ASIE kicks off the year with a full slate of events

HOUSTON:
The American Society of Indian Engineers and Architects (ASIE) kicked off the New Year by participating in several technical and educational events under the leadership of President Dinesh Shah.

The Board and members kept busy in the first month by attending four major events as part of the National Engineers Week, also known as E Week Celebration.

One of ASIE’s goals is to participate in events that promote the future of students. In the last several years, ASIE had awarded scholarships to many deserving students.

ASIE volunteers also participated as Proctors and Graders at the 2017 Regional MATHCOUNTS competition sponsored by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TBPE) held at Flour Corp in Sugar Land.

MATHCOUNTS is a national Math enrichment, coaching and competitive program that promotes middle school mathematics in every U.S. state and territory.

Schools select students to compete individually or as part of a team in one of more than 500 written and oral competitions held nationwide. Top students advance to the State and ultimately National level. MATHCOUNTS challenges a student’s Math skills, develops their self-confidence and rewards them for their achievements.

ASIE followed this with the UH EAA Student Awards Banquet.

ASIE presented the “Indian Engineering Students - Engineering the Future Award” to Ms. Sharon John on February 21st at the University of Houston, Engineering Alumni Association E Week Reception.

Sharon, who is of Indian origin, is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering (Junior) at UH and is expected to graduate in 2018. She is working as an Undergraduate Research Assistant at the Robertson Research Group at UH in the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Department.

ASIE has been a sponsor for the UH-EAA Scholarship Program for the past several years to encourage engineering students of Indian origin at UH. ASIE’s $ 500 award was one among 18 other awards presented during the evening.

ASIE representatives Ravi Arora and Shankar Roy attended another important and meaningful annual event for ASIE - the 58th Science & Engineering Fair of Houston (SEFH), on Feb. 24-25, 2017.

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Modi wins landslide election victory in India's biggest state

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party won a landslide victory in Uttar Pradesh, one of India's most important battleground states on Saturday, in a personal triumph that will strengthen his claim to a second term as national leader.

Wresting control of Uttar Pradesh from a ruling Congress-Janusana Party (BJP) had won a clear majority. With the tally of results almost complete, the BJP had collected as many as 312 of 403 seats in the state assembly, the biggest majority for any party in the state since 1977.

Almost four in ten voters backed Modi's party, the election results were in line with the party leadership, failed again to close to the party's vote share in Uttar Pradesh in the 2014 general election when it won 365 of the biggest majority in three decades.

“I give my heartfelt thanks to the people of Uttar Pradesh. This is a victory for our party. This is the victory of Lucknow and Delhi, with party workers dancing and splashing each other with the Holi festival of colors that Hindus are celebrating this weekend. Our prime minister and BJP campaign manager, Amit Shah, tweeted on Twitter. Investors hope victory will embolden Modi to embark on more reforms, including the launch of a national sales tax, to boost economic growth.

The outcome of this election era- nal, a sharp anti-corruption and improved governance policies as he begins to position himself for the 2019 general election,” wrote analysts Shailesh Kumar and Sahas Riser-Kosalty in a monetary advisory firm Eurasia Group.

Modi threw himself into the Uttar Pradesh campaign last week, addressing dozens of rallies and turning the contest into a test of his personal popularity and his nation’s abil ity to make economic progress.

In Indian Parliament passes “Enemy property bill”

Loc Sabha passes the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2016 incorporating an amendment as requested by the Rajya Sabha last week.

Some of those who migrated to Pakistan and China in the 1947 partition of the British raj have lost their properties in the last 70 years. The bill will enable the central government to make the properties of the enemy subject of the Indian territory.

The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1968, was passed in the Lok Sabha in 1968, which had been replaced by the 1980 Enemy Property (Amendment) Act.

The bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha last week, and it was due to lapse on Tuesday.

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