IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit 2017

With the theme "Disrupt - Breaking the barriers of thought", IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit (ILS) 2017 aimed to bring entrepreneurs, business leaders, social activists and engineers together was held during 13-15 Jul 2017 at Goa. The summit had an array of thought leaders from various walks of life, predominantly, science and technology, who shared their experiences to inspire the gathering. More than 300 delegates from all across the globe attended this summit.

Day 1 started with the welcoming presentation. Mahesh V. Zurale, Managing Director of Accenture gave the opening keynote on 'Tech Vision'. The next keynotes were by Pallavi Arora, Director of Technical services at CISCO and Seeta Hariharan, General Manager and Group Head of TCS Digital Software and Solutions Group. The keynotes touched on the roles at various levels of leadership in the life of a professional, how to sell oneself as a brand and on finding mentorship. The next session was a panel discussion on the emerging technologies. The panelist agreed that the emerging technologies would not take away the jobs rather they will replace them with new ones. The day ended with entertaining performances, celebration and dinner.

The second and third day of the summit was divided into four tracks 'Advance: Entrepreneurship', 'Lead: Leadership', 'Engage: Community Design & Art' and 'Inspire: Innovation and Technology' that ran parallel in different halls.

Day 2 started with the Keynote session addressed by Mr. Veeramanikandan Raju, CTO, Software and Systems, Texas Instruments that mainly focused on recent technological trends.

The Entrepreneurship Track started with the talk by Shri Charan, founder of StuMagz who narrated how he got the inspiration for creating StuMagz - an online platform for hosting student's magazines. The following session was by Rashi Narang, founder of Heads up for Tails - a luxury brand for pets with aim for pet owners to indulge better with their pets. Further, the audience witnessed a session on "Deep Learning- A brief review" taken by Sancheeta Kaushal from Grofers. Later, T. Mekha , co-founder of Guardians of Dreams which is a social enterprise that focuses on effective child care for the unprivileged talked about the life of a social entrepreneur. This was followed by a very interesting session by Dr. Kiran Talele, IEEE Bombay Section - Student Activities Chair on "Women in Entrepreneurship". The next session was by Ashwath Bharath, Project Lead of Firki, Teach for India. He talked about their two year program for children of low - income parents. This was followed by a panel discussion on Entrepreneurship and Leadership. The next session in row was "Reaching out to the Next Billion Users" by Karthik Padmanabhan, Google Developers Head for Google India. He focused on 'Building right business model' for the people in India.

The Leadership Track started with a session on "Authentic Leadership – Truly Human" by Sandilya, Mathangi, Managing Director, Accenture. This was followed by a session by Sabbah Haji, Director - Haji Public School, J&K who talked about how education helps us grow and lead. The next session was by Dr. Shanthie Mariet D'Souza, CEO and Founder, Mantraya. She gave a brief about her company and the projects that it does. The following session was by Smita Negi, Global Senior Director, Stryker Global Technology Centre. This was followed by a workshop on leadership that was taken up by two women leaders, Shubhra Bhandari, Director, TI India HR & Roopashree HM, Director, Analog Technology Development & EDA, TI India. Kamala Srinivasan, Senior Director, Anita Borg Institute took the stage next followed by a session by Pragya Laad, ARM Technologies who talked about "Challenging the beliefs: Creating your own path". The track's sessions of day 2 ended with a panel discussion on Smart City.

On day 3, Rashmeet Kaur, Director, LeanIn Delhi Chapter discussed about LeanIn and how it is helping in building great women leaders followed by a session on "Deciphering Assurance Metamorphosis – From validating solution to validating business needs" by Nalini Krishnan, TCS.

The engage track that focused on community, art and design began with a talk by Celia Shahnaz, Professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology who talked at length about IEEE PES WiP, its mission and its goals. The next speaker was Durga Gawde, Sculptor and Educator at Durga Gawde Studio who shared her inspiring life journey. Next was Prajakta Kulkarni, Founder of Nodes who discussed about User Experience (UX) Design in her talk. Ramalatha Marimuthu, Former Chair of IEEE WIE was the next speaker who spoke on Ethical Leadership. After lunch, the track restarted with a session by Sailaja Bhagavatula, Managing Director, Accenture. Following was a workshop "Introduction to Machine Learning and Tensor Flow" by Lakshya Sivaramakrishnan, Google. Next was Vidya Govindan, Managing Director, Accenture. Her talk was about "Automation – What's New" and she gave a retrospective and futuristic scope of automation. Roopa Barua, Founder, Kahini Media took the stage next. She spoke about how she decided to join the New York Film Academy to become a filmmaker and how her journey has been so far. The next session was taken by Galini Kondyli and Abir Chermiti - IEEE IAS. Galini talked about IEEE Industry Automation Society (IAS). The concluding session was taken by Jigyasa Grover, Director, Women Who Code, Delhi who talked about Free and Open Source Software (FOSS). In this Track, on Day 3, we had Prajakta kulkarni, Founder, Nodes who gave a session on "Design Thinking - Open innovations" followed by Panel discussion on "Young Professionals".

Inspire- Innovation and Technology track had series of sessions inspiring the delegates. First talk was by Dr. Rajlaxmi Chouhan, from IITJ on Technology Driven Women Empowerment followed by session on "The Magic of Technology" by Kshirsagar Nandita, Managing Director, Accenture. Then Ranjini M, Engineering Manager, Texas Instruments talked about 'Application Containerization – Emerging trend in DevOps'. Next Nitin Sawant, Managing Director, Accenture gave a talk on 'Application Security – The next frontier to defend'. Further, Srividya Sriram & Smrithi Parameswar from Freshworks talked about Ten commandments of Product Creation. Following was a talk on 'Test Data Management Techniques For Large Enterprises' by Abhiram Cuduvalli from CISCO. The next talk was given by Srilakshmi Subramanian from Ericsson and Prasanna Subramanian from Ford. They spoke about Smart Mobility – IOT World Revolutionizing Transport Industry. The next one was also an IoT centered talk by Meeta Thakur from Ericsson titled- 'IOT with IMS, Most Powerful Disruptive Technology'. Next, Narayana Pai from Ericsson threw some light on 'Innovation: From concept to realization'. Following was a talk by Piyali Goswami from Texas Instruments on 'Technologies that change the way we drive'. The next was based on 'Semiconductor Test : Invisible Yet Omnipresent …howz this ?' by Neha Prabhu, Texas Instruments. Then Khambampati Sailu, Managing Director, Accenture talked on 'Containerization – The New Face of the Cloud'.

Day 3 witnessed two talks in this track - 'Understanding the Millennial Workforce' by Pooja Hegde and 'Big Data Analytic Identity Management Expert System for Social Media Network' by Dr. Buddhima Subasinghe.

The summit also had an online career fair to connect aspiring participants with leading companies. With a warm vote of thanks to all delegates, spons ors and speakers and convocation of volunteers, the summit was brought to an end.

Alphabetic advice for you:

A B C : Avoid Boring Company..

D E F: Don't Entertain Fools..

G H I: Go for High Ideas .

J K L M: Just Keep a friend like ME..

N O P: Never Overlook the Poor n suffering..

Q R S: Quit Reacting to Silly tales..

T U V:Tune Urself for ur Victory..

W X Y Z: We Xpect You to Zoom ahead in life

Very ....beautiful lines please store it.