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Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

Event Title	National Symposium KALAM'25		
Objective of Event	To provide a dynamic platform for students to showcase their technical knowledge, creativity, and innovative thinking through engaging competitions and interactive sessions.		
Chief Guest /Speaker Details	Dr.P.Kanagavel, Director & Head SDT Division,, National Institute of Wind Energy(NIWE) Mrs. S. RAJALAKSHMI, Application Architect, IBM		
Date	09/10/2025 to 10/10/2025	Time	10.00 AM to 04.00 PM
Venue	University Auditorium	No. of Participants	300

REPORT

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National Symposium KALAM'25-NEXTRA

CONTENT

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering proudly hosted its 22nd National Technical Symposium – KALAM'25 NEXTRA , a vibrant two-day celebration of innovation and intellect held on October 9th and 10th, 2025 . Centered around the thought-provoking theme, “ NEXTRA – Next-gen Electronics for Experiential Technologies, Research and Applications,” the symposium drew profound inspiration from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam’s timeless words:

“Excellence happens not by accident. It is a process.”

The grand inaugural ceremony unfolded on October 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m in the University Auditorium, Main Campus. The symposium was formally inaugurated with the unveiling of the KALAM'25 brochure by the Honorable President, Er. A.C.S. Arun Kumar .

The formal proceedings began with a warm Welcome Address by Dr. U. Jayalakshmi, HoD/ECE , followed by an inspiring Presidential Address from Dr. S. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor. Dr. D. Vishwanathan, Rector , graced the occasion with a Felicitat ion Address, while Dr. N. Eithiraj, Dean – E&T , provided a comprehensive Event Overview. Adding to the intellectual fervor, *Dr. V. Cyril Raj, Additional Registrar , delivered a Special Address that underscored the importance of



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innovation-driven education.

The highlight of the session was the Inaugural Address by the distinguished Chief Guest, Dr. P. Kanagavel, Director & Head, SDT Division, National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE). His address enlightened the audience on the fusion of innovation, sustainability, and technological foresight. This was followed by an inspiring Keynote Address by the Guest of Honour, Mrs. S. Rajalakshmi, Application Architect, IBM India – Chennai, who shared valuable insights into the transformative potential of AI and data-centric solutions shaping the future.

The symposium unfolded with 12 dynamic events — an ideal blend of six technical and six non-technical competitions — designed to ignite curiosity, creativity, and collaboration among budding engineers.

Technical Events: Page to Podium (Research Presentation), TechMania (Technical Aptitude), and Silicon-AI Hackathon (Coding & Design).

Non-Technical Events: Sync or Sink, Design Dazzle, and Ad Arena – a lively mix of creativity, communication, and teamwork.

With every event and interaction, KALAM'25 NEXTRA became more than just a symposium — it emerged as a platform of possibilities, where innovation met inspiration, and young minds

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering joyfully carried forward the vibrant spirit of KALAM'25 – NEXTRA into an inspiring Day 2, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and innovation.

Adding a special spark to the celebration, KALAM'25 Juniors was introduced exclusively for school students, featuring Project Expo, Quest of Minds, Art Arena, and Symphony of Ideas — an engaging platform that inspired young minds to explore, imagine, and innovate.

The symposium witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 250 engineering students and 30 school participants from renowned institutions including SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Vel Tech, PSNA College of Engineering, M. Kumarasamy College of Engineering, and schools such as Maharishi Vidya Mandir and Velammal Vidyalaya. Their spirited participation truly made KALAM'25 – NEXTRA a vibrant hub of creativity, collaboration, and learning.

The Valedictory Ceremony marked a grand and memorable conclusion to the two-day celebration. The department had the honour of welcoming Chief Guest, Mr. K. Elangovan Rajasekar, Director – Mentor Infocom India Pvt. Ltd., and Guest of Honour, Mr. M. Desigan, Senior Manager – Automotive Test System and a distinguished alumnus of the 2011–2015 batch. Both esteemed guests appreciated the enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication that made the event an outstanding success.



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As the curtains fell, the atmosphere was filled with pride and joy — a true reflection of the tireless efforts and seamless coordination of our faculty and student organizers. KALAM'25 – NEXTRA once again lived up to its vision:

“Beyond Technology, Towards Tomorrow.”

Our hearts overflow with gratitude to our Honorable President, Er. A.C.S. Arun Kumar Sir, for his constant guidance, encouragement, and invaluable support in making this symposium a grand success. We also extend our sincere thanks to the University Management, Executives, Transport Team, and all faculty members for their unwavering motivation, seamless assistance, and dedicated mentorship throughout the event.

With immense pride and joy, we celebrate the success of KALAM'25 – NEXTRA — two remarkable days that reminded us that excellence is not merely a goal but a journey, and that the future belongs to those who dare to innovate, inspire, and imagine beyond boundaries!



EVENT OUTCOME

The symposium successfully fostered technical excellence, teamwork, and research-oriented learning among participants, inspiring them to pursue innovation-driven goals in emerging technologies.

PHOTOS

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