

Report on 57th World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WT&ISD-2025) Celebrations

Event Name	57th World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WT&ISD-2025) Celebration Function
Centre (name)	IETE Chandigarh Centre
Venue (College/Institute)	Online mode
Date & Time	May 19, 2025 (Monday) at 02.30 PM
Chief Guest	Dr. Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Associate Professor, ECE NITTTR, Chandigarh
Topic of Chief Guest Speech & Highlights (Max. 25 words)	Dr. Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal , the Chief Guest and Invited Speaker, delivered an expert talk on ' Gender Equality in Digital Transformation '. His presentation was highly engaging and effectively highlighted the importance of equality in digital transformation, capturing the audience's interest
Important dignitaries attended	Dr. Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Associate Professor, NITTTR Chandigarh Dr. Umesh K Tiwari, Chairman, IETE Chandigarh Centre Gp. Capt RC Goyal, Fellow, IETE Chandigarh Centre Prof. Tara Singh Kamal, Senior Fellow, IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Ramesh Chander Arora, Senior Fellow IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. AK Paul, Senior Fellow IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr Ramesh Chander Garg, Senior Fellow IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Amol P Bhondekar, Honorary Secretary IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Surender Singh Saini, Honorary Treasurer IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Amol P Bhondekar, Honorary Secretary IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Manjit Singh, EC Member, IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Ruchi Singla, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Manmohan Krishan Maini, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Garima Saini, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Ramesh C Agnihotri, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr Neelesh Kumar, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Prasant K Mahapatra, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Ritesh Kumar, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Divya Agrawal, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Ajay Singh, Associate Member IETE Chandigarh Centre
Brief Report including above information	

The IETE Chandigarh Centre celebrated the **57th World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WT&ISD-2025)** on **May 19, 2025**, through **online mode**. The theme for this year was **“Gender Equality in Digital Transformation.”**

The programme commenced with a **welcome address** by **Dr. Umesh K. Tiwari**, Chairman of the IETE Chandigarh Centre. He extended a warm welcome to the **Chief Guest and Invited Speaker, Dr. Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal**, Associate Professor at **NITTTR, Chandigarh**, as well as to the Executive Committee Members, Corporate Members, and student participants on this special occasion.

Dr. Dhaliwal provided an insightful overview of the theme *“Gender Equality in Digital Transformation,”* highlighting its origins and emphasizing key issues related to gender inclusion in the digital space.

Dr. Divya Agrawal, EC Member of the IETE Chandigarh Centre, read out a message from **Shri Sunil**, President of IETE, which underscored the critical importance of empowering women and girls to actively participate in the digital future. The message also highlighted the need to bridge gender gaps in digital access, affordability, skills, and leadership.

