

The **ACM Women India** Regional Celebration, held over two days on 18 – 19 Oct, 2024, as part of the ACM Women India Buddy Project wherein ACM-W chapters from across the Gujarat region had participated. Hosted at LD College of Engineering (LDCE) and Adani University, this event was a celebration of innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence, with students and professionals uniting under the shared goal of advancing technology for a sustainable future.

The second day, 19th Oct was hosted at Adani University, started with the inaugural address by Hon. Provost, Dr. Ravi Singh. The Keynote Address came from Lipika Dey, an eminent speaker from ACM. Her address resonated with participants, encouraging them to leverage their skills and creativity in pursuit of meaningful solutions to global challenges in healthcare. This day also marked the felicitation of ACM Women and ACM generic chapter office bearers with an oath ceremony. The ACM generic chapter and ACM Women chapter is mentored under Dr. Hitesh Chhinkaniwala and Dr. Vaishali Chourey respectively. The program was coordinated with our programming club, ASPDC mentored by Dr. Nikita Joshi.

Followed by **Ideathon and Poster Presentation** focused on finding sustainable solutions for emerging technologies. More than 50 teams with around 150 participants from more than 9 institutes registered for the events. Out of these, 12 Ideathon presentations and 12 Project exhibitions were shortlisted for the final rounds on 19th Oct. The students brainstormed and presented creative solutions, emphasizing the role of technology in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The presentations highlighted a variety of innovative approaches to sustainability, from clean energy solutions to smart waste management systems. A panel of judges including academicians from Nirma University, Ganpat University, PDEU and industry experts from IQM took time to assess the projects and make an impactful review on the presentations.

Panel Discussion was moderated by Dr. Ritika Ladha and was organized in the second half of the event, wherein 4 panel members namely, Dr. Lipika Dey (Professor Ashoka University), Dr. Heena Timani (Director, iAnanya Datalytics), Dr. Hiteishi Diwanji (Professor LDCE), and Ms. Gargi Doshi (Senior Manager TCS) graced the dais with their esteemed presence. Intriguing and Inspiring thoughts were discussed with the panel members on Sustainability Development: Emerging Technologies for Growth and Green Initiatives.

The day was filled with the ideas and creativity of around 150 students for the entire day. The ACM-W Regional Celebration was a collaborative effort to join hands with academicians from varied backgrounds and present a platform to explore ideas that align technological advancements with sustainability development. We acknowledge the management of SSIP who were inclined to collaborate in organizing this event. We are blessed to have the support of management, staff and students to mark an event so fulfilling at the end of the day.

