

IEEE YESS 2024

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DATE : 24th August 2024

TIME : 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

VENUE : IEEE Student Branch of Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science (MITS)

The **IEEE Yearly Engineering Students Summit (YESS)** 2024, the largest gathering of engineering students under the IEEE umbrella, was organized by the IEEE Kerala Section in association with IEEE LINK and the IEEE Student Branch of Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science (MITS), with support from the IEEE SMC EDI initiative funding. Held on Saturday, August 24th, at MITS in Kochi, the summit drew over 3,000 engineering students from across the state, eager to explore new ideas, network with peers, and be inspired by industry leaders.

MISSION/VISION

These events aimed to empower women in engineering to reach their full potential across diverse domains and foster collaboration among Student Branch Women in Engineering Affinity Groups (SB WiE AGs) within the Kerala Section.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Calm Canvas - Art Therapy Session

The Calm Canvas session, led by Ms. Meghna, allowed participants to explore the therapeutic potential of creative expression. Through guided art activities, students learned techniques to manage stress, enhance mental clarity, and foster emotional well-being. This session underscored the importance of equity and inclusion by providing a safe and nurturing environment for individuals to freely express themselves, regardless of their background or experiences. The funding support from IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society (SMC) played a crucial role in creating this space, enabling the development of a holistic session that promoted mental health as a cornerstone of personal and professional growth.

Aerobics Session

In the high-energy aerobics session, Ms. Aneena led participants through dynamic routines designed to improve physical fitness and mental resilience. The session emphasized the importance of inclusivity in health and wellness, ensuring activities were accessible and engaging for participants from diverse fitness levels and abilities. By promoting a holistic approach to wellness, this session empowered students to embrace physical and mental well-being as interconnected aspects of life. The IEEE SMC funding was vital in facilitating this impactful program, highlighting the importance of collaboration to support diverse wellness initiatives.

WiE Kerala Chairs' Meet

The WiE Kerala Chairs' Meet brought together WiE Chairs and Executive Committee members from institutions across Kerala for a dynamic networking and strategy session. Discussions focused on challenges, growth opportunities, and innovative strategies to advance Women in Engineering (WiE) initiatives. By fostering an equitable platform for leadership and collaboration, this session reinforced IEEE's commitment to empowering women in engineering. With support from the IEEE SMC funding, this event became a catalyst for actionable outcomes, promoting diversity, collaboration, and shared learning among women leaders.

Panel Discussion on Diversity and Inclusion

This insightful panel discussion highlighted the importance of fostering welcoming environments within organizations. Panelists shared actionable strategies for creating equitable opportunities, addressing unconscious biases, and promoting cultural awareness. The session emphasized how diverse perspectives drive innovation and create stronger, more inclusive communities. This initiative directly contributed to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion, creating a space where attendees could reflect on and take steps toward more inclusive practices in their professional and personal lives. IEEE SMC's funding support was instrumental in bringing together esteemed panelists and ensuring the session's success.

INARA: Generative AI Designed Augmented Reality Fashion Show

INARA, the world's first Generative AI Designed Augmented Reality Fashion Show, showcased the intersection of advanced AI technologies and fashion design. By breaking traditional barriers in creative domains, this event demonstrated the power of technology in fostering innovation and inclusivity within the arts and engineering fields. INARA was a testament to the importance of providing equitable access to transformative tools, inspiring participants to explore the vast possibilities at the nexus of technology and creativity. The IEEE SMC funding was a critical enabler of this groundbreaking initiative, underscoring the role of financial support in driving impactful events.

Overall Contribution to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The events at IEEE YESS 2024, supported by the IEEE SMC Diversity and Inclusion funding, collectively promoted women's empowerment, mental and physical well-being, and innovative collaborations. Each session was designed to be inclusive and equitable, providing opportunities for growth, networking, and inspiration for participants from diverse backgrounds. The partnership between IEEE Kerala Section and IEEE WiE Kerala Section exemplified the importance of strategic collaborations in advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion, reinforcing IEEE's mission to build a supportive, innovative, and inclusive engineering community.



