



# MTT-S Society News

## Inauguration of the GECBH Student Branch Chapter and L4 Talk Series

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The Kerala, India, Chapter of the IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (MTT-S) initiated a Learn From Leaders, Learn From Legends (L4) talk session as well as a Student Branch Chapter (SBC) at the Government Engineering College, Barton Hill (GECBH) during an online ceremony held 17 September 2020 (Figure 1). In attendance were

- Dr. Alaa Abunjaileh (2020 MTT-S president)
- Dr. Rashaunda Henderson (chair, MTT-S Education Committee)
- Dr. Ramesh Gupta (former chair, MTT-S Education Committee)
- Dr. Shibam Koul (IEEE MTT-S Region 10 coordinator)
- Dr. Ajay Poddar [IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society and MTT-S Administrative Committee (AdCom) member]
- Dr. Goutam Chattopadhyay (MTT-S AdCom member)

- Dr. Nuno Borges Carvalho (chair, MTT-S Member and Geographic Activities Committee)
- Dr. D.C. Pande
- Dr. Jawad Y. Siddiqui
- Dr. Chinmoy Saha (associate professor, Department of Avionics, Indian Institute of Space Science

and Technology and chair of the MTT-S Kerala Chapter)

- Shri Anu Mohamed (faculty advisor, MTT-S GECBH).

Dr. Saha described the L4 initiative's operation during the pandemic lockdown and highlighted how the multiple themes of the series, such as focused technical talks by seasoned experts, focused colloquiums, and panel discussions, would cater to and benefit students and young researchers. After a short video presentation by Saha on MTT-S Kerala Chapter activities and a Power Point presentation by Shri Arijit Mitra (Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, Kerala), Ms. Shri Sivada, and Ms. Shri Gopika, Dr. Abunjaileh opened the L4 series and the GECBH SBC. Abunjaileh expressed his appreciation for the unique initiation of the MTT-S Kerala Chapter and ensured the full support of the MTT-S for this and any such future activities.

To mark the occasion, a presentation slide symbolizing the dedication of the GECBH SBC and the L4 series was displayed (Figure 2). Dr. Henderson, Dr. Gupta, Dr. Borges Carvalho, Dr. Koul, Dr. Poddar, Dr. Chattopadhyay, Dr. Pande, and Dr. P.S. Birenjith greeted and addressed the community. Prof.



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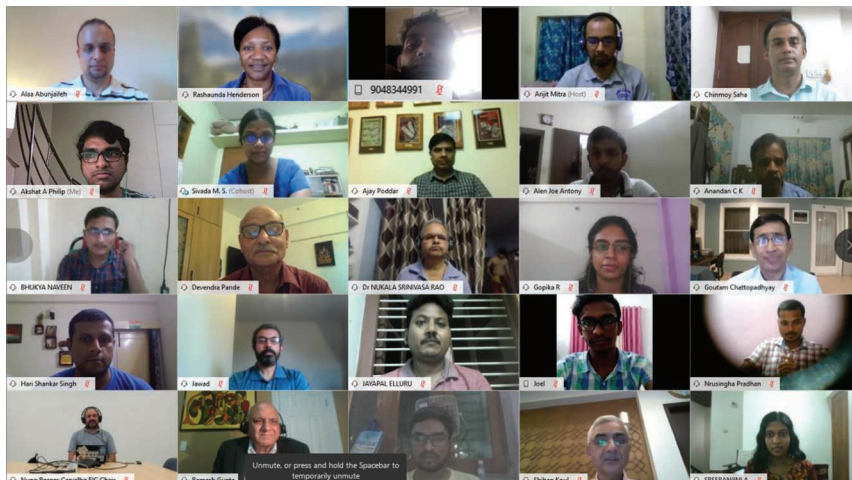
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Mohammed, Shri Mitra, and Akshat A. Philip (chair, GECBH SBC) expressed their gratitude. Koul (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi) delivered a webinar about the role of MTT-S volunteers in shaping the future of engineering students after COVID-19.

The inauguration was followed by the first L4 talk, "Energy-Efficient Simultaneous Wireless Backscatter and Power Communications," by Dr. Borges Carvalho (Instituto de Telecomunicacoes, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal). The talk was moderated by Dr. Saha and focused on efficient system designs and adaptations in the power communications field. The highly successful event was attended by 150 participants from around the globe, including professional MTT-S members, scientists from the Indian Space Research Organization, and academics, faculty members, and students from various colleges. The proceedings were



**Figure 1.** MTT-S leaders and local organizers inaugurate the L4 series and the GECBH SBC.



**Figure 2.** The dedication slide for the L4 series and GECBH SBC.

streamed live on YouTube. In summary, the event fostered excellent interaction among MTT-S

speakers, and attendees, and the feedback was positive.



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