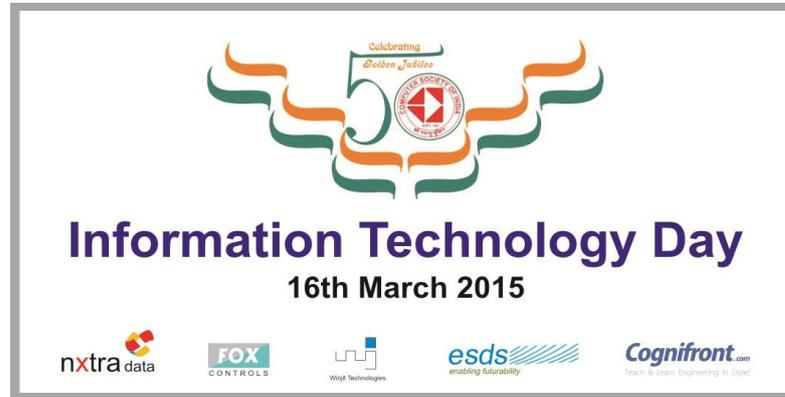




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## Information Technology Day 2015



The Nashik chapter celebrated Information Technology Day on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015. This is an annual event of the chapter. On this occasion a program full of activities like lectures, seminars, felicitations and awards to academic achievements and competition winners was arranged.

The program was conducted at Shankaracharya Kurtakoti auditorium. Industrialist, representatives of professional organisations, IT professionals, Principals of colleges, students participated in the program with lot of enthusiasm.



### **Chairman Girish Pagare addressing the gathering.**

Sitting from left: Hon. Secretary Sandeep Karkhanis, Regional vice president Dr. Shirish Sane, Chief guest Shri Avinash Chintawar, Guest of honour Shri Mahesh Dabak, Vice chairman Prashant Patil, Immediate past chairman Manoj Ihade

Chairman of the chapter Girish Pagare welcomed the guests and expressed views on celebrating Information Technology Day. He also expressed great pleasure about the year being the golden jubilee year of CSI. He shared the initiatives taken by the chapter towards development of IT in Nashik. The recognition CSI is getting across the globe for the **innovation potential demonstrated by IT experts of Nashik at all the levels** was well applauded by audience.



**Regional vice president Dr. Shirish Sane expressing his views**

On the occasion Dr. Sane, regional vice president region VI, appreciated the chapter activities and gave directions on programs initiated by CSI at National level. He requested the audience to be part of CSI by becoming a member and get benefits in membership fees on this occasion of golden jubilee year. He urged the IT entrepreneurs of Nashik to support **CSI initiative** of taking the **IT education** to **rural and tribal areas**.



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**Hon. Secretary Sandeep Karkhanis presenting the annual activity report**

A comprehensive chapter activity report was presented by Hon. Secretary Sandeep Karkhanis, highlighting the chapter initiatives of **collaborating with variety of industries, professional organisations** to create **conducive atmosphere** in making Nashik the **next IT destination**.

The special issue contains information of IT professional who have **made an impact** in Nashik in developing IT.



**The chapter on this occasion of Golden Jubilee brought a special edition of newsletter**



**Honourable guest Shri. Mahesh Dabak addressing the audience**

Shri Mahesh Dabak, president of Nashik Shikshan Prasarak Mandal (NSPM); expressed alarming situation in development of children in view of nation building, mainly character development of children. He expressed concern in today's educational concepts to mould our society towards nation building. Shri Dabak expressed gratitude for CSI in recognising and enabling the budding IT professional's right from their school days to be the leaders at global level. The leaders who are visionary and helped society in general to make life better



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Felicitation of IT success stories of Nashik

The release was followed by felicitation of these IT professionals namely **Shri Piyush Somani** MD and CEO ESDS softwares, **Suchit Tiwari** chairman of Cognifront, **Joy Aloor** CEO Fox controls, **Rohit Kulkarni** of Neumann systems, **Rajiv Papneja** from ESDS, **Gunwant Battase** of Nebula studios, **Pramod Gaikwad** of Silicon Valley, **Mrs. Bhagyashree Kenge** of Cyberedge systems and **Raturaj Kohok** of Nethority. Some of the professionals could not make it to the program due to their other occupancies away from Nashik.



Answering the felicitation Shri Piyush Somani thanked CSI and encouraged professionals of Nashik to become as big as Infosys & TCS. He said the potential is immense and shared the initiatives taken by ESDS to nurture innovation.

← **Piyush Somani** chairman and CEO ESDS software, expressing his views



Felicitiaon of **Dr. Gajanan Kharate**. **Mrs. Kharate** accepting Yashokirti award

Shri Avinash Chintawar, vice president-technical , Bosch Ltd. was the Chief guest on the occasion.

**Dr. Gajanan Kharate**, researcher, author of various books on IT topics, dean of faculty of engineering of Pune University and Principal at Matoshri College of Engineering was felicitated by Shri Chintawar; with auspicious "**Late Sau. Shevantabai Shirode**" **Yashokirti** award; instated by Shri Avinash Shirode in memory of his mother. Due to unavoidable circumstances the award was received by

**Mrs. Surekha Kharate.**



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Message from Dr. Kharate was shared by Mrs. Prajakta Vispute & Mrs. Sneha Oak

Shri Avinash Chintawar vice president-technical Bosch Ltd., delivering key note address

Shri Chintawar credited everyone from **CSI** for wonderful journey of **fifty years** and achieving **great success**. He was amazed by the fact that the society is managed by **volunteers** and making a substantial impact for IT professional and government initiatives like e-governance.

Touching upon the present drives like **digital India**, he opined that for **nation to become successful** it is essential to be **spiritual, herbal and digital**. He expressed confidence that **India has got all the three**. Nashik has already initiated to make this happen from an IT enabled Kumbhamela with spiritual and herbal essence.

Vice chairman Prashant Patil felicitated Shri Mahesh Dabak and Chairman Girish Pagare felicitated Shri Avinash Chintawar.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Hon. Secretary Sandeep Karkhanis and the program was concluded on a high note of motivation.

