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EVENT REPORT

COLLOQ 2020

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CVM University
G H Patel College of Engineering & Technology

INTRODUCTION

WIE Affinity Group, IEEE SIGHT, and IAS-PES Joint Chapter of the IEEE GCET Student Branch organized a **webinar series, ColloQ 2020**, which focused on **increasing awareness of humanitarian developments worldwide** and encouraging participation among people towards taking their **first step towards the welfare of humanity**.

ColloQ was an **international event** and it was **globally open for all**. In total, **387 people registered** for the event and there were **200+ attendees** in the sessions.

It was a 2-day event wherein speakers from different humanitarian domains shared their knowledge and experience on **how to help humanity grow**. The main purpose of ColloQ was to **impart various ideologies related to humanity**.



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Changing Perceptions

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Entrepreneur
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TEDx Speaker

Geetika Saigal
No.1 Bestselling Author
5 X TEDx Speaker
Award-winning Success Coach

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Dr Abhishek Appaji



Dr Abhishek Appaji is currently IEEE SIGHT Chairperson and Joint Treasurer at IEEE Bangalore Section. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp specialized in new ventures leadership. His Ph.D. was in Mental Health and Neurosciences from Maastricht University. He has renowned laurels including IEEE International Best paper Award in Malaysia, Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Award 2016 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Winner of Class 5 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp, IEEE MGA Young Professional Achievement Award, R10 YP achievement award, etc.

Mr Rohaan Goswami



Rohaan Goswami is the COO and Director of Product at Ycenter. He leads the engineering and design teams and is the chief architect of Ycenter's global experiential learning platform EPIC. He works as the Creative Director at ProjectOne, a non-profit media collective that he founded in 2016 to research & celebrate human diversity. Rohaan is frequently invited as a visiting faculty for Social Innovation, Design Thinking, and Sustainable Technology domains across top universities. He has also served as a design consultant & strategic advisor for Fortune 500 companies and impact organizations including Abbott Global Healthcare, Shell Foundation, Giza Systems, and IEEE.

Ms Mercy Chelangat K.



Ms. Mercy Chelangat is a humanitarian engineer with an unending interest in Renewable Energy Technologies. She advocates for the inclusion of women's voices in all sectors of the energy value chains. She is the chair of the African fund development working group and an Ambassador of IEEE - Smart Village and PES Women in Power Representative of Region 8 - Africa, Kenya. She is also Chair Publicity Marketing and Historian Committee IEEE Kenya Section. Her passion lies in leveraging green energy for the sustainable development of our communities through social, economic, and environmental empowerment.

Ms Geetika Saigal



Geetika Saigal is a Global Corporate Leader turned Entrepreneur turned Writer, whose debut book 'Finding Your G-Spot' became an Amazon No. 1 Bestseller. She's also been awarded the All India Achievers Award, Shining Woman Award, and Super Achiever Award for her literary and coaching work. She has spoken 5 times on the renowned global platform of TEDx Talks. Geetika also sits on the Board of Advisors at WASME (World Association of SMEs), a global non-profit organization, having consultative/observer status with concerned agencies in the UN system such as UNCTAD, WIPO, UNIDO, UNESCO, and ILO.

