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## A Report on Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

The Advisory Committee of IETE, Hyderabad Centre met on Nov 4, 2023 at Nizam Club, Saifabad under the Chairmanship of Prof. B.L. Deekshatulu in the august presence of Prof. A.K. Saini, President, IETE and Dr. Hanuman Chowdhary, the nonagenarian Past President, IETE. A full list of Participants is attached.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Nuli Namassivaya, Convenor and Chairman, Hyderabad Centre, stated that, since the last Advisory Committee meeting held last year, the Centre has been making consistent progress in fulfilling all its targets by way of weekly Webinars, Endowment/ Memorial lecturesas per schedule, short-term workshops etc., despite a difficult financial situation. The Centre has also secured the Best Centre Award for the third time in a row, a unique feat. Shri A.K. Sangamkar, Hon. Secretary, made a slide-show presentation on the Centre's activities. He also highlighted some major problems the Centre is facing: paucity of funds and the expiry of current lease agreement with the Osmania University.

Prof. Deekshatulu, in his address, appreciated the leading role being played by the Centre in spite of many challenges. These challenges, in a way, are similar to those of all other professional societies and so it is time that all these societies should commonly plan their programmes so that repetition is avoided to the extent possible and student needs are better addressed. He also said that the Advisory Committee can only advise, but the main task of implementing these advices rests with the Centre as well as the HQ. Prof. A.K. Saini, President, IETE said that the changing times favour short-term programmes, rather than the conventional Diploma/ Degree programmes. Also, we should be able to hold such programs at the students' own colleges/ institutes for the better convenience of the students and certification can be done jointly by IETE and the college concerned. Dr. Hanuman Chowdhary called upon the Centre to concentrate on skill development courses for the benefit of the lower strata of population and funds for the same can be tapped from the concerned Ministry.

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