Report of
World Telecommunication & Information Society Day 2018
Theme: "Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All"
Held on May 17, 2018

Delhi State Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) jointly with Institution of Engineering & Technology (UK), Delhi Local Network celebrated World Telecommunication & Information Society Day 2018 on theme *"Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All"* on May 17, 2018 at Institutions' Premises. On this occasion, Shri S N Zindal, Former Director General, Software Technology Parks of India & Director, NCIT, DEITY was the Chief Guest and delivered the address.

Shri Devendra Gill, Chairman, Delhi State Centre –IEI delivering his welcome address informed that Delhi State Centre, The Institution of Engineers (India) jointly with likeminded professional bodies like IET (UK) etc has been regularly celebrating the World Telecommunication & Information Society Day nationwide through all its Centres in line with UN resolution to mark the foundation of the International Telecommunication Union and signing of first International Telegraph Convention. Shri Gill further apprised audience that in recent years there has been significant progress in AI technology, made possible by tremendous advances in contributing fields, such as Big Data, machine learning, computing power, storage capacity and cloud computing, among others. AI technologies are already emerging as a key component of proactive tools and applications being used to help people lead better lives by improving healthcare, education, finance, agriculture, transportation, and a wide range of other services.

The activities to be undertaken by IEI, will contribute towards building momentum to further mobilize support for leveraging big data for development and as a mechanism to enable and accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals through ICT-enabled solutions and applications. They will showcase and leverage relevant national and regional strategies and initiatives that demonstrate how AI is being used to deliver positive impact for communities and people around the world and to accelerate sustainable development.

Shri R N Rajpoot, Chairman, Institution of Engineering & Technology (UK), Delhi Local Network in his address apprise the audience about the background of IET (UK). He stated that "The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)-UK" is one of the oldest institutions of the world. Its heritage dates back to 1871. IET is working to engineer a better world by inspiring, informing and influencing its members, engineers and technicians, and all those who are touched by the work of engineers. Its mission is to inspire, inform and influence the global engineering community, supporting technology innovation to meet the needs of society. IET India has eight Local Networks across India and IET-Delhi chapter covering northern region is one of them based in Delhi.

Chief Guest of the function, Shri S N Zindal, Former Director General, Software Technology Parks of India & Director, NCIT, DEITY in his address spoke on "Artificial Intelligence". His presentation started with introducing various examples of AI from evolution of AI, he explained the usefulness of AI in present era. He stated that AI is going to disrupt the way business is done and India, in particular, is uniquely poised in utilising AI to innovate for social and inclusive good. India is embracing future technologies such as machine learning and AI to augment its capacity in healthcare, improve outcomes in education, develop innovative governance systems for our citizens and improve overall economic productivity of the nation Laying a roadmap for AI for the country, government think-tank Niti Aayog said that it will be working with tech giant Google to develop AI-based solutions aimed at improving the overall economic productivity of the nation. The move is aimed at fostering growth for India's nascent AI and machine learning ecosystem.

He further added that Under the aegis of this program, Google will train and incubate Indian AI start-ups in an accelerator program. These start-ups will be mentored and coached by Google and its affiliates to enable them to better leverage AI in their respective business models. In February, the IT ministry formed four AI committees—citizen centric services; data platforms, skilling, reskilling and R&D; legal regulatory and cyber security. These committees would be headed by IIT Director and industry experts. AI have increasing applications across the economy and missing this bus may be detrimental for the Organization

Shri Ashish Shrivastava, Honorary Secretary, Institution of Engineering & Technology (UK), Delhi Local Network proposed the vote of thanks.

Event was attended by nearly 70 participants, mainly Corporate Members, professionals from industries Student Members & other invitees.

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