

REPORT ON *IEEE IGNITE 2025: New Year Meet*

The IEEE Student Branch of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, IET Lucknow, celebrated the New Year Meet titled *IEEE IGNITE 2025* on January 2, 2025. The event was organized to mark the beginning of the new year with a renewed vision and enthusiasm for IEEE activities and initiatives.

Event Inauguration

The celebration commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by the esteemed presence of:

- **Prof. Vineet Kansal**, Director, IET Lucknow
- **Prof. Subodh Wariya**, Head of Department, ECE
- **Prof. Neelam Srivastava**, IEEE Branch Counselor

Additionally, the event was honored by the participation of Heads of Departments from various disciplines, Deans, faculty members, and IEEE student members.

Welcome Address

The event began with a warm welcome to the dignitaries and attendees by **Er. Pallavi Pant**, Chair of the IEEE Student Branch. She provided a comprehensive overview of the IEEE activities conducted during 2024 and presented the *IEEE Plan of Action for 2025*. Her address highlighted upcoming initiatives aimed at strengthening the branch's impact and encouraging active participation.

Address by Dignitaries

- **Prof. Vineet Kansal**, Director of IET Lucknow, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of collaborative growth and innovation in IEEE activities.
- **Prof. Subodh Wariya**, HOD of the ECE Department, shared insights on fostering technical excellence and the importance of IEEE as a platform for skill development.

Celebratory Activities

The inauguration was followed by a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony led by **Prof. Vineet Kansal** along with the dignitaries, marking the commencement of the New Year celebrations.

Felicitations

Five outstanding IEEE Student Branch members were recognized for their exceptional contributions to branch activities:

- **Er. Pallavi Pant** IEEE Student Branch Chair
- **Er. Kirti Prakash** IEEE Student Branch Vice-Chair
- **Er. Sheetal Singh** IEEE Student Branch Secretary
- **Er. Jaspreet Kaur** IEEE affinity Group Chair
- **Er. Maneesha Dwivedi** IEEE affinity Group Treasurer

The felicitation acknowledged their dedication and encouraged others to follow their example.

Gifts and Tokens of Appreciation

As a gesture of gratitude, all IEEE members and staff received tokens of appreciation for their efforts in making the branch activities successful and impactful.

Keynote Address

Prof. Neelam Srivastava, IEEE Branch Counselor, delivered an inspiring address. She highlighted the achievements of the branch, shared strategies to enhance membership drives, and motivated students to actively engage in IEEE initiatives.

Vote of Thanks

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by **Prof. Neelam Srivastava**, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, and organizing team for their support and contributions to the success of the event.

IEEE IGNITE 2025 was a memorable start to the year, fostering a sense of unity, vision, and enthusiasm among the IEEE community at IET Lucknow. The event set the tone for another year of innovation, learning, and collaboration.

