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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY CELEBRATED AT IIT BHUBANESWAR

17th May, 2019, Bhubaneswar: School of Electrical Sciences (SES), IIT Bhubaneswar organized a workshop on the eve of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. World Telecommunication Day is celebrated annually on 17th May since 1969, marking the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865. The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities of the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT). The workshop was graced by Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar along with dignitaries such as Prof. S.L. Maskara, Prof. T.S. Lamba, Prof. B.K. Saraf, Prof. Ganpati Panda and Prof. Swarup Kumar Mahapatra, Dean - Continuing Education, Dean - Alumni Affairs & International Relations. Present at the occasion was Dr. P. K. Sahu, Head of School (HOS), and other faculty and staff members, School of Electrical Sciences (SES), IIT Bhubaneswar.

"In just three short decades, mobile phone technology has transformed everyday life for individuals, businesses, governments and societies alike. Communications services are very essential for each one of us to stay updated and connected. The experience this extremely severe cyclone, "FANI" shows that the internet, cellular and telephone wires got affected seriously for more than one week in the hinterland. It clearly indicates that our communication infrastructure is not designed to meet disasters. Also energy efficiency of the system needs to be improved significantly," said Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

The workshop had interesting lectures from all the four dignitaries of the function who talked at length on the topic of "*Bridging the Standardization Gap*" by giving an overview into the evolution of mobile technology along with sharing their valuable insights about the new age technology 5G and how it will benefit the masses at large. The current theme of 2019 encourages participation of developing countries in ITU's standards-making process, empowering local experts in the standardization process at the national, regional and international levels and promoting the implementation of international standards in developing countries. The session ended with vote of thanks by Dr. P.R. Sahu, Dean - Academic Affairs, IIT Bhubaneswar to all the dignitaries, faculty and staff members, research scholars, students, security and housekeeping for their commendable support for the event.

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