

## IEEE Bombay Section Events

### IEEE Student Transition and Elevation Partnership Program



*“It’s not about ideas. It’s about making ideas happen.” - [Scott Belsky](#), co-founder of Behance.*

Hand holding our student members on the journey to professional life is an important aspect of the mentorship and the motto of IEEE Bombay Section Young Professional Affinity Group. In line with its vision of providing value addition as well as local connect, IEEE BSYP organised the 2nd edition of Student Transition and Elevation Partnership Program (STEP) at IEEE S..B. Jain Institute of Technology Management and Research Student Branch on 7th and 8th July 2017.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. Sachin Gogate, Assistant Director, Pratt & Whitney, USA. Other dignitaries at the inaugural session included: Dr. Sanjay Badjate, Principal, SBJITMR, Anand Gharpure, IEEE Bombay Section YP Chair, Dr Ms Preeti Bajaj, Director, GH Raison College of Engineering and Gandhar Kanitkar, IEEE YP Execom Member. Dr. Sanjay Badjate welcomed the guests and participants and felicitated the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Dr. Preeti Bajaj congratulated everyone for hosting the first event at IEEE Nagpur Sub-Section and also emphasized on the importance and experience of such IEEE events which mould the managerial skills of the students.

Professional life can be divided in two parts which are Career and Entrepreneurship. We tried to offer a flavour of both these options to the participants and chose the topic accordingly. “Career Building in Mainstream Companies” was the topic discussed by Dr. Sachin Gogate who shared his views & his experience which started from being Alumnus of VNIT (then VRCE, Nagpur). He enlightened the participants about available choices, pursuing further education to complement work experience. He also spoke about Job Hopping or Switching of Jobs and its effect in the long term.

The session was followed by a panel discussion between Dr. Sachin Gogate and the next speakers-cum-entrepreneurs Mustafa Maimoon, Founder and CEO of New Tech Dies, Sagar Kirtane, Founder and CEO of Web Beta Pvt. Ltd. And Mr. Asim Parte, TPO, SBJITMR which was moderated by Anand S Gharpure. The major points which were discussed were “If professional Membership like IEEE helps in career or Business”, “Growth Vs Stability Debate” and “Completing all the education before joining the industry”. Various queries of student participants regarding placements, career opportunities and entrepreneurship were answered throughout the discussion by the panellists.

Mustafa Maimoon and Mr. Sagar Kirtane shared their start-up experience and encouraged the students to look at the other avenues in life. Team building activity was conducted to bring out the decision making & marketing qualities as well as to understand the importance of working in teams.

The second day of the event began with a session by Mr. Shubham Gupta, IEEE YP Member. He gave insights on areas like networking, technical assistance, personal development provided by the YP community of IEEE. He also shared his own experience with the IEEE YP community. Mr. Gandhar Kanitkar, provided guidance regarding the financial requirement for new setups and what options could be opted for them. Arbob Mehmood, Founder & CEO at SIQQA who is working on Crypto-Currency such as BitCoin and Mr. Jayesh Bagde, COO & Co-Founder Touristlink and Founder, GetNow shared the knowledge and experience of their own start-ups with the participants.

The event was summarized with the concluding remarks by Mr. Anand Gharpure. Dr. Narendra Bawane, IEEE Bombay Section Execom Member appreciated the active response of participants from different IEEE SB and motivated them to

continue the enthusiasm in upcoming activities. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Disha Gupta, Branch Counsellor, IEEE S. B. Jain Student Branch and overall co-ordinator of the event.

### **BS@40 : IEEE Bombay Section Celebrates 40 Years**

13 July 2017 was special for IEEE Bombay Section as it marks the high point of BS@40, our yearlong 40th anniversary celebrations. Bombay Section was one of three Sections which emerged from the erstwhile IEEE India Section in 1976.

During the period the **BS@40** branding covered all Section technical events especially Section Signature Symposium IBSS 2016 held at Baramati, in Pune (Dec 2016) and Section Students Congress IBSC 2017, at Shegaon, North Maharashtra (Jan 2017) and the forthcoming IBSS 2017 at Shah & Anchor Kutchi Engineering College Mumbai (Dec 2017).

Specific BS@40 technical offerings in the form of expert talks included:

- 21 Jan 2017 : Prof JM Vasi : "India's 100 GW National Solar Mission Opportunities & Challenge", Mukesh Patel School of Technology Mgmt & Engineering, JVPD, Mumbai
- 23 Feb 2017 : Prof MV Pitke : "Microwaves – Beyond Radar & Communications", MET Institute of Engineering, Nashik
- 10 Mar 2017 : Prof M Balakrishnan, Dy Dir IIT Delhi : "ASSISTECH – Technology Solutions for independent mobility & Education of Visually Impaired", DBIT Mumbai
- 17 May 2017 : Peter Thomsen, Orbiwise Switzerland & VS Sridhar TataComm : "Latest developments in LoraWAN technology", Mumbai
- 21 July 2017 : Prof Kukjin Chun, Seoul National University, "MEMS technology based sensors and actuators", TIFR ASET Colloquium, Mumbai
- 21 Aug 2017 : Prof Siva Kumar K, IIT Hyderabad, "Pole-phase modulated induction motor drives for electric vehicles", VNIT, Nagpur
- One more event is in the pipeline to be held in at BITS Pilani, Goa.



It was decided to felicitate all past chairs and members of the Executive Committee, especially all who served the Section since the silver jubilee celebrations in 2002. Also honoured were the star speakers of the SKEP programme who had contributed much to create a brand which has achieved recognition far and wide.

Invitations were sent out to all on the honours roll, irrespective of whether they had continued IEEE membership. This special gesture was much appreciated. Life members and senior citizens were invited with spouse and the list of invitees almost touched 100. Each BS@40 stalwart was presented with a silver commemorative coin engraved with the IEEE Bombay Section Logo.

The function began with a brief recap of Section activities over the years. Then Dr B Satyanarayana Tech Activities Chair made a special presentation on the significance of the year 1976 in history and how BS@40 had been celebrated with expert talks during the period. A unique format of the function served to retain the interest till the end. Starting from 2000, the list of each year's Execom members was displayed and those present from among that list were invited to come up to receive their coins.

Presenters and awardees were shuffled around and a Senior like Dr FC Kohli, first chair of India Section, received his memento from Anand Gharpure, YP Chair, among the youngest members of the Execom.

Interspersed with the year wise individual felicitations were special presentations from WIE, LMAG, Students and Young Professionals. This served to retain interest of one and all and keep the proceedings moving. The evening ended with networking and dinner.