

“If you look at history, innovation doesn’t come just from giving people incentives; it comes from creating environments where their ideas can connect.” With these words by Steve Johnson, I’d like to extend a warm welcome to our esteemed guests, and our keynote speaker Prateek Narang, and all the beloved students present here to Bootstrap : IEEE DTU Orientation Cum Membership development program.

IEEE DTU holds a significant place as the oldest and most active technical society at DTU, with a remarkable legacy spanning nearly 40 years. The greatness of any society lies in the continuous hard work and commitment of its members. Therefore, it is essential to acknowledge the achievements of some outstanding individuals within IEEE and their contributions over the past year.

We are proud recipients of the Bronze Medal of the Darrell Chong Award, recognizing the success of Vihaan 5.0, our flagship 24-hour hackathon conducted by IEEE DTU. This accomplishment speaks volumes about the dedication and talent within our community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Piyush Kumar Sahoo, our present Vice Chair and Delhi Section Student Mentor, for being conferred with the prestigious IEEE India Council Outstanding Student Volunteer Award 2021. This recognition reflects his exceptional commitment and valuable contributions.

Furthermore, I would like to welcome the newly elected members of IEEE Delhi Section Student Network that are -

- Kailash Maurya, the SSN Mentor
- Ashmit Sharma, the section student representative
- Husain Saiffee, Networking and Social media coordinator

- Anshita Garg, Women in engineering Coordinator
- Kunal Kumar Sharma, Videography lead

It brings me great joy to announce that our current General Secretary, Ms. Aeshita Mathur, CS Chapter Chair, Mr. Garvit Kansal, and PES-IAS Chair, Mr. Nishchay have been honored with the prestigious JK Pal Memorial Award this year. Their dedication and contributions have made a significant impact, and this recognition is truly well-deserved.

I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional service of Mr. Ansh Anurag, Mr. Chhitize and Mr. Himanshu Kumar, Mr. Harsh Kumar, Mr. Anirudh Sharma, and Mr. Sankalp Gautam and their respective awards as Outstanding Volunteers and Outstanding WiE Volunteers at the IEEE Delhi Section Award Ceremony. Their selfless efforts have contributed to the advancement of the profession and the IEEE Delhi Section as a whole.

Now, turning our attention to society itself, IEEE DTU has successfully organized several impactful events, including DSSYWC, TechWeek, Vihaan 6.0, and Troika. We kicked off this academic session with DSSYWC, which marked the Delhi Section's first major offline event after the COVID-19 lockdown, while it last occurred in 2019 in offline mode. The event encompassed workshops, coding competitions, and panel discussions, attracting an audience of more than 200 enthusiastic students.

Following DSSYWC, we conducted the orientation for IEEE DTU, followed by TechWeek. TechWeek was a remarkable series of workshops catering to the needs of our freshers, covering various domains related to electronics and software engineering. In April, we achieved great success with the 6th edition of Vihaan, which broke

records with an astounding registration count of 3000 and saw active on-campus participation from over 1000 individuals.

We proudly carried forward the legacy of Troika, which formed part of DTU's Annual Tech Fest, "Invictus 2023." The event encompassed more than 15 captivating activities across technical and non-technical domains. The culture of perseverance, punctuality, and togetherness within IEEE DTU has enabled us to push our limits further. I urge everyone to give a resounding round of applause to the hardworking council members of IEEE DTU for their exceptional dedication.

But our journey doesn't end here. IEEE has exciting events ahead, including IEEE Day, Troika, Vihaan 7.0, and more. The future of IEEE holds even greater promise as we continue our remarkable 40-year legacy.

In conclusion, let's recognize the profound impact of innovation and technology on society. Engineers, scientists, and technologists have a vital role in driving social change. Embrace failure, strive for perfection, and have the courage to design what doesn't exist. Together, we can make a difference.

I have full confidence that the students of IEEE DTU will achieve even greater heights in the future and guide their juniors on the path to success, maintaining the extraordinary legacy that IEEE DTU has created over four decades. Thank you all for your presence and support.

Jai Hind!