

## Report on 'World Telecommunication & Information Society Day-2016'

The Institution of Engineers (India) UP State Centre celebrated 'World Telecom and Information Society Day-2016' on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the UP State Centre. After inaugural, by lighting of the lamp, Er V B Singh, Ex-Chairman, UP State Centre and Chairperson of the programme welcomed the Guests, the Speakers and the Members. He informed about the importance of the day as it is celebrated at international level in the remembrance of the establishment of the 'International Telecommunication Union' on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1865. Every year, a theme is declared by the Secretary General, United Nation and accordingly this year the theme was '**ICT Entrepreneurship for Social Impact**'. The objective is to look for the possibilities and encouragement of the Small and Medium ICT Entrepreneurs for the continued & integrated economic development of respective nations and the world as a whole. He emphasized a need to provide loan at reduced rates, alongwith other facilities, to such entrepreneurs.



*A View of Audience*



*(L-R) Er J S Mishra, Chief Guest Er Shamim Ahmed, Er A S Kapoor, Er V B Singh & Er Praveen Malhotra*

Er Shamim Ahmed, Managing Director, Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Lucknow was the Chief Guest. He emphasized upon the quality of service in the Information and Telecommunication field. He opined that the problem of call drops and low internet speed are major concern in our country. He also said that not only quality, but also the affordability of charges for general public, should be ensured to penetrate these technological advances in the masses for the betterment of their social life.

The Guest of Honour, Er V. P. Verma, Director (Technical) MVVNL, Lucknow also emphasized upon the maximum utilization of the information and Telecom technology development in every sphere of life.

The Keynote speaker was Er Neelam Srivastava, Prof. and Head of Department of Electronics Engineering in the Institute of Engineering and Technology, Lucknow under Abdul Kalam Technical University, Uttar Pradesh. She told that at present, one can-not think of a social life without ICTs. She also opined that paper-less working system is also helpful in saving environmental hazards by saving trees. She cautioned that the work of ICT entrepreneurship demands more alertness and is more challenging because of large young population and digital India programme. Most of the startups and advanced technology is being used in ICTs i.e. Snapdeal, Ola, myntra. ICTs have also been helpful in women Empowerment as women are utilizing their capabilities in their field of interest at their optimum by working from their home and as such beneficial for the society. Technical Education Department and Technical Universities in Uttar Pradesh have also arranged various programmes to enhance the talent with the regular studies of the students.

Er S S Sharma, Dy. General Manager (Retd.) from Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. informed about the various techniques being used in the ICTs and also elaborated the benefits of these techniques for the society. Er N K Nishad, UP State Centre and co-ordinator of the programme read the message from UNO and Er J S Misra, Ex Hony. Secretary of the UP State Centre convened the programme in a befitting manner. Er Praveen Malhotra, Hony. Secretary proposed the vote of thanks