Prof. SSR Memorial Teaching Excellence Award Felicitation Ceremony
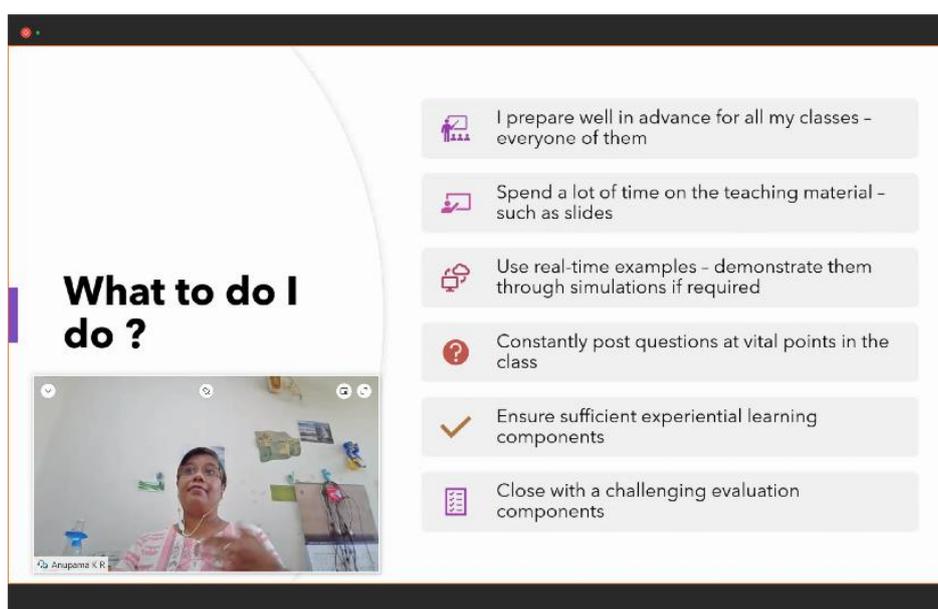
The Prof. SSR Memorial Teaching Excellence Award is an award instituted by alumni of BITS Pilani for teaching excellence for BITS Faculty honoring Late Prof S.S Ranganathan who was a very popular teacher in the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Jan 1978 to May 1987, who again rejoined BITS Pilani because of his love for the institution to serve from Dec 1994 to Jan 2000. This recognition for teaching excellence carries a cash award of Rs. One Lakh. The felicitation ceremony of the fourth edition of the award was held virtually on 22nd October 2020 (Thur) at 11AM.

The Student MC Ms. Soumya A Thomas gave a brief introduction to the award and welcomed the dignitaries followed by which Prof. Veeky Baths, Associate Dean, Alumni Relations, Goa campus talked about the importance of the award, alumni participation and contribution and of the indispensable role of teachers. Prof. Souvik Bhattacharya, the Vice Chancellor impressed upon how BITS Pilani quickly adapted to the online mode of teaching and about the quality of teaching for which BITS Pilani is known for. Prof. G Raghurama, Director of BITS Pilani Goa Campus shared his memories about Prof. SSR and how he left an impact on his students. He also talked in length about Prof. K R Anupama, the recipient of the award about how great a teacher she is, excelling in teaching, research and academic administration.

Mr. N S Parthsarathy delivered the keynote address. He throwed light on the importance of teaching as a national asset which is not often acknowledged as it should be and he envisaged a day when teachers and students collaboratively explore the world of knowledge. Prof. Arya Kumar, Dean of Alumni Relations shared his memories of Prof. SSR and his qualities and about the process of selection of the award winner. He conferred the award to Prof. K R Anupama, faculty in the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering in BITS Pilani from 1999. He also mentioned that it is the first time that a woman has won this award in BITS Pilani. Prof. K R Anupama humbly accepted the award and said she is honoured to receive an award in the name of Prof. SSR and for being recognised for doing something she is so passionate about. She shared her perspective and experience about teaching and about the various methodologies adopted by her throughout the years. Late Prof. SSR's daughter Poonkuzhali, students Mr. Bhaskar S Ayer (1975-80 MMS) and Mr. Krishna K Chakraborty (1981-85 EEE) shared their memories about the late Professor.

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Prof. K R Anupama, recipient of the award sharing her perspectives and experience in teaching: