

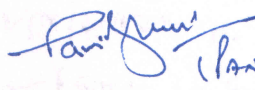
**Event Report of Short Term Course "Latest Trends in Information and Communication Technologies" Conducted by the IT Dept. during 04<sup>th</sup>-08<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Information Technology Department of Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana conducted the weeklong series of lectures and hands-on practice sessions of Short Term Course (STC) on title "Latest Trends in Information and Communication Technologies". This STC was sponsored by Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-II) cell of the Institute. The valediction programme of this course was organized in the seminar hall of the campus on 08<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014 (Wed.). **This programme was organized with the objective of sharing recent developments in the areas network security, bioinformatics, image processing, natural language processing, firewall implementation and configuration with practical demonstration.** *As many as 17 resource persons in this programme shared their views and further research areas among the participants.*

Dr. O.P. Gupta, Dy. Director, School of Electrical Engineering at Punjab Agriculture University Ludhiana was invited as chief guest of the valediction programme. In his speech, chief guest emphasised that awareness of technology trends in IT and ICT is the need of the hour, but at same time security of information transferred is important area of concern. He further elaborated that security measures can be implemented at the personal level by doing simple encryption of personal data by oneself. TEQIP-II coordinator, Dr. J.N.Jha mentioned the benefits as well as wastage of resources due to updation in technology every day.

Sh. Amolak Singh Kalsi, Technical Director & District Informatics Officer at National Informatics Centre, Jalandhar was invited as Chief Guest in the inauguration of the programme. Mr. Kalsi pointed out various innovative ideas implemented at the industry and government level for the concern of ICT. In the whole five day programme the academicians, software professional and researchers were invited to deliver the expert talk during the course. During this programme, Dr. Sarbjot Singh, Associate Prof. from Panjab University Chandigarh elaborated the **role of social media, mobility, analytics and cloud computing** in the programme. Dr. Maninder Singh, Associate Prof. from Thapar University Patiala shared his views on **social network analysis and big data deluge**. Dr. Manpreet Singh from GNDEC Ludhiana explained the topic titled "Bioinformatics: From Evolution to Computation". Dr. Anjali Garg from GNIMT Ludhiana elaborated the **Local and Global Feature based Descriptors for Shape based Image Retrieval**. Mr. Amit Kamra from GNDEC Ludhiana presented new research ideas in the filed of biomedical imaging. Mr. Vipin Gupta from U-Net solution organized the **hands on session on Firewall Implementation and Configuration and Public/ Private Key based Authentication using Secure Protocols like SSH, SFTP and HTTPS**. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar from DAV University Jalandhar and Dr. Parminder Singh from GNDEC Ludhiana delivered expert talk on Natural Language Processing with its Various Research Areas and Text to Speech Synthesis System respectively. Dr. Harish Kumar in his speech specified the role of Cyber Security and Information Retrieval.

Dr. K.S. Mann, HOD of IT Dept. and chief coordinator of this course presented the summary & feedback report of this short term course at valediction programme. He discussed the significance of these types of courses for faculties as well as researchers and congratulated the coordinators for organizing this STC. Participation Certificates were issued to 63 participants, which came from different regions of the country to attend this STC.

  
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