A REPORT ON "LIVE STREAMING OF AICTE-ECI-ISTE ORGANISED CHHATRA-VISHWAKARMA AWARD AND SAGY-INITIATIVE AWARD CEREMONY HELD AT AICTE, NEW DELHI" ON 21ST JANUARY, 2019

All the second semester students of diploma and degree engineering from all branches were made to watch the live streaming of AICTE-ECI-ISTE Award ceremony. This was an initiative by AICTE to motivate young engineering talent to unleash their hidden potential and contribute towards a sustainable future through technological innovations.

The theme for the award ceremony was "Improvement in villages through technological innovations". The entries were invited almost six categories, like agriculture and food, water and irrigation, tourism, other rural developments, rural handicrafts development, generation of employment opportunities in rural areas. More than 1000 applications were received, out of which 118 were shortlisted and finally 18 students from 6 teams across India were awarded with the prestigious Chhatra-Vishwakarma award by the Honourable Vice president of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu.

Delegates from the Department of Higher education, Ministry of Human Resource Department, Engineering Council of India and Indian Society for Technical Education are jointly involved in making consistent efforts for improving the level of technical education in India. These organisations are constantly working on evolving the paradigms of technical education by making changes in the examination reforms, continuous evaluation and orientation of syllabus, stressing of the importance of internship to students and faculty-student training.

Technological innovation is the buzzword and critical for sustainability of any country. Any country that is on the technological edge of innovation will definitely emerge as the powerful countries of the world and the others would follow suit. And hence, it is very much vital that young minds INNOVATE. Innovation involves deliberate application of information, imagination and initiative in deriving greater or different values from resources, and includes all processes by which new ideas are generated and converted into useful products.

Our Honourable Vice President, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu also gave a very enlightening speech by touching upon aspects which were very much relevant to India, as a country. He talked about the contribution of engineers in the national development, and also he highlighted the importance of rural development in a

country like India. In India, almost 70% of the population is rural and survive on agriculture and almost 35% are city dwellers. Cities have always managed to garner more attention because of being more organized and more vocal about their issues. On the contrary, the rural population is not attended to and is always an ignored lot. But for a country like India, that is poised to become the third largest economy in the world, we cannot afford to ignore the rural India.

For prospering, a country like India has to be self-dependent in terms of food security, energy management and social and economic upliftment of the rural population of India. In the past 10 years, we have seen connectivity, which is the key to the rural development. The government has also been consistently working on infrastructure development and supporting innovations through Skill India, Make in India and Entrepreneurship ventures. Smart India Hackathon bears testimony to the fact that more than 1.5 lac applications are received every year. In a nutshell, the mantra for survival in today's world is PERFORM, REFORM AND TRANSFORM…………

Mr. Naidu also concluded by saying that LPG, i.e., Liberalisation,Privatisation and Globalisation was the new regime we as a country should take maximum advantage of our country's demographic dynamics, i.e more than 65% of our population being under the age of 35.