

This year the annual IChE event under Bangalore Regional Centre was organized and hosted by BMS College of Engineering. The event included programs like the Best Undergraduate student Project Competition, prize distribution for best outgoing Chemical Engineering student and NR Kuloor memorial essay competition.

The program was compered by Mrs. Shanon Lynn D'Silva of Chemical Engineering Department. The Inauguration began with an invocation song by Ms. Namratha a student of the Chemical Engineering Department which was followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The dignitaries were Dr. K. M. Babu, Principal of BMCE, Dr. Anand B. Halageri, Director of Poornaprajna Institute of Research, Dr. Anal Chavan, Senior Researcher at Shell, Dr. Y.J. Rao, Chairman of IChE, BRC, Dr. Samita Maitra, Head of the Department Chemical Engineering BMSCE.

The Head of the Department Dr. Samita welcomed all the dignitaries with floral bouquets. The Principal Dr. K.M. Babu addressed the gathering and inspired the students to take up jobs in the field of chemical engineering, acquire necessary skills and have a fulfilling career. Dr. Anand B. Halageri spoke to the audience about the research happening in India and the various opportunities engineers can explore. Dr. Anal Chavan spoke to audience about the various companies they can look for employment. The inauguration program concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sainath.

The second session began after a short coffee break. During this session the selected students from various colleges offering Chemical engineering presented their project work. This event was judged by Dr. Anand B. Halageri and Dr. Anal Chavan. The various groups that presented were R.V. College of Engineering, Project title “ *Hydrogen production from glycerol using microbial electrolysis cell*”, BMSCE presented “ *Study of osmotic dehydration of amla*”, M.S. Ramaiah College of Engineering presented “ *Bioremediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soil*”, Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering “ *Enhancement of fire retardant and Mechanical properties of polypropylene Nano-Composites using fillers and additives*”. MVJ College of Engineering presented “ *Formulation of a Multi-Component Corrosion Inhibitor for Mild Steel*”, and SIT, Tumkur presented “ *Conversion of waste plastics to petrol and diesel*”.

The first prize was won by students of SIT, Tumkur and the second prize was won by students of Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering, Bangalore.

The third and the last segment of the program was prize distribution. Dr. Samita Maitra gave away the prize for the best logo competition. The winners were Mr. Raynol D'Souza, Mr. Shubham Singh and Ms. Aishwarya Sriram. The winners were given certificates along with gift vouchers worth Rs. 500 each.

Dr. G.N Rameshaiah gave away the prize to the winner of N R Kuloor memorial essay competition. The winner was Mr. Pranav Venkatesh Bhat of BMSCE who received a certificate with a cash prize of Rs. 1500. Dr. Y.J.Rao gave away the prize to Mr. Adarsh of MSRIT for being the best outgoing chemical engineering student in the Bangalore region.

The Prizes for the best project and the runner up were given by Dr. Anand B. Halageri and Dr. Anal Chavan. They also received cash prize of Rs. 3000/- and Rs. 2000/- respectively per group.

The students from the audience were invited over to give a feedback of the program. The students appreciated the effort and initiative of IChE to bring to platform the different colleges. The program served as a platform for exchange of knowledge, ideas between the various institutions. It also gave the students a chance to make new contacts which will be useful for them in the future in the field of Chemical Engineering.

The program was concluded by a vote of thanks by Mrs. Shanon D'Silva and Mr. Sainath who were the program coordinators. As a token of gratitude and appreciation, the judges were presented with a memento by the HoD Dr. Samita Maitra.