ABOUT THE EVENT

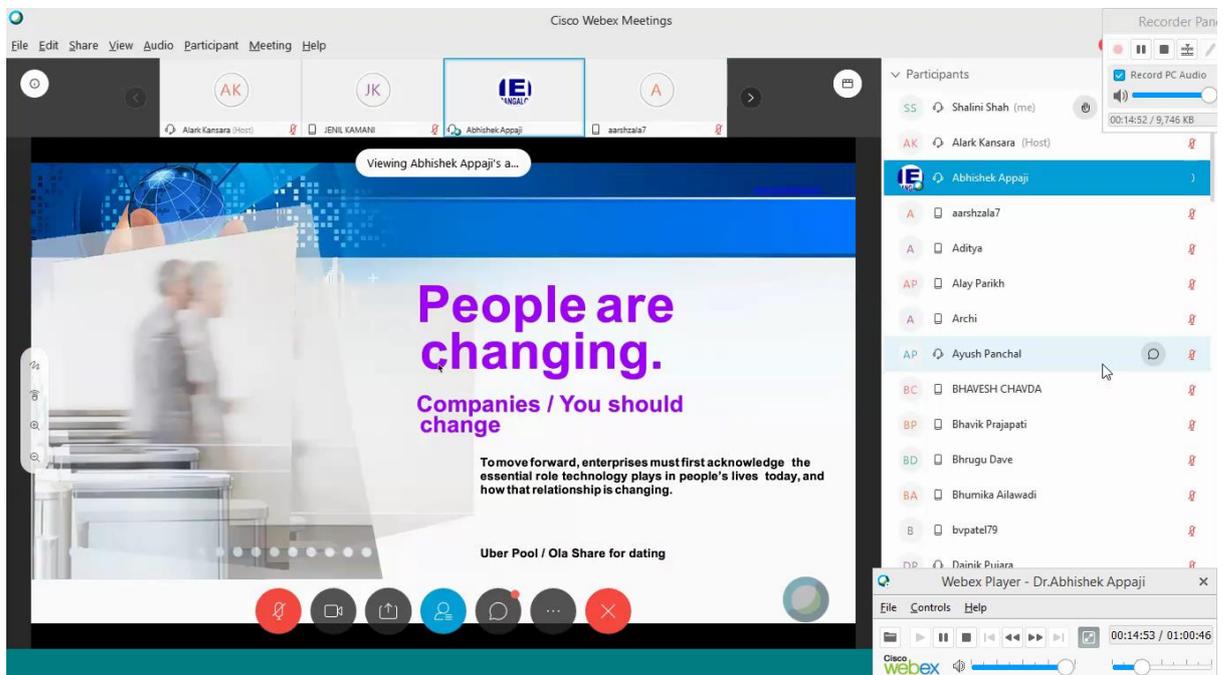
WEBINAR #1

Today's Innovations for Future Change by Dr Abhishek Appaji

The session started with a talk on how technology impacts our present and our future. Then Dr Abhishek Appaji imparted his experience to the participants. He explored his entrepreneurial ventures and discussed his projects.

Youth is the driver of the future, and they are looked upon as sources of innovation for the high street of tomorrow. Some of the best innovations are made when they serve the essence of humanity. This is how he relates youth and innovation to the future. He highlights the importance of technology and how it can be used to change our life.

The session ended with a brief on IEEE Sight and how sight works for the betterment of humanity in association with technology.



WEBINAR #2

Human-Centered Product Design by Mr Rohaan Goswami

The webinar started with the introduction of entrepreneurship and the basic aspects related to it. Following that, Mr Rohaan Goswami told about how he pursued his career in marketing.

After giving details about his career, he informed the attendees about how to start off with a particular idea in the market. He told us how to make products and every product is a solution to the given corresponding problems that exist in day to day life and every human being needs such human-centered design-oriented products.

And further giving more impact on human-design oriented products he told about frugal innovation & advertisement of that particular product to solve problems that actually entrepreneurs face. His main focus throughout the webinar was about product design and problem-solving for helping humanity.



Building **sustainable** communities and businesses through **human centered** design.



