# Report on Emerging Trends Post COVID-19 Webinar

**Topic:** "Emerging Trends Post COVID-19"

**Date**:    16th May, 2020

**Time:**    4:00 pm -5:00 p.m.

**Venue:**  Zoom Meeting/YouTube (Online Platform)

**Link to the webinar:**  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmHXI-EO3ts

**Speaker:**  Mr. Ganapathy Venkatachalam, Technical Advisor – ETA Group of
            Companies

**Target Audience:** Students between the age group of 15-19 years

**No of participants registered:** 439

**No of participants attended**: 375

**No of DBIT faculties attended**: 17

**No of DBIT students attended**: 63

## Objective:

The aim of the webinar was to provide the participants, a glimpse of the inevitable change in the professional sectors post COVID-19.
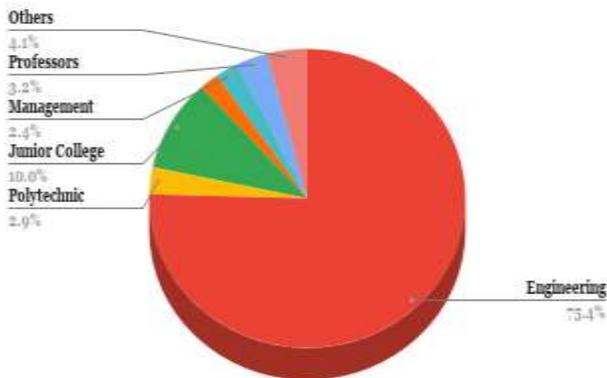
## Description

- The IEEE and IETE student bodies of DBIT organized a webinar on "Emerging Trends Post COVID-19" on the 16th of May.
- The session commenced with an introductory speech by Dr. Prasanna Nambiar, Principal of DBIT followed by an introduction of the speaker Mr. Ganapathy Venkatachalam by Mr. Shreyas Kulkarni, Chairperson of IEEE-DBIT.
- Following the introduction, Mr. Ganapathy Venkatachalam took over and started the session by illustrating the participants on how the world will emerge post COVID-19 and evolve as the pandemic will gradually end.
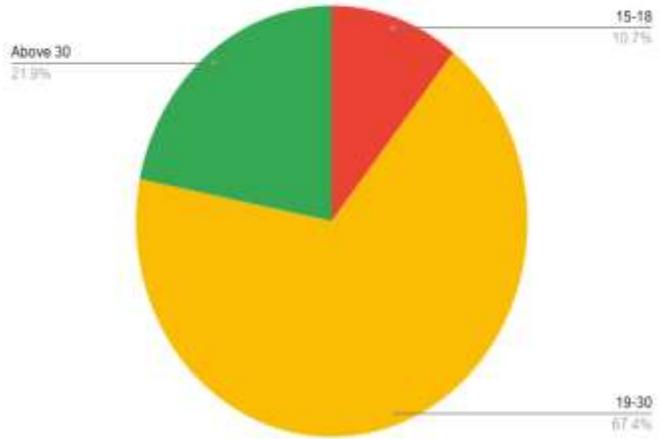
- In the session the speaker discussed, how this current change would be a great opportunity for all of us to develop and learn new skills.

- The speaker also discussed about how change is key and how students can take new steps to advance into the developing world to achieve one's dream giving examples such as Facebook, Dell, FedEx etc.

- Talking about the education sector, he mentioned about the Ericcson-UNESCO collaboration and how they were working to inculcate VR in training for teachers. He mentioned how the growth of fields like 5G, AI, Blockchain, Automation and IOT were affected and what steps the industry is taking to turn the situation on its head.

- Further, the speaker illustrated the use of Robotics and Drones in sanitation, delivery and the challenges that this sector faces in areas like high skill and maintenance.

- Mr. Venkatachalam also showed the road map for the future of manufacturing in Process Automation, Digitizing operations, product and service innovation using AI and ML. He also discussed about the progression of the Indian Ecosystem and the benefits of Home Testing, Information Management, Public Hygiene and Retail and how it will be vital in the coming years as a country.

- Before concluding his address, the speaker discussed about how Supply Chain 4.0 will help in restructuring companies and also rethink the way they design their supply chains to satisfy customer expectations and build a faster and organized method for themselves.

- After the address, the session was open to a Q&A session with the participants. The questions were selected from the participants from the zoom call as well as from the audience joining live from YouTube and Mr. Ganapathy addressed all of them very meticulously.

- The session was concluded with the Vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ashwini Kotrashetti, Head of EXTC Department, DBIT, after which the participants were requested to fill the feedback forms circulated on the WhatsApp groups.
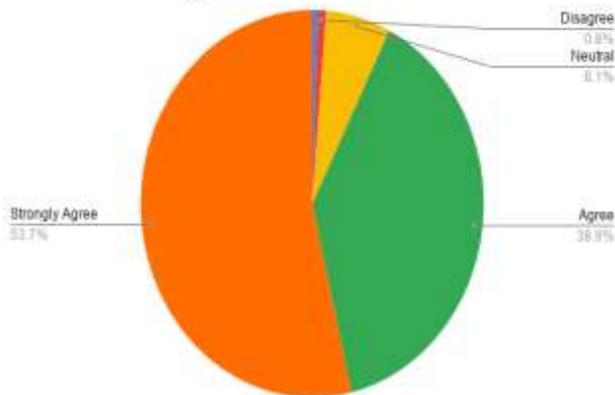
## Webinar Analysis:
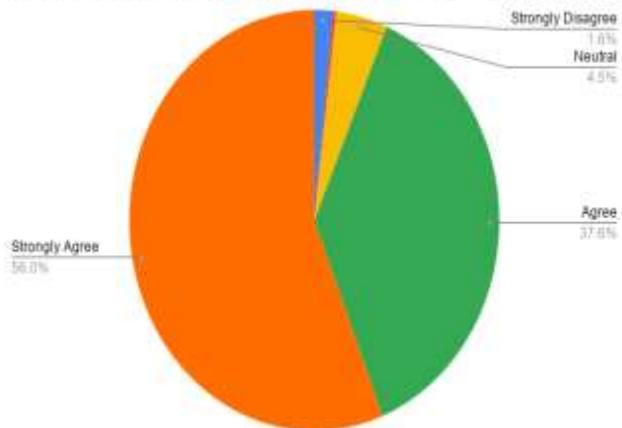
### Participants of Webinar

