

Department of Electrical Engineering

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The day began with the M. A. Pai distinguished lecture given by Prof. S. S. Prabhu who used his vast experience to paint a broad picture of the impact of revolution in Computing and Communication on Modern Power Systems. This was followed by a lecture by Prof. P. R. K. Rao who is well known not only for his knowledge of electrical engineering but also for his grasp of intricate philosophical concepts. His talk was titled '**Two cultures and three traditions: Pedagogy, Scholarship and Visibility**'. This opportunity was used to showcase the current research scenario within the Department through a poster exhibition by graduate students and a series of eleven presentations by the new faculty members of the Department.

Besides the current faculty members and students, the event was attended by fifteen retired faculty members and a few of them had come with their wives. It provided an excellent opportunity for the young faculty members to interact with their senior colleagues who had helped in laying the foundations of this Institute. The highlight of the day was a fascinating and inspiring account of the formative years of IIT Kanpur and the Department of Electrical Engineering by Prof. K. R. Sarma.