

A Report on North East Principal Meeting for e-Yantra Lab Setup Initiative

North East Principals' Meeting for e-Yantra lab setup initiative in the North Eastern Region of India was held in Tezpur University, Tezpur, India on April 5, 2016.

e-Yantra – a project in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay - is a flagship project of Ministry of Human Resource Development through the National Mission on Education through ICT to spread Embedded systems and Robotics education in colleges across India. e-Yantra has established robotics labs in 153 colleges from 27 regions across the country.

A total of 15 institutes participated in the meeting. Following the welcome address by the event co-ordinator, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University delivered the inaugural address. Professor Krithi Ramamritham, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and Head, Centre for Urban Sciences and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay address the house highlighting the issues of dynamic data dissemination, smart energy informatics and electric grids, digital inclusion and Center for Urban Science and Engineering.

In a fully automated registration process, all the participants registered on their arrival at the venue. A poster displaying the robotics activities in Tezpur University presented in parallel to registration process.

Following the inauguration session, the meeting was continued with the presentation by Dr. Saraswathi Krithivasan on e-Yantra lab setup initiative. The presentation started with an overview of e-Yantra following the importance of e-Yantra lab setup initiative in the region, e-Yantra model and modalities. The issues raised by the participating institutions regarding e-Yantra lab setup were discussed in detail. The letter of intent from Tezpur University for e-Yantra lab setup was submitted to the project manager, e-Yantra by Dr. Nayan M Kakoty. The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. Nabin Sharma, Tezpur University.

Follow Up Action

The next action planned in the meeting is to organize a 2 day workshop on Introduction to Robotics on April 29-30, 2016 at Tezpur University.



Group Photo of North East Principals' Meeting for e-Yantra LSI



Prof. Krithi Ramamritham

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A total of 15 institutions from Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya have participated in the meeting. Along with the participants, the following members were present in the meeting during the inauguration:

1. Professor Manabendra Bhuyan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University
2. Dr. Biren Das, Registrar, Tezpur University
3. Professor Krithi Ramamritham, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
4. Dr. Sarawathi Krithivasan, Project Manager, e-Yantra, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
5. Professor Ashis Kumar Mukherjee, Dean, R&D, Tezpur University
6. Professor Charu Lata Mahanta, Dean, School of Engineering, Tezpur University
7. Professor Shyamanta M. Hazarika, Head, Department of CSE, Tezpur University
8. Professor Dhanapati Deka, Head, Department of Energy, Tezpur University
9. Professor Satyajib Bhattacharyya, Head, Department of ECE, Tezpur University
10. Professor Partha Pratim Sahu, Department of ECE, Tezpur University

Participating Institutions

1. Assam Agriculture University, Assam
2. Assam Down Town University, Assam
3. Assam Engineering College, Assam
4. Assam Women's University, Assam
5. Central Institute of Technology Kokrajhar, Assam
6. Dibrugarh University, Assam
7. Donbosco University, Assam
8. Gauhati University, Assam
9. Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati, Assam
10. Jorhat Engineering College, Assam
11. Kaziranga University, Assam
12. National Institute of Technology Manipur, Manipur
13. National Institute of Technology Meghalaya, Meghalaya
14. Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Meghalaya
15. Tezpur University, Assam

Acknowledgement

North East Principals' Meeting organizers wish to thank all participants who have actively joined in the meeting and assisted in one way or another for the initiatives to spread the embedded system and robotics education in the region. The meeting was very fortunate to have quality deliverables and presentations from all the speakers. We sincerely thank them all. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Tezpur University authority for their role in ensuring the success of the meeting.