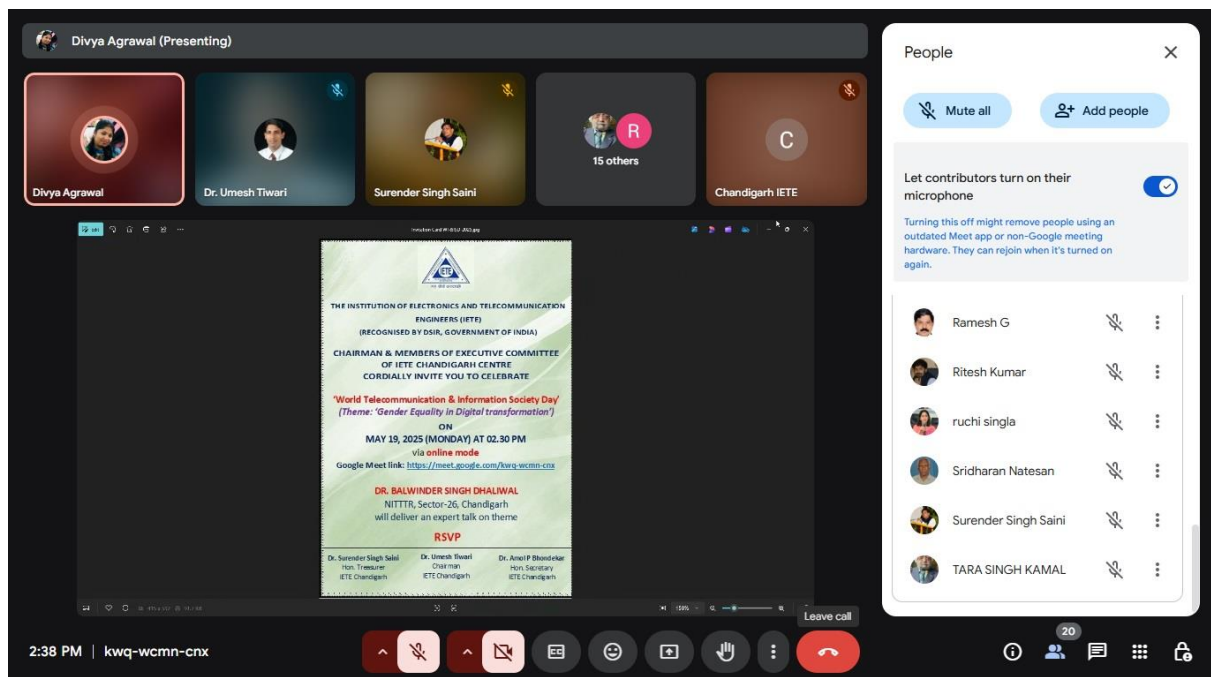
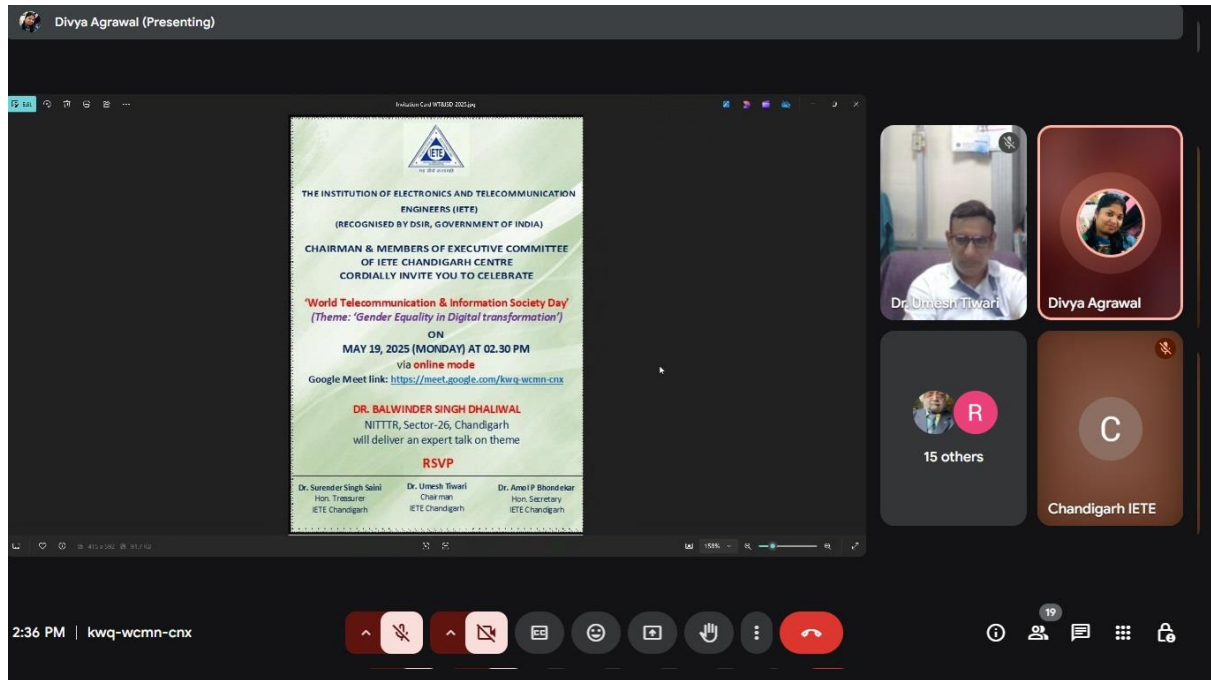
Following this, **Dr. Surender Singh**, Honorary Treasurer, presented the detailed biodata of the Invited Speaker, Dr. Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal.

