

REPORT ON THE WIE AG INAUGURATION at MIT

Date: 06-09-2020

Time: 5pm-6pm

Number of attendees: 51

IEEE members: 49

Non IEEE members: 2



IEEE SBM
*Welcomes you to the Inaugural of the
IEEE Women in Engineering Affinity
Group (6th September, 2020)*

Chief Guests *Guest of Honour* *Presided by*

			
<i>Ms. Sadhana Attavar</i>	<i>Mr. Puneet Kumar Mishra</i>	<i>Mrs. Jayanthi Prabhu</i>	<i>Dr. Vinod V Thomas</i>

The WIE Affinity Group Inaugural session was conducted on 6th September, 2020 at 5pm through the online mode using Cisco Webex meeting. The Chief Guests invited for this ceremony were Mrs Sadhana Attavar, Chair of WIE Bangalore section and Mr Puneet Kumar Mishra, Chairperson of IEEE Bangalore Section. The guest of honour was Mrs Jayanthi Prabhu and Dr Vinod V Thomas, Registrar Evaluation MAHE presided over the session.

The session began with Ms Prita Saha, Co-Chair of WIE Affinity Group welcoming the gathering followed by a beautiful prayer rendered by Ms Ipshita Upasana, faculty Department of Information and Communication Technology. Dr. Poornaltha G, faculty advisor for the WIE Affinity Group, Vice-Chair IEEE MSS, and Associate Professor – Senior Scale, in the Department of Information and Communication Technology, delivered the welcome address. Mrs Sadhana Attavar inaugurated the Affinity Group with a click on the screen as the curtains on the power point presentation were drawn and we celebrated the official inauguration of the WIE Affinity Group in IEEE-SBM.

The chief guest Mrs Sadhana Attavar congratulated us and then addressed everyone. She gave a brief talk about WIE, about its establishment and its vision and goals. She told about the working, various competitions and tasks undertaken by WIE and motivated all to work for this wonderful chapter.

Ms Navya Ambardar, Chair of the WIE Affinity Group gave a brief description about the activities that the WIE Affinity Group plans to undertake in the coming months. She spoke about conducting webinars and talks by esteemed women professionals and carrying out awareness campaigns along with special projects to benefit the society. Mr Puneet Kumar

Mishra gave insights about the women who had achieved great heights in the field of engineering and encouraged us to work like them.

Mrs Jayanthi Prabhu one of the oldest women engineers of the country shared her experiences as a women civil engineer at a time when engineering was a male dominated profession. She inspired everyone with her story and proved that one can achieve his goals irrespective of their gender, religion, caste etc .

Dr UC Niranjan , Chair of IEEE Mangalore sub section addressed the gathering, followed by Dr Vinod V Thomas , Registrar Evaluation, MAHE with his presidential address. They provided us with support and encouragement.

Dr Pallavi R Mane, faculty advisor IEEE Student Branch Manipal and faculty, Department of Electronics and Communication talked about the Student Branch and its activities.

Ms Prita Saha extended the vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and attendees who had graced the inaugural ceremony by their presence. The ceremony concluded with a virtual group picture.

