

Report: WIE Event 3

Event: Girl Students Nominated by WIE Kolkata Section Attended WePOWER Conference at Kathmandu, Nepal

Date: 20/2/2019 to 21/2/2019

Venue: Himalaya Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

The World Bank's South Asia region and social development units under South Asia gender and energy facility, with support of energy sector management assistance program, organised the First Regional Conference of the Women in Power Sector Professional Network - WePOWER during February 20 – 21, 2019 at Himalaya Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal to promote female practitioners in the energy sector. IEEE WIE Kolkata Section nominated two final year girl students, Sreya Sarkar and Priya Singh from the discipline "Power Engineering" from Jadavpur University to attend the conference as Indian student delegates.

In the inaugural ceremony (20th February), the welcome remark was given by Honourable minister from Nepal and country director of Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka, World Bank. The representative from World Bank mentioned that Ignoring women in work field means ignoring 50% of human asset. Ms Caren Grown, Senior Director, Gender Global Themes Department, made splendid comments on why presence of female in an organization is important as she is one of the finest thinkers in gender inequality in economics. This event brought together Policy maker of USA, scientist from France, delegates from World Bank, professionals from partnering institute of the conference. There was session on how to retain women in the work field. Women leaders from different organisation presented about the policies in their country as well as organisation. From India, presentation was from Tata Power. There were also sessions where the delegates of ADB, USAID, ESMAP presented their ideas. The session on 21st started with a speech by regional officer of World Bank followed by Australian ambassador his Excellency Peter Budd. The areas discussed about the works going on in various parts of South Asian Region. After that there was a panel discussion on Women in Power Sector–Perspectives from the Utilities. Representatives from all power sector organisations were there. From India, we had women in lead from Tata Power and Power Grid. It was a great platform for the girl students who were in the verge of completion of Bachelor's degree and about to start their carrier as women engineers.



Indian student delegates Sreya Sarkar and Priya Singh nominated by WIE Kolkata Section attending WePOWER Conference