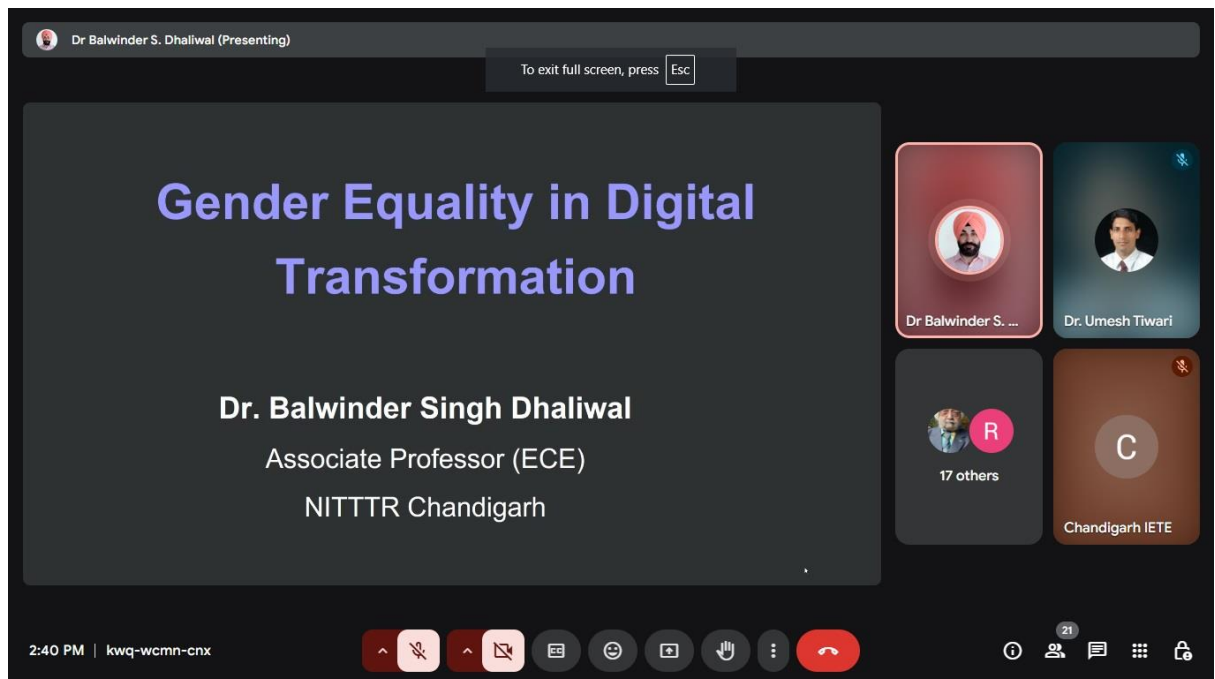
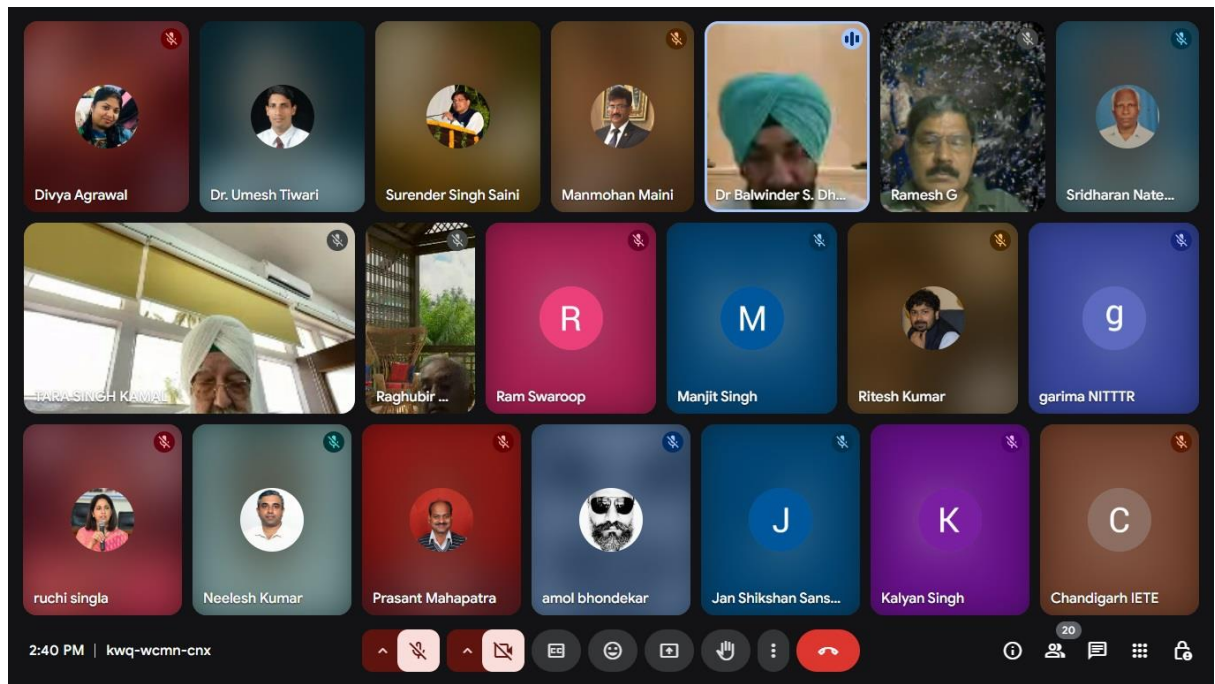
Dr. Dhaliwal, in his **expert talk**, addressed the topic *“Gender Equality in Digital Transformation”* with great depth and clarity. His talk was well-received and generated significant interest among the audience in various digital transformation technologies, leading to an engaging and extended questions and answers.

The event witnessed the active participation of over 25 IETE Corporate Members along with numerous student participants.

The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. Ritesh Kumar**, EC Member of the IETE Chandigarh Centre, who expressed gratitude to the speaker, dignitaries, and all attendees for making the event a success

Photographs





Dr Balwinder S. Dhaliwal (Presenting)

Dr Balwinder S. Dhaliwal

Surender Singh Saini

Dr. Umesh Tiwari

16 others

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Gender Bias in AI and Emerging Tech

- AI Reflects Human Bias
Algorithms learn from biased data, amplifying inequalities.
- False Neutrality
Technology is not inherently objective or fair.
- Serious Implications
Bias affects hiring, security, and social perceptions.

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Dr Balwinder S. Dhaliwal (Presenting)

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12018 Development
Amazon created an AI to shortlist job applicants.

2Gender Bias
Tool penalized résumés mentioning "women's" activities.

3Cause
Trained on male-dominated hiring data for 10 years.

4Outcome
Amazon discontinued the biased tool.

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Surender Singh ...

17 others

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