

Webinar on “Standards-driven Research and Innovation in India” hosted by IIT Bhilai

Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai along with Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI) organised an online workshop on “Standards-driven Research and Innovation in India”. The aim was to deliberate on standardization potential of research activities being carried out in the premier technology institutions in the central part of India. Prof Arzad A. Kherani from IIT Bhilai and Ms Bindoo Srivastava from TSDSI were the chief organizers of the workshop.

The workshop focused on creating awareness among students and faculty members about the strong standardization activities in the field of Telecommunications in India. It also expanded on the coverage of the ongoing technical activities within TSDSI and provided a wider forum for the researchers to share their innovations. IIT Indore, IIT Patna, IIIT Naya Raipur and IIITDM Jabalpur collaborated in this workshop, and the participation of more than 800 researchers, faculty members and students from all over India made this event a grand success.

Prof Rajat Moona, Director of IIT Bhilai inaugurated the workshop, emphasizing on “the convergence of communication and computing”. Mr Kishore Babu, DDG-SRI, DoT delivered the keynote address on “The Standards, Research and Innovations Triad”. Director General of TSDSI Ms Pamela Kumar briefed about the role of TSDSI in driving India, amongst other important speakers.

Dr Sreejith, IIT Bhilai, Dr Rajarshi Mahapatra, IIIT Naya Raipur, Dr Preetam Kumar, IIT Patna, Dr Vimal Bhatia, IIT Indore, Dr Ravi Panwar, IIITDM Jabalpur, Mr Anindya Saha, Chair- Roadmap Committee, TSDSI (Saankhya Labs) represented their respective institutions in a panel discussion moderated by Prof Uday Desai, Prof Emeritus & Founding Director, IIT Hyderabad.

In the final session, Mr M P Singhal, Former Advisor-Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) presented an overview of WTSA 2020. The session was also graced by Prof Uday Desai with his closing remarks on the way forward. The event concluded with the identification of concrete steps on how the Indian academia can work with TSDSI in the future and translate their research work into tangible activities.

