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# IEEE SYW CONGRESS 2015



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The Student Leadership Congress, an annual event being held by Bangalore Section from the past five years, aims to benefit the student members in managing activities and improving teamwork and leadership skills.

The Student Leadership Congress, this year, was merged to form the Students, Young Professionals and Women in Engineer Congress, SYW CONGRESS 2015. The SYW Congress 2015 brought together members from all over Karnataka to network, aiming to strengthen networks among fellow volunteers in the section, spread awareness about the available opportunities, enhance professionalism, leadership and teamwork, emphasise the need of women empowerment, and to link it all to the technological advancements in the world.

The SYW Congress 2015 was hosted by the Bangalore Section in association with Faculty of Engineering, Christ University from the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015 in Kengeri, Bangalore with a footfall of more than 200 participants- which included Young Professionals, Women in Engineering Members and IEEE Student Members from all the 6 hubs across Karnataka.

The SYW Congress 2015 was conducted with a budget of Rs.2,36,000 which accounts for expenses of accommodation, food, registration kits, T-shirts, mementos, certificates, speaker travel and for the activities conducted.

The event was well received and greatly appreciated by the delegates for the timely management and lively sessions.

The Faculty of Engineering, Christ University IEEE Student Branch was inaugurated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2015 in the presence of Mr. Ravikiran Annaswamy, Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section. Despite us being just two month old in IEEE, we were offered the chance to co-host the SYW Congress 2015 with IEEE Bangalore Section- an opportunity of a lifetime.

Each and every one of us being completely new to IEEE, were guided by Mr. Vishwas Jois, Mr. Darshan Shivakumar and Mr. Sudeendra Koushik. They helped us to know about the congress and understand its importance. We were given the opportunity to pitch in our ideas and creativity and bring an innovation within the congress.



The executive committee was formed with 6 members and the branch counsellor as our guide. After jotting down the major committees to be involved, we brainstormed about everything that crossed our minds, right from the moment the delegates reach the campus to the moment we would bid adieu to them all. We made sure the best facilities were available to all the delegates during their stay at CUFE and that they leave us only with happy memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Here's an account into what happened during the three days of SYW Congress 2015.

### **28<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Day 1 began around 8 am. All the Volunteers geared up for the day. Banners of SYW Congress 2015 put up across the campus of Christ University. Registration desk was put up and registrations informally began for the early birds at 9 am. The early registrants were guided to the cloak room and were given an overview of the campus for them to move around and relax.



The first task at hand was segregating the Registration kit. Half the volunteers utilised an entire class room of 80 to sort the registration kits for 200

delegates. The volunteers then guided the incoming delegates to their place of accommodation within the campus. The delegates housed outside the campus were taken to their respective rooms and in the mean time the buses departed to pick up the other delegates from Kengeri by 1 pm.

The registrations began in full swing by 2 and we could see many happy faces with anticipation and awe entering the campus. The delegates were given their registration kits along with the customised SYW T-Shirts, a map of the campus, and the agenda for the whole event. They were then assigned their rooms by the volunteers and requested to assemble in the Block 1 Auditorium for the Inaugural Ceremony by 3.45 pm, where tea and snacks had been arranged for.



The Inauguration Ceremony began at 4pm with the dignitaries arriving to the venue. The gather was welcomed with a dance by the Christ University Dance Team that left behind a blissful aura within the venue.

The event was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by

Mr. Ravikaran Annaswamy-Chairman IEEE Bangalore section

Mr Sudeendra Koushik-Vice-Chairman IEEE Bangalore section



Dr. Siva Reddy-Treasurer, IEEE Bangalore section

Mr Vishwas Jois-Chair, Student Activities, IEEE Bangalore section,

Mr Nipun Manral-Chairman , Young Professionals, IEEE Bangalore section,

Rev Fr Benny Thomas-Director, Faculty of Engineering , Christ University,

Dr Iven Jose-Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering , Christ University and

Dr S.Suganthi-SBCounsellor , Faculty of Engineering , Christ University.



After the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, Rev. Fr Benny Thomas welcomed everyone to Faculty of Engineering, Christ University.

Mr. Ravikiran Annaswamy then addressed the gathering on leadership and IEEE.

This was followed by Mr. Sudeendra Koushik's inspiring words on self motivation.

The Inaugural Ceremony was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Neil Tom, Chair, CUFE IEEE SB and the University Anthem.

We then had our first Keynote Speaker for the event, Mr. Chenille Kumar from CK Consultants. Mr. Chenille Kumar, with his apt humour and enlightening words on leadership kept the crowd cheerful and interactive. The overwhelming response from the delegates, from the first day, first session, was very inspiring.



Mr. Nitin Keshav, an active member in IEEE and a strategy consultant with Accenture's Technology Consulting practice, talked about the requirements of a leader. He then had an interactive session for which Mr. Ravikiran and Mr. Sudeendra joined him in answering the inquisitive audience.





The most awaited session of Ice-Breaker, which was called "6 Ways of Fatalities" was then conducted in the Open Air Auditorium, by Mr. Joshua Daniel, Volunteer at CUFE.

Everyone were divided into groups for 6 fun-filled games, which included them dancing to certain songs, lying down on the floor in certain formations, clicking pictures and running all around.

This activity pulled people out to interact and network with the others and helped everyone to make some new friends.



Day 1 of SYW Congress 2015 ended with dinner and the delegates returning to their place of accommodation after a tiresome yet fun filled start to the next 2 days of surprises awaiting them.

### **29<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

The second day began quite early, by 7. Everyone were there out of their rooms, ready for the day ahead. The campus being greatly admired for his

beauty and sheer size, was open to the delegates for 2 hours, to explore, roam around and to enjoy the serenity amidst the sound of nature. Needn't say, for photographers, it was a pretty good time to go about capturing the moments through their lenses.

