

Report of 42nd WTISD 2010 at IETE Pune Centre:

IETE Pune Centre celebrated the 42nd WTISD2010 with traditional grace, jointly with IE(I) Pune Local Centre and also for the first time with IEEE Bombay Chapter. A press conference was jointly held on 14th May 2010, at Patrakar Bhavan, to give a brief outline of the agenda for 17th May and the Chairman IETE Pune Centre spoke about this years WTISD theme and the objectives of celebrating the day. The Secy IE(I) PLC and the Chairman IEEE(Dr. Bharat Choudhari, representing Dr Avinash Joshi) spoke about their respective organizations.

The venue of WTISD 2010 was the Firodia Hall of IE(I) building in Shivaji Nagar Pune. The Chief Guest of the function was Shri V. K. Mahendra , Principal GM BSNL Pune Telecom. The function started with a welcome address by Er. Shri A V Surve Chairman IE(I) Pune . There after the Chairman IETE Pune Shri RV Datar, read out the message received from ITU Secretary General on this year's theme namely "Better City, Better Life with ICTs". He also spoke about the various activities of IETE Pune Centre. Shri TV Mahadevan Hon Secy IETE Pune Centre introduced the eminent Chief Guest by giving his biodata.

The star attraction of the program was the keynote address by the Chief Guest Shri VKMahendra. The audience was highly appreciative of the keynote address and listened with rapt attention. Shri Mahendra in his address first recalled the history of telecommunications as well as IT in the world since their inceptions and simultaneously brought out the corresponding developments in India recalling the manual, electromechanical Strowger and Crossbar, and then electronic and digital switching eras. He then came to the ITU theme and explained how the modern ICT with its global connectivity through internet and digital pathways can serve the society in various ways. He also brought out the scope which ICT provides for introducing innovative services which can serve the society in an inclusive manner. Shri Mahendra concluded his speech by outlining the various BSNL Pune Telecom activities in pipeline.

The occasion was utilized to present the annual ISF awards. Prof SV Kharkar Distinguisht Fellow and founder member of IETE Pune Centre, declared the results and the Chief Guest distributed the prizes.

The function was expertly compered by Shri D. G. Patil, committee member of IE(I), despite a short notice.

Er Shri D. B. Dhone Secy IE(I) PLC proposed a vote of thanks. The function was concluded with High Tea.

A wide press coverage of the event followed in the next days news papers.



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