

## **World Telecommunication & Information Society Day**

ECE department has conducted “**World Telecommunication & Information Society Day**” in association with IETE on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Narayana Engineering College, Nellore. All ECE Students were participated in this event. This event organized under Circuit Club and the theme for the year 2019 is “**Bridging the Standardization Gap**” .



Dr.K.Murali, HOD & Professor, Dept. of ECE spoke that “the purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide” during the occasion

World Telecommunication and information society day is observed in **May 17** every year since **1969**. The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day marks the founding of **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865. It was instituted by the **Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos** in 1973.

Today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, highlighting the importance of international technology standards in accelerating innovation worldwide.

Technological advances such as 5G and the Internet of Things have the potential to deliver considerable social and economic benefits and to drive progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The standards-making process of the International Telecommunication Union is more important than ever, and I commend the ITU's commitment to inclusivity, consensus and bridge-building among governments, companies and universities from all regions of the world.

Yet, alongside these invaluable processes, we must also recognize our shared responsibility to ensure that these technologies are not used to incite violence, to fuel hatred, or to mislead the public. We must be alert to these and other perils while joining efforts to harness technological advances for the common good.

On World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, let us commit to working together to ensure that the digital economy delivers for all.

### **World Telecommunication Day:**

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### **World Information Society Day:**

In November 2005, the World Summit on the Information Society called upon the UN General Assembly to declare 17 May as World Information Society Day to focus on the importance of ICT and the wide range of issues related to the Information Society raised by WSIS. The General Assembly adopted a resolution (A/RES/60/252) in March 2006 stipulating that World Information Society Day shall be celebrated every year on 17 May.

### **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day:**

In November 2006, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, decided to celebrate both events on 17 May as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The updated Resolution 68 invites Member States and Sector Members to celebrate the day annually by organizing appropriate national programmes with a view to:

- Stimulating reflection and exchanges of ideas on the theme adopted by the Council.
- Debating the various aspects of the theme with all partners in society.
- Formulating a report reflecting national discussions on the issues underlying the theme, to be fed back to ITU and the rest of its membership.