BITES Annual Convention 2022

*(Theme: Industry 4.0: Opportunities & Challenges)*

**Dates: Feb 10 & 11, 2023**

**Venue: ILI, Infosys Campus, Mysuru**

**Day 1 Highlights:**

The convention kicked off on February 10th, with an inspiring inaugural address by Sri Ashwath Narayanan, Higher Education Minister, Govt. of Karnataka. His speech emphasized the importance of innovation, collaboration, and continuous learning in the field of engineering. The minister lauded the efforts of BITES in organizing such an event, which provides a platform for faculties to enhance their skills and exchange ideas.

Prof. S Sadagopan, the Chairman of BITES, extended a warm welcome to all the participants of the convention. Prof. Sadagopan's words resonated with enthusiasm and encouragement, setting the tone for the event. His welcoming address highlighted the significance of the convention in bringing together engineering faculties to share knowledge and collaborate for the betterment of engineering education. Sri P B Kotur was the emcee for the inauguration.

Dr. Selvan D, Co-chairman of BITES made a presentation and provided all the details of new initiatives planned under “BITES Unnati”. The session was interesting and interactive with the usage of polls. Post lunch a Group Discussion on “Imparting Industry 4.0 competencies for UG Students of Engineering” was held with 17 Groups moderated by Prof G H Joshi, ED, KSHEC.

A panel discussion was organized on the theme with eminent speakers from the Govt., Academia and Industry, who shared their perspectives on the future of engineering education and the role of faculty members in shaping it. Prof R Natarajan, Former Chairman AICTE moderated the session.

**Day 2 Highlights:**

The first session was the “Institutional Membership Certificate distribution” by Prof S Sadagopan to all the GECs and new institutional members. This was followed by the “Start-up Showcase”, a half an hour session each by FOUR start-ups on various trending topics.

There were also technical talks by the eminent speakers and an exclusive session by Infosys on “Springboard Initiative”

Over 150 engineering faculties participated in the two-day convention, making it a significant gathering for professionals in the field. It provided a platform for participants to stay abreast of the latest trends and share best practices followed in their respective institutions. They also actively engaged in discussions, gaining insights which contributed to the overall success of the event.