

# Event Report

## Visit to Pabal Vigyan Ashram

**Date:** July 30, 2018

**Time:** 9 am to 6 pm

**Venue:** Pabal Vigyan Ashram, Pabal

### Summary

Pabal Vigyan Ashram is an organization which focus on imparting STEM education, project based learning, socially useful projects, rural technologies and entrepreneurship development. Their entire philosophy is based on "Learning while Doing" and "Every Problem is an Opportunity". They offer programs such as "Diploma in Basic Rural Technology", "Introduction to Basic technology" and "Entrepreneurship Accelerator". There are many other programs offered by them in the technology space.

All their labs are frugal and interdisciplinary. Their approach resonates with vision and mission of SIG for Affordable Agriculture set up by IEEE Pune Section. Pabal Vigyan Ashram organized an open house exhibition on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their founder on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The exhibition showcased their various projects, methodologies and also provided an opportunity to the visitors to see their labs. SIG seized this opportunity and organized a study tour of their members to Pabal. The objective was to get ideas for setting up Affordable Agriculture labs in their respective institutes and to help them drive projects for benefit of the farming community.

Around 40 people including faculty and students from six well known institutes including AISSMS, I2IT, MIT, PICT, SICSR and VIIT participated in the trip. The students found the visit very inspiring and learning experience. There were lot of takeaways for the faculty as well particularly the radical concept of interdisciplinary projects. Overall the visit provided a big jump start to SIG activities at the beginning of current the academic year.



