



IEEE WIE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

KERALA 2025

Lead with Purpose: Nurturing and Growing Together Towards a Sustainable Tomorrow

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The Raviz Kadavu, Kozhikode, Kerala



"Every day I woke up and looked forward to coming to work, because I knew I was going to learn something new. That's the kind of passion you need to carry, no matter where you are, in space or on Earth."

— **Sunita Williams**

NASA Astronaut
Aerospace Engineer



"Don't wait for opportunities—create them. Your ideas, your voice, and your vision can reshape the future of engineering and humanity."

— **Dr. Karen Panetta**

IEEE Fellow, IEEE WIECommittee Chair 2007-2009
Dean of Graduate Education at Tufts University



About the Summit

The IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit (WIE ILS) 2025, hosted by the IEEE WIE Kerala Section, is a premier global gathering designed to foster inclusive leadership and elevate diverse voices across STEM and beyond.

Held under the theme **“Lead with Purpose: Nurturing and Growing Together Towards a Sustainable Tomorrow”** the summit celebrates the transformative power of purpose-driven leadership rooted in empathy, innovation, and collective growth. It underscores how inclusive and intentional leadership not only cultivates stronger teams and communities, but also lays the foundation for a more sustainable and equitable future.

Over two dynamic days, WIE ILS 2025 will bring together a vibrant constellation of global leaders, visionaries, technologists, policymakers, creatives, and entrepreneurs to exchange ideas, ignite change, and co-create pathways for progress. By championing sustainability at its core, the summit emphasizes our shared responsibility to lead with integrity, build resilient systems, and inspire solutions that endure beyond generations.

Participants will engage in thought-provoking sessions, immersive experiences, and cross-disciplinary dialogues that intertwine professional excellence with personal growth, making WIE ILS 2025 a catalyst for long-term impact, empowerment, and global connection.



IEEE WIE: Our Legacy

IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) is one of the world's largest professional organizations dedicated to advancing women in engineering and science. With a global network of over 1,000 affinity groups across 100+ countries, IEEE WIE continues to empower women through impactful outreach, technical sessions, humanitarian initiatives, networking opportunities, and educational programs.

Among its most dynamic contributors is the **IEEE Kerala Section**—recognized globally for its innovation, engagement, and excellence. With 15,000+ active members, the section has earned a reputation for hosting high-impact programs that foster both technical growth and community development.

The IEEE WIE Kerala Affinity Group (WIE AG) holds the distinction of being the first WIE AG in the Asia Pacific (Region 10) and remains a pioneer in promoting gender equity in STEM. With a thriving community of over 5,600 members, it has garnered prestigious accolades, including:



Honorable Mention – IEEE WIE AG of the Year Award (2023)

MGA WIE Affinity Group of the Year Award (2019)

Region 10 WIE Section Affinity Group Award (2013 & 2019)

Rooted in excellence and driven by purpose, IEEE WIE Kerala continues to inspire and lead the way for women in engineering across the globe.



IEEE WIE ILS

The IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit (WIE ILS) is a signature global initiative of IEEE Women in Engineering—one of the largest international professional communities dedicated to advancing women in STEM.

With a presence in 100+ countries and over 1,000 affinity groups, WIE ILS summits have evolved into powerful platforms that ignite ideas, accelerate leadership, and foster lifelong connections among changemakers worldwide.

Why Kozhikode?

Nestled in Kerala's historic Malabar region, Kozhikode offers the perfect confluence of heritage and progress. Recognized by UNESCO as a City of Literature, it is celebrated for its educational legacy, social inclusivity, and coastal serenity. The city embodies the ethos of WIE ILS where culture meets innovation and leadership is nurtured through diversity.

Following two successful editions hosted in the Kochi and Travancore regions, the 2025 summit arrives in Kozhikode, bringing the experience to the Malabar region and fulfilling the Kerala Section's strategic vision of inclusive representation across all three regions.