WEBINAR #3

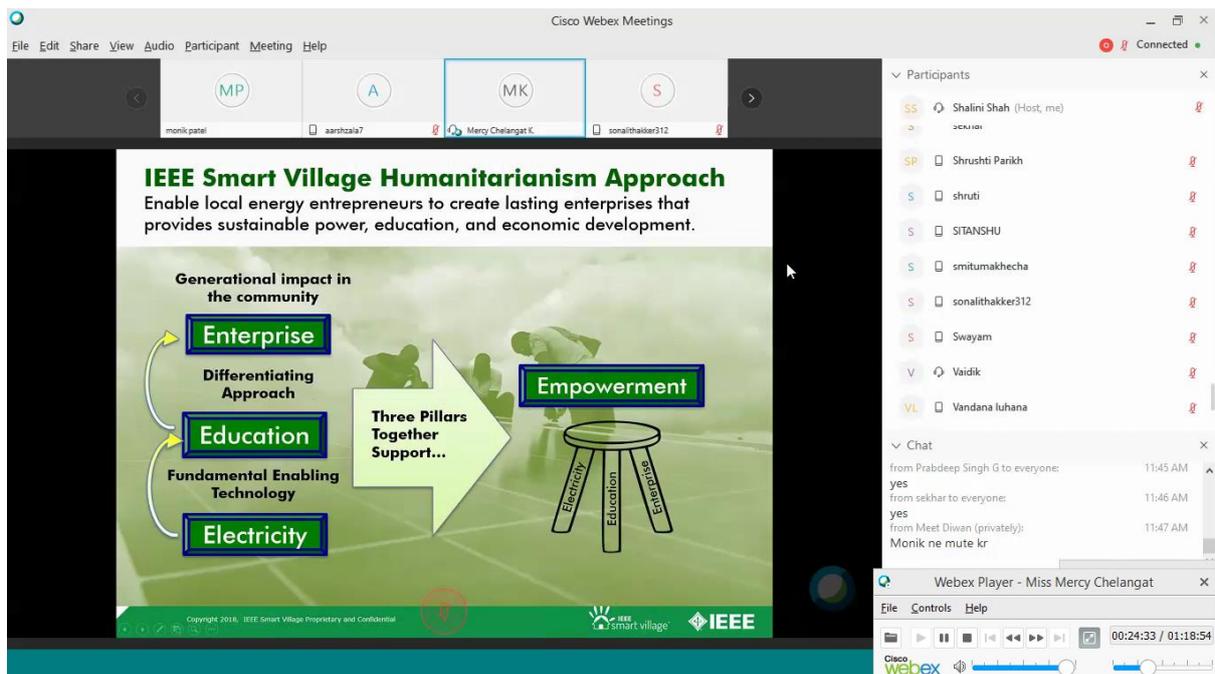
What makes a Humanitarian by Ms Mercy Chelangat K.

This talk started with the question, What is Humanitarian Engineering? Following that, Ms Mercy Chelangat discussed her ongoing projects for IEEE Smart Village and further explained what actually a humanitarian is with some examples.

Humanitarians promote human welfare and ideas of people. They bring about change in normal behavioral patterns of society and help to aid.

These people don't for glory or praise just their main aim is to make a difference in the world they live in. no one can tell you about essentials of humanitarianism than a humanitarian engineer.

She also encouraged all to join forces against the injustice of the world.



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WEBINAR #4

Women in Power by Ms Geetika Saigal

The session started with Ms Geetika Saigal introducing herself and her work. Then she informed the participants on how her perspective towards life changed and how she left behind a career of global corporate leader and started writing and a time came when she became an Amazon Best-Selling Author of her book "Finding your G-spot".

Continuing the session, she enlightened the participants with her very own concepts of DIFY (Do It For Yourself) about how to find your passion in life, how to do something to get something and to achieve something.

Lastly, to add some fun to the webinar session, we had a wondrous rapid-fire round with the speaker where she answered our questions in a fun and interesting manner.



CONCLUSION

ColloQ 2020 was, in terms of it's ideas, a path breaking event for our Student Branch. Humanitarian development is the need of today. There are millions across the globe in urgent need of aid. And we can play a crucial role in this development by making use of the technology around us in order to help people.

All the speakers gave different insights into know-how of development, be it by building sustainable projects for upliftment of the poor, or by associating yourself with communities across the globe in order to attain the joint goal of sustainable development.

It is our strong belief that the people who attended this event left with a sense of understanding about the development of humanity. With the joined efforts of everyone, we must strive to provide a helping hand and usher the lives of the underprivileged through potent use of technology and education.