

## DISTINGUISHED LECTURER TRIP TO INDIA

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From mid-October through early November, I gave 16 talks at 11 locations in India. The trip was organized by Professor H. Hablani at the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai (IITB). The Distinguished Lecture (DL) on Inertial Navigation System and GPS Technology Trends and an additional talk on INS/GPS Integration Architectures were presented at IITB and at IIT locations in Chennai and Kanpur. The same two (2) lectures were given at Osmania University in Hyderabad and at the Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore.

The DL was given at Devi Ahilya University, Indore; the PVG College of Engineering, Pune; the Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, Mumbai; and the PDM College of Engineering, Delhi. At many of the locations the proceedings started with the lighting of a ceremonial lamp and invocation.

I was also fortunate to give remarks at the inauguration of the IEEE Student Chapter at Amity University in Delhi, where I also met Dr. Ashok Chauhan the founder of the Amity Institutions. I gave remarks at the 75<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration of the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) also in Delhi. The IEEE and the IETE have a history of cooperative activities. The theme of the latter talk was education and the internet. The illustration I used was the MIT OpenCourseWare where MIT has put the lecture notes and other materials for essentially all its courses (2000+) on the web for anyone to see and use ([ocw.mit.edu](http://ocw.mit.edu)). Over 250 other universities have followed this lead in the last 8 years.

The IEEE hosts at every location were fantastic in their kindness and attention. Several dinners with IEEE Officers of Region 10, Sections, and Chapters, as well as members and students, were thoroughly enjoyed. The students were universally enthusiastic and the faculty fully engaged in their teaching and research. Although I didn't get much of a chance for touring, I did see lots of construction projects underway. India has a very fast growing economy, but traffic would deter any non-resident driver, even someone from Boston.

Security was tight at every airport and all 11 flights were full. Advance seat selection is a must. A cell phone is a must if you are meeting people at the airport because they cannot get into the terminal without a ticket and photo ID. This creates a problem as the greeters have no way of seeing what time your flight is arriving. (Thanks again to Dr. V. R. Singh for waiting over 3 hours for me at the Delhi airport.) Also, you need a visa for India; don't forget that step. I hope to return someday soon on a much less hectic schedule!

Pictures:

[Prof. H. Hablani \(L\) and Dr. G. Schmidt \(R\) in front of Taj Mahal Hotel, Mumbai](#)  
[Indore Opening Ceremony](#)  
[Indore Audience](#)