The keynote speaker for the day was Mrs. Sabita Prasad and Mrs. Sudha Jayaram, Co-founders of Resonance Consulting. They talked about destinations in life with various examples which the student community could relate to.



The first activity for the day was conducted by the WIE Team, called UDAAN in the mango groves. The students were engrossed in displaying their marketing strategies along with their team mates, getting a glimpse of the corporate world.





After the tea-break, the next session was held by Mr. Rakesh Godhwani. An author, Mr. Rakesh very well managed to keep the audience hooked on to his words on "Learn to Fail", citing the story of his life, inspiring dozens. The session was well received and appreciated by the audience.



TISP Team then conducted their activity which focused on creativity, patience and time management skills with the students, divided into groups, asked to make the tallest structure possible only with straws within a short while.



Post lunch, the sessions were divided into two: one for the student delegates from the first to third year of study and the other for the YP delegates and the student delegates from the fourth year of study.

The first session was held by Mr. Vishwas Jois and Mr. Darshan Shivakumar to aware the audience about the functioning of an EXECOM in an IEEE SB and the benefits of being a member of IEEE.

The parallel track of Mentor Forum was conducted by Mr. Sudeendra Koushik.





Mr. Munir Mohammed from IEEE India Council talked about the different activities and initiatives taken by IEEE India Council Office.





After two continuous sessions , the delegates were engaged in a fun session by Mr. Darshan Shivakumar wherein they were tested for their awareness and knowledge about IEEE.



The students were then energized by a memory game by Mr. Sudeendra Koushik and his team, in which the students had to memorize the names of fellow participants in the order in which they were present and iterate every participants' names in the same chronological order. The game lightened the ambience and made the students geared up for the next session.





Ms. Anniparna Sengupta conducted a short session informing the audience about IEEE Xtreme and the perks of competing in it.



The next session was held by Mr. Lokesh Talele. He steered some exercises which focused on inner energy and how to channel it into bringing up the positive effects. After the relaxed session, the students were enthusiastic to see Mrs. Padmaja Rao, a popular television and movie actress, as our next speaker Mrs. Padmaja talked about the challenges an artist encounters in their journey towards success. She also said about the significance of patience and perseverance, using certain video clippings, in achieving any goal.



The Open Air Auditorium welcomed the gathering for yet another fun filled evening filled with the essence of music, dance and joy. The auditorium echoed with applause when singer, Mr. Prithvi Raj tuned into their all time favorites along with Mr. Girish Krishnamurthy. The dance floor was set open for them to grove to their favourite tracks. The crowd also witnessed cultural performances from a band and two dance teams from CUFE. All the delegates were asked to proceed to the dinner venue in certain groups, leading to curious speculation as to what is in store for them there.



Amid the chills and the full moonnight, the sky was lit up with millions of stars and so was the camp fire, to welcome the delegates. The gentle breeze helped us light up the sky in our own way: sky lanterns! Students in their groups along with the volunteers helped each other light the lanterns and send them up into the sky and admired its magnificence. Dinner was served near the campfire after which students danced to the tunes of the latest tracks along with the volunteers and then departed to their respective accommodation venues.





### DAY 3

Day 3 began with an activity by the SIGHT team, conducted by Mr. Vishwas Jois, that focused on coming up with some innovative, practical solutions for common social issues. Each group had to make a poster that depicted their innovative solution to the problem. The best poster was awarded in the later part of the day.



After the activity, Mr. Sudeendra Koushik headed a panel discussion with Dr.S.Suganthi, Dr. YVS Lakshmi and as the other panel members. The discussion was on the important roles of women in different areas of work and study. This was followed by an interactive Question-Answer session wherein the delegates voiced their opinions and discussed their views with the panellists.





The event was in its last few moments, when the winners of different activities were awarded. The audience were then asked to give their feedback about the event, which was duly appreciated.



The delegates were then addressed by Mr. Debabrata Das-Vice-Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section. He spoke about IEEE and its significance in assisting individual careers.

Mr. Vishwas Jois then called up each and every individual, who were an integral part of organising SYW Congress 2015, to the dais and appreciated every one's hard work and dedication. A certificate of gratitude was presented

to Christ University by Mr. Sudeendra Koushik on behalf of IEEE Bangalore Section to Dr. S.Suganthi.



With the crowd ever more energetic than before, the final photo session was conducted in the Open Air Auditorium, which was a never ending tale of selfies and groupies! The delegates then bid adieu to each other after having lunch with their new friends.



The event was not just one's, but a lot many other people's hard work and effort that made this event possible. We sincerely express our heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone who helped us through it, be it with their mere presence or with their motivational words, it was undeniably very valuable.

First and foremost we thank the management of Faculty of Engineering, Christ University: Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas, Director, Dr. Iven Jose, Associate Dean, Rev. Fr. Anthony, Campus Coordinator, Dr. S.Suganthi, CUFE IEEE SBC, Mr. Iven George, SWO Incharge and the faculty members for all their support and encouragement in accomplishing the event.

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We express our sincere gratitude to IEEE Bangalore Section for giving us this opportunity to host SYW Congress 2015 in our campus.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the delegates who were a part of SYW Congress 2015, without your enthusiasm and cooperation, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for being such an amazing guest.

Last but not the least, we would thank each and every volunteer for their never ending help and support to make this event a grand celebration.

The flagship event of IEEE Bangalore Section. the SYW Congress 2015 thus proved to be yet another chapter in its history, adorned with the heartfelt testimonials of the enthusiastic delegates and the energetic volunteers.

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