

Report on Annual IETE Convention (AIC-2025)

Event Name	Annual IETE Convention on Innovative Digital Technologies And Applications For Sustainable Society Development (IDTASSD-2025)
Centre (name)	IETE Chandigarh Centre
Venue (College/Institute)	ISTC Auditorium, CSIR-CSIO, Sector-30, Chandigarh 160030
Date & Time	September 27-28, 2025
Chief Guest	Dr Ajay Kumar, Chairman UPSC, emphasized the importance of digital innovation in building a sustainable future.
Topic of Chief Guest Speech & Highlights (Max. 25 words)	
Important dignitaries attended	Dr Ajay Kumar, Chief Guest, Chairman UPSC Shri Sunil, President, IETE Prof Shantanu Bhattacharya, Guest of Honour & Director, CSIR-CSIO Chandigarh Dr Shiv Kumar, Chairman TPOC Mrs Smriti Dagur, PP & DF, IETE Dr Manju Mam, Secretary General, IETE Dr Umesh Kumar Tiwari, Chairman, IETE Chandigarh Centre
Brief Report including above information	<p>The Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), Chandigarh Centre, successfully hosted the 68th Annual IETE Convention 2025 on the theme “Innovative Digital Technologies and Applications for Sustainable Society Development (IDTASSD-2025)”. The event was held on the 27th and 28th of September 2025 at the ISTC Auditorium, CSIR-CSIO, Sector 30, Chandigarh. The convention commenced with the traditional Saraswati Vandana and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, setting an auspicious tone for the two-day event.</p> <p>Dr. Umesh Kumar Tiwari, Chairman of IETE Chandigarh Centre, welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Chairman, UPSC, and extended warm greetings to Shri Sunil, President, IETE; Prof. Shantanu Bhattacharya, Guest of Honour and Director, CSIR-CSIO; Dr. Shiv Kumar, Chairman, TPOC; Mrs. Smriti Dagur, Past President and Distinguished Fellow, IETE; Governing Council Members; IETE Awardees; and all dignitaries and participants.</p> <p>Following the inaugural remarks, Dr. Shiv Kumar led the Awards Ceremony, recognizing outstanding contributions in the field. The Honorary Fellowship for 2024–2025 was conferred on Dr. V. Narayanan, Chairman, ISRO. The Lifetime Achievement Award (2025) was presented to Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Former Chairman, UGC, and Mrs. Smriti Dagur. The Distinguished Fellow Awards (2024–2025) were awarded to Prof. Ranadeep Deshmukh and Prof. K. Jayasankar.</p>

Several individuals were also felicitated, including **Prof. S.K. Koul**, Editor-in-Chief of the IETE Journal of Research; **Prof. Arun Kumar** and **Prof. Ranjan K. Mallik**, Deputy Editors-in-Chief; and **Prof. (Col.) S.L. Kapoor (Retd.)**, for his long-standing service as a Governing Council Member. Additionally, Best Centre/Sub-Centre Awards were announced during the function.

Dr. Ajay Kumar Chief Guest officially inaugurated AIC-2025 and released the Convention Souvenir.

The reinstallation of the IETE President for the 2025–26 term was also held. In his address, **Shri Sunil**, President of IETE, shared his thoughts on the convention's theme, *"Innovative Digital Technologies and Applications for Sustainable Society Development (IDTASSD-2025)"*, and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the organizing team, speakers, and participants. **Prof. Shantanu Bhattacharya**, **Guest of Honour**, delivered an insightful talk on **CSIR-CSIO's** contributions to sustainable technologies, while **Dr. Ajay Kumar**, **Chief Guest**, emphasized the importance of digital innovation in building a sustainable future.

He highlighted that innovative digital technologies such as **AI, IoT, big data, cloud computing, and blockchain** are crucial for sustainable development, as they enhance efficiency in sectors like agriculture, energy, and waste management. These technologies facilitate environmental monitoring, optimize resource utilization, and enable the development of smart cities, while also fostering transparency, ethical practices, and global partnerships to achieve the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)**.

The inaugural session concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. Manju Mam**, Secretary General, IETE, followed by the National Anthem.

The technical proceedings began with the **Ram Lal Wadhwa Award Lecture**, delivered by **Prof. Ram Bilas Pachori** from IIT Indore. This was followed by the **57th Bhabha Memorial Lecture**, delivered by **Prof. Shyam Sundar Pattnaik**, Vice-Chancellor of Odisha State Open University.

Over the course of two days, the convention featured four technical sessions and eight invited talks delivered by eminent speakers from academia and industry. The invited speakers included **Prof. Bhaskar Kensari** from IIT Delhi, **Prof. Rajesh Kumar** from IIT Roorkee, **Ms. Deepa Bajpai**, General Manager at BEL Panchkula, **Prof. Naresh Kumar** from UIET, Panjab University, **Dr. Radhika Trikha**, CEO of iHub AWaDH, IIT Ropar, **Mr. Puneet Jindal**, CEO of Labelerr AI, **Dr. Balwinder Singh** from C-DAC Mohali, and **Dr. Padmavati** from PEC Chandigarh.

The technical sessions were chaired by distinguished experts such as **Prof. R.K. Sinha** from DTU Delhi, **Prof. Lalit Awasthi** from SPU Mandi and NIT Hamirpur, **Sh. Narendra Nath** from NCSC, PMO, and **Dr. S.N. Panda** from Chitkara University. Each theme included oral presentations and poster presentations, all of which were evaluated by a panel of judges. In total, 93 technical papers were presented during the convention, showcasing innovative research and ideas

aligned with the event's central theme.

The convention saw the participation of approximately 300 distinguished guests and delegates from academia, research organizations, industry, and government sectors. The event concluded with a Valedictory Session, reflecting on the key discussions and outcomes of the two days. Best Paper Awards were presented to selected participants by **Shri Sunil, President, IETE, Dr. Shiv Kumar and Prof. Shyam Sundar Pattnaik, & Dr. S.N. Panda** acknowledging excellence in research and presentation.

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