

First alumni research talks held at BITS Pilani Goa campus

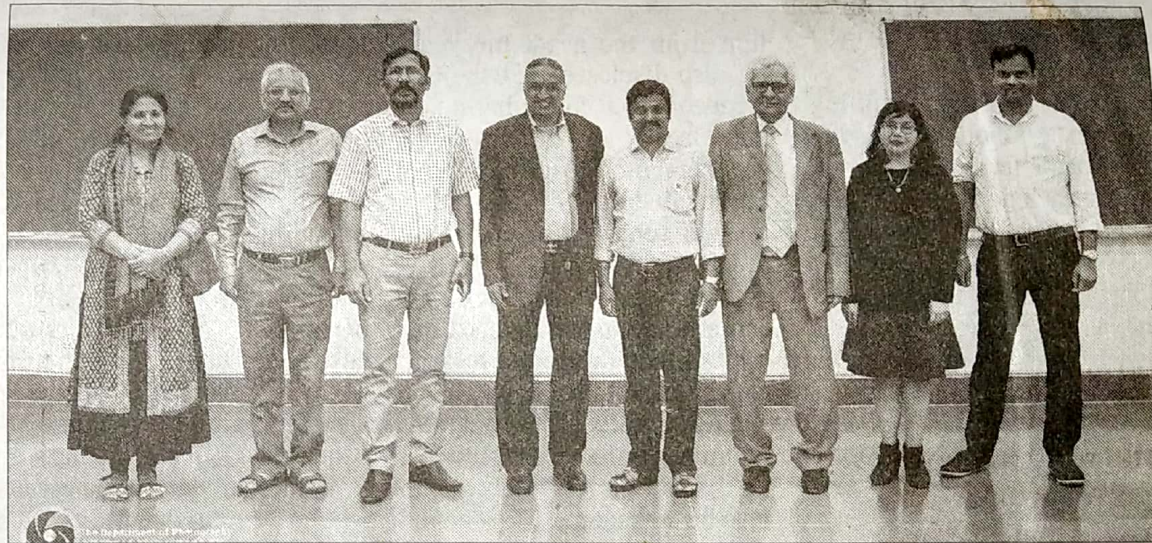
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Panaji: Alumni Relations Cell and the IEEE chapter of BITS Pilani-K K Birla Goa Campus organised the first ever alumni research talks (ART) on Saturday. The event featured talks cum interactive sessions with five eminent alumni of BITS Pilani, who shared their success stories, and delved into their research interests, and how they could affect the future.

The event was graced by the Director of BITS Pilani Goa Campus, prof G Raghurama, Sai Kothai, daughter of the late prof S S Ranganathan and N S Parthasarathy, executive vice chairman and COO of Mindtree.

ART 2019 talks were delivered by eminent alumni of BITS Pilani, including prof Umesh Garg (Nuclear Physicist, University of Notre Dame, USA), Dr Surendra Pal (Program Director, ISRO, Bangalore), prof Sharmila C Chatterjee (Professor of Marketing, MIT, USA), Sanjay Padode (Secretary, Centre of Developmental Education, IFIM Institu-



N S Parthasarathy (4th L) and prof Biju K Raveendran (4th R) with Sai Kothai, prof Umesh Garg, prof G Raghurama, Dr Surendra Pal, prof Sharmila C Chatterjee and Dr Veeky Baths at the alumni research talks organised by Alumni Relations Cell and the IEEE chapter of BITS Pilani-K K Birla Goa Campus.

tions, Bangalore) and prof Govindan Rangarajan (Professor of Mathematics, IISc, Bangalore).

The talks were very enlightening for the attending students, who felt like dipping their toes into their research interests, and inspiring them with their tales of successes.

Prof Biju K Raveendran, associate professor, Department of Computer Science and Information Systems,

was awarded Prof SSR Memorial Teaching Excellence Award in a felicitation ceremony that followed after the talks.

The award citation was presented by N S Parthasarathy, executive vice chairman and COO of Mindtree. The award also included a cash prize of rupees one lakh. In his award acceptance speech, prof Biju, in accordance with the theme of the event, spoke about how he

was always inspired by his own professors, and that the best teachers always remember to teach from heart, and never from the mind. Sai Kothai also spoke about the award, in remembrance of her late father, as did.

Besides the BITS students, students from other colleges, including IIT Goa, GEC, Agnel Polytechnic and the Padre Conceicao College of Engineering attended the talks.