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PRESS RELEASE

A half day webinar on "**Role of Engineering in Global Peace**" was organized by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) Eastern India Panel in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST) Shibpur on Sunday, 7th March 2021. The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, UK is one the foremost Professional Organizations of Mechanical Engineers in the world, since its inception in 1847.

The webinar commenced with a welcome VIDEO message from the IMechE President, Mr. Terry Spall. Eminent speakers from elite Indian technological and scientific Institutions like IITs at Bombay, Kanpur, Kharagpur and Madras, IISc Bangalore and IEST Shibpur participated and spoke on the theme of the Webinar. Also, the eminent industrialist from Conveyer Ropeway Systems, Mr Shekhar Chakraborty, an octogenarian member of IMechE also spoke in the webinar. There were other speakers from IMechE also.

The theme of the webinar was most appropriate and timely in the midst of the Pandemic onslaught all over the world. In reality the world is being ravaged by the Pandemic which has shattered the world economy making millions of people literally jobless. This issue was rightly dealt with in the webinar proceedings. Admittedly the Global peace is an intricate and complex issue, in which the security issues like food, energy, water resources, environment, health and sustainable development issues are involved and it was highlighted that all these intertwined issues must be tackled. The tone of the webinar was set covering this point. All the technical talk aligned around this single focal point. It was highlighted that a sense of brotherhood among the whole humanity can save the world and the policy issues: local, national, regional and global must be treated holistically keeping Global Peace as the vision.

There was a brief interaction with the student participants, particularly students from the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, IEST Shibpur., which was really the silver lining of the webinar. In fact, the budding technocrats would be the most responsible world citizens in near future and they would have to innovate, develop and extend the scientific and technological knowledge repository as they strive to steer the world to a new horizon. It was highlighted that the scientists, technocrats and bureaucrats must act in tandem with each other for the sustainable development of the world.

On this occasion, a students' chapter of IMechE at IEST Shibpur was inaugurated with a high applause. Hopefully, the Chapter would be most effective with ever-lasting youthful strength supplemented by proper guidance from the senior technocrats.

The webinar was well accepted with exhibition of high human spirit and it is expected that the students' chapter would provide an inspirational new beginning for these budding engineers in fostering Global Peace.

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