



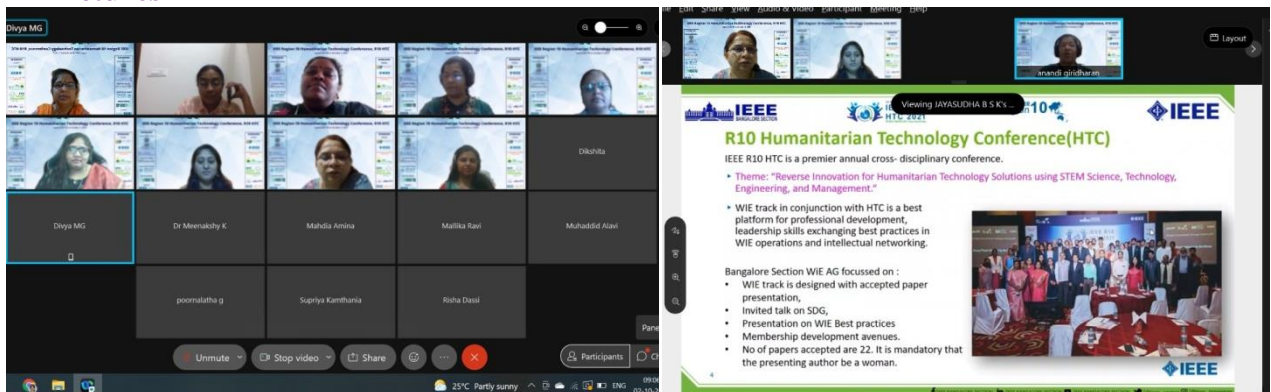
## Bangalore Section WiE AG Focused Discussion for better synergy between Section and Student branches - Co-located with R10 HTC 2021 with a dedicated WIE track

An opportunity to network and discuss success strategies and involve WiE members was availed by means of a special session in the backdrop of 2021 R10HTC. The session on Oct 2 2021 Day 2 of the conference, was designed with an inaugural address by the Chair of WiE Bangalore Section AG setting the context – Ms Anandi Giridharan, a talk on UN SDG goals Ms Gayatri – Execom member WEiE Bangalore Section. Ms Divya M G Chair MDC Bangalore section and past Chair WiE Bangalore Section, spoke on how WiE track was proposed to engage authors from WiE community in the special track and moderated a discussion of avenues in membership development - presentation of best practices in WiE Student Branch Affinity groups and WIE professional members alike with Dr Shobha K R , Dr Vijayalakshmi Dr Deepa K, Ms Ashwini V R Ms Ashwini V R, who have all been faculty mentors in their respective AGs as well as Execom members in the section Execom and Ms Supriya Kamthaniya Execom member Bangalore section WiE AG – as panelists . This event was conceived as a platform for WiE members engaged in the lookout for Developing themselves professionally and honing leadership skills to exchange their strategies - best practices in WIE operations and network . In addition to the said event the section affinity group with its WiE members added in more value to the conference by their initiatives to increase direct participation and involvement in IEEE and WiE students by means of student video contests on projects and demos for attaining SDGs and addressing disaster relief measures. Many of the WIE execom members have contributed as conference TPC/ reviewers and jury for these said events along with the special brainstorming session

Number of Participants

Members: 50 Non-Members:100

### Pictures



### Impact, Benefit to Members/Community

The event though was designed with the broad objectives of creating a network opportunity to brainstorm on creating a better synergy between Section and Student branches, the following issues were also addressed.

- **Membership** development and benefits
- Possible solutions to be implemented to fulfil the objectives of the section Affinity group through student branch AG's.
- Strategies and best practices such that SBAs could function better
  - to improve student participation and share more benefits to them
  - Tips on improving the quality of activities and participation, creating opportunities for volunteering, as well as adopting best practices via interaction/ networking

- Opportunity to listen to invited talks from experts across the globe.
- Participate in various contests and avail the chance to win . Hence more visibility and confidence.
- Possibility of getting mentoring from experts.
- Networking opportunities.