

DAY 1

As a pre-vent of Ignite 4.0, we got the opportunity to provide a Career Guidance class for class 9th students of Victoria Higher Secondary School, Nemom on 27th July Friday. The inspiring and informative session was facilitated by the experienced trainers from Lifology.com. The event was inaugurated by **Ms Sreelekha IPS**, the first lady IPS officer of the state, a dedicated officer, author and managing director of public sector organisations in Kerala. The inaugural ceremony was presided over by **Dr S Prabhakaran**, Principal of SCTCE. Asst Prof. Asha S, Branch Councillor of IEEE SCTSB gave the welcome address, Asst. Prof Kutty Malu V K, Guide WIE IEEE SCTSB gave the felicitation address and Asst. Prof. Nandan S, Vice-Student Activity Coordinator IEEE Travancore hub gave the vote of thanks. The prizes for the winners of Virago were also distributed during the ceremony. Inaugural ceremony was followed by an ice-breaker session by IEEE Young professional Mr Akash Nambiar through fun-filled games and activities. Through an interactive session, he also gave a briefing about benefits of being an IEEE volunteer. The day came to an end with the sparkling experience of candle light dinner in the atmosphere of our home band lead by Arjun Saseendra

DAY 2

The second day kickstarter with an enlightening talk by **Mr Rahul Easwar, a TEDx speaker** and leader who nurtures young minds through his centre Thoughts Academy. This was followed by the interactive talk session by Smt Sarada Jayakrishnan, former Chairperson of WIE IEEE Kerala section. She shared her experiences and gave an insight of the opportunities open for girls and how to utilise the same. The next session named “Digital Bus”, opened the world of opportunities and technological advancements by Women Techmakers, Google Developer Group, Trivandrum. The session by **Ms Sethu Sathyan and Ms Remya P Vava** on Building Actions for Google Assistant and scholarship opportunities was truly inspiring and the talk by Mr Arun Shankar Prasad on ‘Going serverless with Google Cloud’ was a new experience for all. The third speaker for the event was Ms Sana Khadar, a TED speaker and a person whose love, positivity and care had touched many lives through the letters sent across the globe. The session showed a different perspective for life to everyone. This was followed by the enchanting performance by the beloved magician Mr Rajamorthy, a great entertainer who astonished us and made us laugh and think at the same time. The day wrapped off with a movie night that showcased the movie “Mulan”.

DAY 3

The third and last day of the extravaganza started with a highly interactive **Panel Discussion on the topic “Is Women Empowerment a myth in countries like India?”**. We were indeed honoured to have **Ranjith R Nair** (Membership Development Coordinator, IEEE Kerala Section and Consultant Project Manager), **Zara Sheikha** (Senior Executive Human Resources, UST Global), **Tiffany Brar** (Founder of Jyothirgamaya Foundations and Disability Rights Activist) and **Dharini Suresh** (Social Influencer and Orator) as the panellists for the discussion. The open discussion enabled the audience to have a better and moulded perspective on the sensitive topic. We were blessed to have two sessions for college students- one a Technical Session on 5G by Ms Anjana from IEEE ComSoc Kerala Section and two, a Life Skill session for girls by Ms Kavita Niroop, a trainer in Mahindra Pride School. Both sessions were really interactive, informative and enlightening. The curtains came down with the interactive session by Ms Ardra Chandramouli, the Founder and Managing Director of Aeka Biochemicals, the first fully women owned start-up, Her experience was truly a source of inspiration for the budding entrepreneurs.