

Report on 58th World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WT&ISD-2026) Celebrations

Event Name	58th World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WT&ISD-2026) Celebration Function
Centre (name)	IETE Chandigarh Centre
Venue (College/Institute)	IETE Chandigarh Centre (Hybrid Mode)
Date & Time	May 18, 2026 (Monday) at 05.00 PM
Chief Guest	--
Topic of Chief Guest Speech & Highlights (Max. 25 words)	--
Important dignitaries attended	Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Vice Chancellor Sardar Patel University, Mandi Prof. P Prabhakar, Wg. Cdr (Retd), Past President IETE Dr. Umesh K Tiwari, Chairman, IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr Neelesh Kumar Vice Chairman, IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Amol P Bhondekar, Honorary Secretary IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Surender S Saini, Honorary Treasurer IETE Chandigarh Centre Gp. Capt RC Goyal, Fellow, IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Manjit Singh, 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. Ritesh Kumar, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Divya Agrawal, EC Member IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. GS Singh, Fellow IETE Chandigarh Centre Shri Kulvinder Singh, Fellow, IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. C Ghanshyam, Fellow, IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Ashok Paul, Fellow IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. SV Ramagopal, Fellow IETE Chandigarh Centre Dr. Bal Kishore Sharma, Fellow, IETE Chandigarh Centre
Brief Report including above information	The IETE Chandigarh Centre celebrated the 58th World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WT&ISD-2026) on May 18, 2026, in hybrid mode. The theme for this year was <i>"Digital Lifelines – Strengthening Resilience in a Connected World."</i> The programme commenced with lamp lighting, Saraswati Vandana, and a welcome address by Dr. Umesh K. Tiwari, Chairman of the IETE Chandigarh Centre. He extended a warm welcome to the Invited Speaker, Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Vice Chancellor of Sardar Patel University, Mandi, and Prof. P. Prabhakar, Wg Cdr. (Retd.), Past President of IETE, along with the Executive Committee Members, Corporate Members, and student participants on this special occasion.

Dr. Amol P. Bhondekar, Honorary Secretary, read out the message received from the President of IETE, Shri Sunil, as well as the audio message from the ITU Secretary-General, Doreen Bogdan-Martin.

Following this, **Dr. Neelesh Kumar**, Vice Chairman, presented the detailed biodata of the Invited Speaker, Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi.

Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, the Invited Speaker and recipient of the IETE–B. V. Baliga Memorial Award-2025, delivered an insightful talk on ***“IoT Security.”*** He provided an overview of his award-winning work and explained the significance of the theme ***“Digital Lifelines – Strengthening Resilience in a Connected World”*** with great depth and clarity. He emphasized key issues related to strengthening resilience in a connected world and highlighted the importance of inclusiveness in digital lifelines.

His talk was well received and generated significant interest among the audience in various digital transformation technologies, leading to an engaging and extended question-and-answer session.

Prof. P. Prabhakar, Wg Cdr. (Retd.), Past President of IETE addressed the audience through a PowerPoint presentation. He highlighted the **Implementation of rugged and resilient C4ISR systems using AI/ML technologies**. He also spoke about Operation Sindhoor and elaborated on its key aspects during his address.

The event witnessed the active participation of over 50 IETE Corporate Members along with numerous student participants.

The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. Surender Singh Saini**, Honorary Treasurer of the IETE Chandigarh Centre, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, dignitaries, and all attendees for making the event a success.

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