

AWARENESS IN ACTION

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Symposium on Emerging Technologies

Connecting students and industry



The first quarter of 2018 has been an eventful period for Awareness in Action. Known for its unique programmes intended to provide proper guidance and direction to the participants, AiA organized a Symposium on Emerging Technologies at JNTUH auditorium on February 23. Aimed at bridging the gap between academia and industry, AiA brought together students, academicians and eminent persons from the industry during the symposium. Associate Director of the Defence Electronics & Research Laboratory (DLRL), Dr. M. Balachary inaugurated

the daylong symposium, while general manager of Bharat Electronics Limited, Shri MV Rattayya addressed the participants at the inaugural session. Dr. V. Kamakshi Prasad, Director of Evaluation, JNTUH gave the key note address. Founder and CEO of Glomantra Inc., Bhaskar Enaganti gave an insight to the participants on artificial intelligence, while senior data analyst, Dr. Ramabrahmam shared his knowledge on data science during first session.

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P.R. Lakshmi Eswari spoke on Cyber Security and Block Chain Technology during second session, while outstanding scientist of DRDO, Dr. BRK Reddy shared his knowledge on RF seekers and systems and Director of Ananth Technologies, Dr. Satyanarayana Malladi spoke about signal processing and trends in optometrics during the third session.

Director General of STPI, Dr. Omkar Rai, chief guest, outstanding scientist of DRDO, Dr. G.N. Rao, guest of honour and Director, University

Industry Interaction Centre, JNTUH, Dr. Ch. Venkata Ramana Reddy, special guest, addressed the participants at the valedictory. About 460 Professionals, Academicians and students from reputed organisations and institutions across the city registered and attended the symposium meant for connecting students with industry experts.



Study Circles













As part of periodical programmes, AiA organized three study circles in the first quarter. In January, Tax attorney Shri Taraka Srinivas gave an insight on GST and clarified the doubts raised by the participants. Senior Chartered Accountant, Ch. Hanmandloo spoke elaborately on the Union Budget-2018 at the study circle organized in February. IRS officer and Secretary, APPSC, YVST Sai, shared his knowledge with the participants on irregularities in banking system and role of regulatory authorities.

AiA has been organizing the study circles on the first Saturday of every month to ensure that the participants gain knowledge on various aspects of economic development.

Honourable Member of Parliament Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha

March 20, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: An appeal to relinquish benefits provided to MPs for the welfare of impoverished people

Awareness in Action (AiA) is a not for profit organisation with its headquarters in Hyderabad and having its presence across the country. We work with all stakeholders in the society and we are committed to bring Social Transformation by spreading awareness for action.

You are aware that scores of people voluntarily gave up subsidy on cooking gas in response to the union government's call. This voluntary relinquishing of subsidy on cooking gas helped the government provide cooking gas for scores of rural households thus saving women from pollution.

The outcome of voluntary relinquishing of subsidy on cooking gas prompted us to make an appeal to the affluent political class to give up the benefits from the government so that the public money reaches common masses through various welfare schemes.

On an average, the government spends Rs 3 lakh a month on each Member of Parliament which accounts for around Rs 200 crore a year. Apart from salary, the MPs are entitled for constituency allowance, office expenses and secretarial assistance. Further, they get daily allowance when the Parliament is in session and the MPs are reimbursed for 34 flight trips besides unlimited rail and road travel expenses on official business.

Other than this, MPs are also entitled for other allowances like free housing, free water, electricity, telephone and medical reimbursement.

All these expenses together are really a huge burden on the taxpayers. You are aware that our ancestors as political leaders never hesitated in relinquishing on such benefits in the interest of the common people. It is Raja Dharma to reduce dependence on

people's money when you can afford. In this backdrop, we appeal to you to relinquish government benefits on you so that the money thus saved can be utilised for the welfare of the impoverished people.

We hope your decision will not only bring laurels for you but inspires a generation of politicians to follow your example. Thank you

With Best wishes

M. Madhavi Secretary

AiA appeal to MPs to relinquish benefits

As part of setting awareness into action, AiA dispatched letters to nearly 150 Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members whose assets are more than Rs 20 crore according to their election affidavits, with an appeal to relinquish government benefits provided to them so that the money thus saved can be utilised for the welfare of the impoverished people. The idea behind the appeal is to save about Rs 200 crore a year, which is otherwise spent for providing various benefits to the MPs, thereby imposing a huge burden on the taxpayers. The taxpayers' money can be used for the welfare of masses through different schemes if the MPs voluntarily relinquish the benefits.

Upcoming Event



In its attempts to organize more and more events to bridge the gap between academia and industry, AiA has decided to organize second symposium on 'Emerging Technologies and Manufacturing Industries'. Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited, M.V. Gowtama will be the chief guest of the occasion. Scheduled for May 5, 2018 at UGC Auditorium, JNTUH, Hyderabad, the symposium will have inaugural and four technical sessions like Emerging Trends in Electronics manufacturing industry, Emerging Trends in manufacturing industry related to mechanical, Automobile, Missile and Robotics. AiA has decided to allow 20 percent professionals, 20 percent academicians and 60 percent students as participants.



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