

## **Late Shri Pralhad Chhabria Awards – 2018**

It has been Late Shri Pralhad P Chhabria's dream to empower women and instil in them the confidence to believe in their abilities to make the society better. He believed that women have the ability to take what they have and bring about a change in their families, their work place and their society. They are by nature givers which give them the ability to do good for all around them. He always encouraged female students to be courageous to pursue their professional and personal aspirations and not allow gender biases hinder their path to success.

In his honour, **Hope Foundation and Research Centre, IEEE India Council and Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group, IEEE Pune Section** has announced two awards that are designed to recognize and applaud outstanding female student/s specifically from the faculties of Science, Engineering or Technology as well as young women Scientists, Engineers or Technocrats who are in their early career stage.

Shri Pralhad P Chhabria Awards 2018, which were officially launched on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 during IEEE India Council organized conference INDICON 2017 at IIT Roorkee.

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Award I - Best Outgoing Female Student (from faculty of Science / Engineering / Technology)

Award II - Best Women Engineer / Scientist / Technocrat (working Professional -Early Career Stage).



The awards were open to Indian nationals and exclusive only to IEEE Student Member for Award No 1 and IEEE Member for Award No 2. The other criterion for evaluation was demonstration of originality and innovation in the respective field/s of work was mandatory.

Each award is a cash prize of ₹ 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) Taxes as applicable shall be deducted from this prize money, a medal and a citation.

The debut edition of Late Shri Pralhad Chhabria Awards – 2018 winners were announced on the eve of Founder's Day i.e., Late Shri Pralaha Chhabria's birth anniversary on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in an event hosted by Hope Foundation and Research Centre, Pune and I<sup>2</sup>IT Pune.

On behalf of Hope Foundation, IEEE India Council and Women in Engineering Affinity Group, IEEE Pune Section, Congratulations to Winners of both awards.

Winners of these awards are

<p><b>Best Outgoing Student-</b> Ms Jayati Vijaywargiya</p> <p>Jayati Vijaywargiya is in the final year of B.Tech Computer Engineering at Mody University, College of Engineering and Technology, Madhya Pradesh.</p>	
<p><b>Best Women Engineer</b> (professional in early career) – DR. SOMA BISWAS</p> <p>Dr. Soma Biswas, Asst Professor at Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.</p>	

## Award Announcement on Founder's Day

12 March 2018

International Institute of Information Technology, (I<sup>2</sup>IT), Pune



*L to R- Prof. G S Mani Chair IEEE Pune Section 2017, Mrs Aruna Katara, President, Hope Foudantion and Research Cnetre, Pune, Mr Jitu Shah, Chief Guest of thefunction, Dr. Vaishali Patil, Principal, I<sup>2</sup>IT, Pune*