**A short interview from Nivas Ravichandran -** Electronics Coordination Committee Member for IEEE Region 10 and the SB Networking Secretary for R10 SAC India Team.

**How has IEEE benefitted you?**

The question is a very difficult one to answer. Not because IEEE has not provided me anything, it has provided me too many things confusing me on what to start off with. IEEE has provided me a platform to learn, experiment and grow. The opportunities provided by IEEE are immense and I made sure I seized whatever opportunities came my way. Starting from the wide network of friends I possess to the public speaking and presentation skills. Today, I have conducted more than 100+ IEEE Events and have spoken at several forums in different genres. IEEE gave me my internship opportunity. 90 % of the skills required to be a part of an organization is imparted by volunteering in IEEE, which makes us easily compatible for any environment. IEEE allowed me to witness how difficult it is to run an organization. For what I am today as a Professional, I owe it to IEEE.

**What is your message to students?**

If you are able to contribute towards IEEE with a lot of passion and selflessness, you are sure to reap the same benefits that I have reaped. It might not happen immediately. It might take time but the effects will definitely reach you someday. An advice, which I would give to students, would be to build a strong network of people around you. A lot of things in life could happen when you have a strong network of people with you. We need to realize one thing; Engineering is not only about clearing a lot of examinations and getting into a job. Do look into the other aspects of how you could improve yourself over a period of time. Most of the times, in the excitement to reach the destination or the goal of our life, we tend to forget that the JOURNEY is the best part of the DESTINATION!! Enjoy the Journey!!

**Mr. Nivas Ravichandran** visited our college and enlightened students about the merits of startup. It was a very interactive and pragmatic session. All his points were well exemplified as he brought into light the various companies (Facebook, Flipkart etc.) which set off as startups. Many points like leadership, networking and work freedom were accentuated. Later on, the queries of students were solved. Indeed, it was an informative and beneficial event.