The WIE ILS 2025 Experience: What to Expect

- Fully residential experience designed to foster immersive learning, authentic connections & holistic growth
- Inspiring keynotes from global leaders spanning science, policy, innovation & arts
- Morning yoga sessions by the backwaters to cultivate mental clarity and well-being
- Cultural evenings that showcase Kerala's rich traditions through music, dance, and storytelling
- Curated learning tracks for professional advancement & personal development
- Hands-on STEM outreach (pre-event) with rural school children, where impact begins at the grassroots
- Entrepreneurs' Challenge offering mentorship, pitch opportunities & global exposure
- High-touch engagement with IEEE global leaders, fostering insight, mentorship & collaboration

Summit Theme & Tracks

WIE ILS 2025 is anchored in the theme **“Lead with Purpose: Nurturing and Growing Together Towards a Sustainable Tomorrow”** celebrating the power of diverse voices in shaping a more inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking future for STEM and society. It is a call to lead with empathy, collaboration, and a deep commitment to sustainable progress.

Each summit track is thoughtfully designed to explore key areas of growth and impact—from entrepreneurship and emerging technologies to wellness, advocacy, and creative expression. Whether you're building, leading, or reflecting, there is space for every changemaker to thrive and contribute to lasting change.



Entrepreneurs' Challenge

Pitch. Persuade. Power Up.

A signature highlight of the summit, the Entrepreneurs' Challenge is built to spotlight the next generation of bold, visionary women founders ready to drive change.

Who should apply?

Early-stage startups led by women or built on inclusive leadership models.

What's in it for you?

The opportunity to pitch on a global stage, gain access to expert mentorship, unlock visibility, and compete for potential funding and recognition.



Application Deadline: October 1, 2025



Apply Now: wieilskerala.org/challenge



Start Your Day with Rejuvenating Yoga

Each morning at WIE ILS 2025 begins with guided yoga by the serene banks of the Chaliyar River. Set against the gentle rhythms of nature, these sessions offer more than physical wellness—they invite stillness, clarity, and a deep connection to self.

Designed to energize the body and calm the mind, morning yoga sets the tone for a day rooted in intention and resilience. It's a daily ritual to align your focus, strengthen your presence, and carry a grounded energy into every conversation, workshop, and connection ahead.



Our Legacy, Our Impact

The **IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summits (WIE ILS)** are globally recognized for blending purpose, inspiration, and culture—leaving a lasting impact on communities, careers, and equity in STEM.

The **IEEE Kerala Section** has successfully delivered two impactful WIE ILS editions in 2018 and 2022, hosted in the Kochi and Travancore regions. With the upcoming 2025 edition taking place in Kozhikode, the summit marks a strategic milestone—completing its journey across all three regions of the state and reinforcing Kerala's leadership in inclusive, grassroots-driven collaboration.

WIE ILS 2018 – Kochi

Our inaugural summit in Kochi marked a bold beginning. Amidst the backdrop of the devastating Kerala floods, the event stood tall as a beacon of resilience and solidarity. It brought together leaders from prestigious institutions like DRDO, GE, Cisco, and VSSC. The program featured hands-on self-defense training led by the Kerala Police, immersive cultural showcases including Bharatanatyam and Kalaripayattu, and sessions that sparked both professional insight and personal empowerment. The 2018 summit set the tone for what WIE ILS would come to represent—grit, grace, and global relevance.

WIE ILS 2022 – Trivandrum

Held in celebration of WIE Kerala's 20-year legacy, the 2022 edition was a vibrant convergence of tradition and transformation. From early morning Ashtanga yoga atop a panoramic 360° rooftop to creative explorations like faux calligraphy workshops, the summit fostered a holistic approach to leadership. Highlights included high-energy performances by the Nadodi band, and thought-provoking talks by global voices across engineering, entrepreneurship, and policy. The event reinforced the power of community, creativity, and connection.



TRIVANDRUM 2022



KOCHI 2018

Registrations & Ticket Types



REGISTER NOW

and be part of a global gathering committed to shaping inclusive leadership in STEM.

**IEEE WIE ILS
2025**
24-25 OCTOBER



Join a transformative summit experience that blends leadership, learning, and cultural connection—all in one place.



Your registration includes: All sessions, accommodation, meals, summit kit, and curated cultural experiences.

***USD prices are inclusive of 18% GST

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Where Leadership is Reimagined, Together