and Notification in the M2M devices and applications. She is presently leading the design and development of a multiuser and service independent C-DOT Common Service Platform (CCSP) for M2M communication, which is based on one M2M - the global standards for M2M/IoT. Under her leadership, the C-DOT M2M team made several contributions to oneM2M specifications in the Architecture, Security and the Protocol Working Groups of oneM2M. She along with her team has been representing India in various oneM2M Face to Face Technical Plenary meetings and Interoperable testing events held in S. Korea, Japan, France, and Taiwan and in Bangalore, performing testing of CCSP with products from various International companies. She is also a member of M2W working Group of the Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC), Department of Telecommunication, where she has significantly contributed in the Technical reports (TR) on the Gateway and Architecture, M2M Numbering and Addressing and the M2M Safety and Surveillance. She is amongst the primary authors of the TR on M2M Gateway and Architecture.

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OBITUARY

Dr Pawan Kapur (DF-055895), Former Director, CSIR-CSIO Chandigarh, Distinguished Fellow, IETE and a former Governing Council Member breathed his last on 8th Dec 2017.

Dr Pawan Kapur had joined CSIR-CEERI, Pilani in April 1975, where he rose up to the level of Director Grade Scientist & Group Leader, Agri-Electronics Group. He carried out significant Research work in the area of Electronic Instrumentation and Control Systems for various agro-based industries like sugar, tea, mushroom cultivation, food/beverage, storage, electronic nose, etc. and developed several technologies and transferred them to industry for commercialization. In Oct 2004, he took over the reins of CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh as its Director and remained up to Dec 2012. He restructured CSIO and set up several R&D infrastructure/facilities of national importance namely: Agri-Electronics Lab, Analytical instrumentation & Food Characterization Lab, Optical Metrology Lab, Photonics Lab, Bio-medical Engg Lab, Computational Instrumentation Lab, etc. Dr Kapur’s areas of specialization were intelligent instrumentation, process automation, soft-computing, bio-medical engineering, modelling and simulation and electronic perception analysis.

Dr Kapur had contributed significantly towards the growth of IETE for more than 3 decades from Pilani and Chandigarh. His contribution to overall growth of Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) as Governing Council Member, Chairman of various Committees and a mentor to IETE Chandigarh and its associated Sub-Centres are of great importance. A recipient of several top awards, Dr Kapur had over 100 research papers to his credit. Besides, he guided over 50 students in their dissertation apart from having four patents, six products and four book chapters to his credit.

A very fine human being, he will be deeply missed by the entire IETE family. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, and other family members. May his soul rest in peace.
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