

## URJA – The Energy Awareness Program Series - Inauguration

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Time: 8pm – 9pm**

**Number of Participants: 80**

**Platform: Cisco WebEx**

### Introduction

URJA – the Energy Awareness Program organized by the IEEE IAS SBC RIT is a volunteer initiative program with an aim to impart energy awareness among the future engineers. The event is packed with vibrant programs like webinar series, workshops etc. As the event mainly focus on enhancing the volunteering skills of student member all the programs under URJA is coordinated by those interested peers who are selected and mentored from the scratch. Hence results in an easy transition from student member to volunteer.

As mentioned earlier the inaugural ceremony was also coordinated by the student members under the mentoring of volunteers. Due to the epidemic, it was conducted online in WebEx platform. The event had about 80 participants.



The banner features logos for IAS, IEEE SB RIT, and IEEE at the top. The main text reads "URJA The Energy Awareness Program Series INAUGURATION". It includes three circular portraits of speakers: Er. David Eng (IEEE IAS Vice President), Dr. K. Bijuna Kunju (Chair IA/IE/PELS JI Chapter), and Dr. Jalaja M J (Principal RIT Kottayam). A Facebook Live icon is shown with the text "LIVE /IEEE SB RIT". The event details are "8PM - 9PM | 17th July (IST)". A secondary banner on the right shows a power line image and text: "IEEE Student Branch RIT presents URJA The Energy Awareness Program Series GRAND INAUGURATION 8PM - 9PM | 17th July (IST)". Contact information is provided: "Contact: N° Pin VAn - 8 3694014, Socora, TV 95256 62076".

## Report

The event Started exactly at 20:00 (IST) by the welcome speech by Mr. Nithin V.M, Chair IAS SBC RIT. After that Dr. Jalaja M.J conveyed her support and help through her presidential address, her words really were a boost for us. Then the Stage was taken by our chief guest Er. David Eng for the Inauguration and Keynote Address. His Simple presentation on 3 Stepping Stones to Carrier Success really encouraged us.

The Three stepping stones for career success according to him are

- 1) **Find a Path**- He asked us not just to depend on our personal network for this but to go through the IAS magazines to.
- 2) **Take Advantages of Mentoring Opportunities**-take maximum advantages form mentoring opportunities. He shared with us some images of his experience in the same.
- 3) **Networking and Making Connections**-for this we should attend Conferences, respond to Volunteer Calls, Volunteer for IAS Standards and Participate in Subcommittee volunteering works.

After this Inspiring Presentation and Official Inauguration, Dr. K. Bijuna Kunju Chair IA/IE/PELS Joint chapter Kerala Section, addressed about The IEEE SB RIT and its importance in Kerala Section. She also appreciated the initiative.

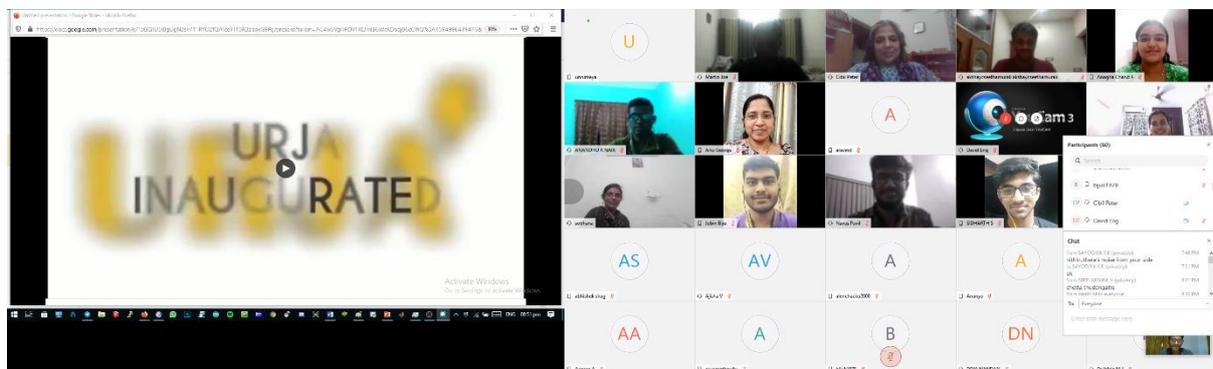
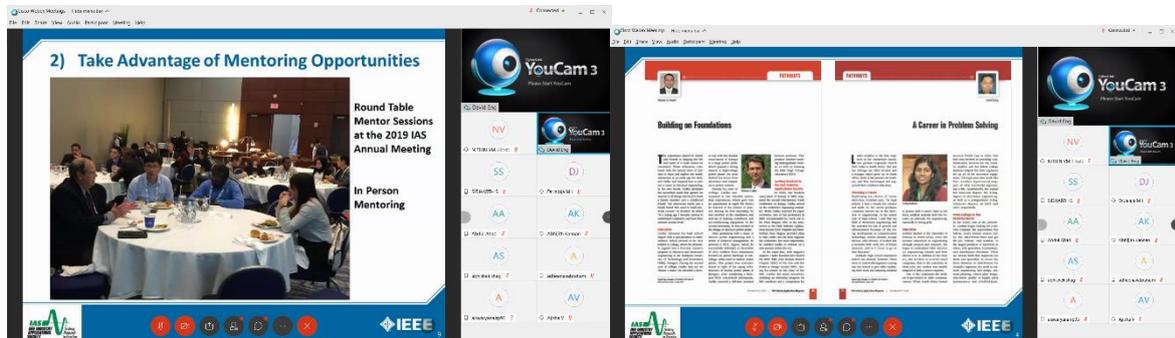
The Branch counsellor Ms.Anu George addressed and talked about the branche's previous achievements and legacy. She blessed students to share, learn and utilize the opportunity to create a green earth and wished everyone the joy of volunteering.

On this occasion Dr. Vincent G., Chapter Advisor IEEE IAS SBC RIT took the privilege to mention the role of the IAS SBC in bringing up various SBs across India. He also mentioned the alumni, who are connected with IEEE even after the graduation and contributing to it. Sir appreciated the role of first years in coordinating the program.

The felicitation was delivered by Dr. Cibile K Kanjirathumkal, the HOD EC department, Dr. Manju B, the HOD EEE department and Dr. Sobhana N.V, the HOD CS department. They appreciated the initiative of the student to spread energy awareness among the peers and offered support from their part. Cibile mam even mentioned how the department can contribute in this initiative.

Mr. Martin Joe C., the Chair IEEE SB RIT delivered thanks to the gathering. The event was concluded with virtual group photo and in the hope of awaiting colorful events.

Even in this Pandemic Period, the volunteers could successfully conduct the inauguration through online platform.



## Outcome

The emerging volunteers gained confidence to conduct programs. This was really a new beginning for them to rise to the horizon.