



WIE-Track “SHAKTI” Report

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16 October 2023

Venue: Tagore Building

Time: 2 pm onwards

Faculty Co-ordinator:

Prof. Foram Rajdev,

Chair WIE IEEE Gujarat Section.



Guests for the event

1. **MS EMI YANO:** Chair, IEEE Region 10 HTA 2023.
2. **DR PREETI BAJAJ:** Vice Chair Membership Activities IEEE Region 10 (Asia-Pacific)
3. **DR PRERNA GAUR:** Chair Elect, IEEE India Council 2023
4. **DR RAJASHREE JAIN:** Vice Chair, Membership Development, IEEE India Council

Introduction

Shakti, an empowering event held on 16th October 2023 during the IEEE R10 Humanitarian Technology Conference 2023 at Marwadi University Rajkot, was a celebration of women in engineering. Chaired by Ms Khanita Duangchaemkarn, Chair WIE R10 IEEE, and Prof Foram Rajdev, Chair WIE IEEE Gujarat Section, the event aimed to inspire attendees through mentorship and motivational sessions. The Gujarat Section of WIE and Marwadi University generously funded the event with a contribution of 4610 rupees, ensuring its success and widespread participation among HTC2023 attendees, WIE professionals, IEEE members, and WIE members of IEEE Gujarat Section.



Event Overview

- The event started with the welcome address by WIE Chair IEEE Gujarat Section – Prof Forum Rajdev. Prof. Forum Rajdev, Prof. Usha Mehta, Prof. Manisha Shah welcomed all the speakers with saplings. The speakers for the day were IEEE Region 10 HTA Committee chair - Ms. Emi Yano, Vice Chair of Membership activity IEEE Region 10 - Dr. Preeti Bajaj, Elect Chair of IEEE India Council - Dr. Prerna Gaur and Vice Chair of Membership development IEEE India council - Dr. Rajashree Jain.
- Prof Forum briefed about WIE Gujarat Section activities and the opportunities available for WIE members. Ms Emi Yano gave key note speech on Empowering Women for Sustainable Future. Her speech revolved around the importance of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Breaking boundaries for women in engineering. She mentioned the global gender gap index and how role models and enough motivation in a university/ workplace supports women stepping in the businesses or the professional markings among the world. She mentioned about how teamwork plays a crucial role in the professional and corporate world. Lastly, she talked about her IEEE journey throughout the years and about the sustainable development that can happen through the IEEE learning network.
- This talk was followed by a very interesting game “Fastest Finger First” wherein there were questions related to WIE IEEE and among the participants the one who raised hand first and said the correct answer was awarded with the WIE goodies by the volunteers.
- Further in the event was the Panel Discussion on “EMPOWERING WOMEN IN ENGINEERING : Breaking Barriers, Creating Impact” with the Panelists Dr Preeti Bajaj, Dr Prerna Gaur and Dr Rajashree Jain and with Prof Forum Rajdev as the moderator. This discussion was very engaging, inspiring and informative and it was followed by an open house, where participants got the chance to interact with the speakers. At the end there was a networking high tea which was enjoyed by all the participants.
- The event was a grand success and it was appreciated by all the Dignitaries and Participants. The credit of this success goes to WIE student volunteers of Marwadi University ; Dhruvi Kothari, Mansiba Gohil, Aryavardhan sharma,



Vartika Vachhani, Fenil Vadher, Nandini Lashkari, Shashank Bagda, Rajvi Dave and Diya Kaneriya. WIE Track HTC team is thankful to IEEE Region 10 WIE and IEEE Gujarat section WIE for supporting this event.

Student Volunteers:

- 1. Dhruvi Kothari**
- 2. Aryavardhan Sharma**
- 3. Mansiba Gohil**
- 4. Vartika Vachhani**
- 5. Nandini Lashkari**
- 6. Diya Kaneriya**
- 7. Fenil Vadher**
- 8. Rajvi Dave**

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