Others
4.1%
Professors
3.2%
Management
2.4%
Junior College
10.0%
Polytechnic
2.9%

Engineering
75.4%

### Age Groups

Above 30
21.9%

15-18
10.7%

19-30
67.4%

### How likely is it that you would recommend the event to a friend or a colleague? *

Disagree
0.8%
Neutral
8.1%

Strongly Agree
53.7%

Agree
38.9%

### The presenter responded to questions in an informative, appropriate and satisfactory manner

Disagree
2.1%
Neutral
4.5%

Strongly Agree
57.3%

Agree
35.8%
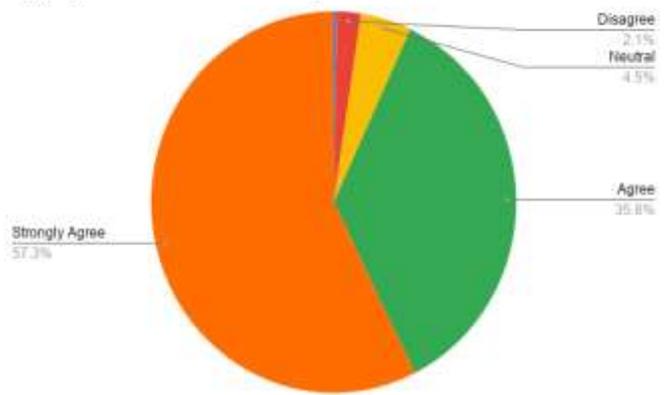
### The webinar facilities were appropriate and satisfactory

Strongly Disagree
1.6%
Neutral
4.5%

Strongly Agree
56.0%

Agree
37.6%

### Was this Webinar helpful in identifying the emerging trends in Technology?

Disagree
1.9%
Neutral
4.3%

Strongly Agree
53.2%

Agree
39.5%
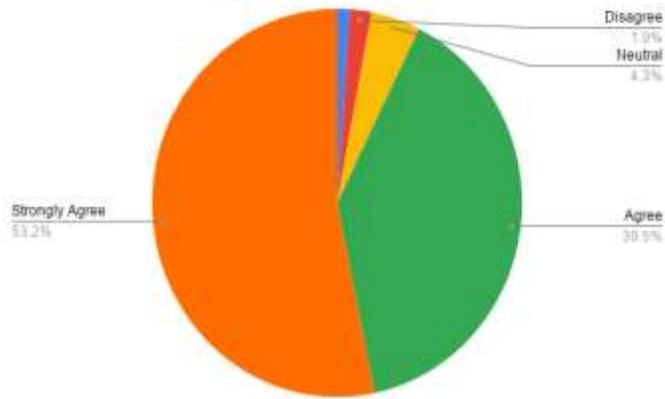
## Was this Webinar helpful in creating the required awareness?

Neutral
4.0%

Strongly Agree
57.9%

Agree
38.5%
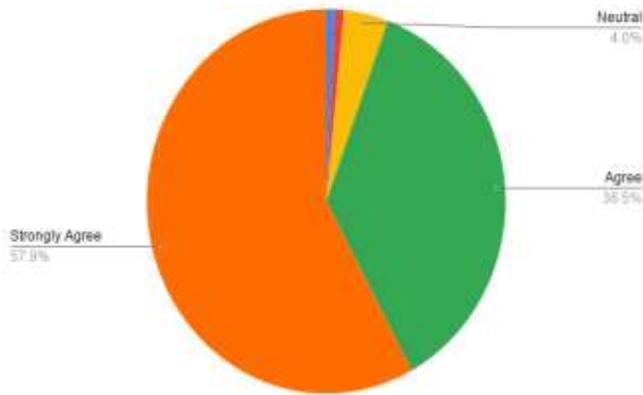
## Overall, the webinar was informative and valuable

Disagree
1.3%

Neutral
3.5%

Strongly Agree
58.7%

Agree
34.7%
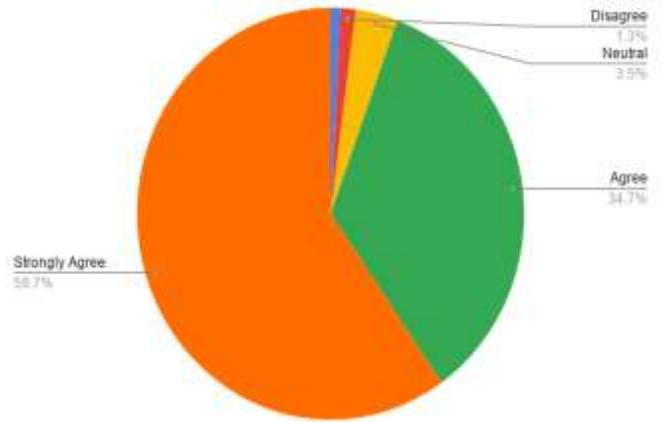
## Was the webinar helpful in providing an insight on how to develop creative thinking and problem solving ability?

Strongly Disagree
1.3%

Neutral
7.2%

Strongly Agree
48.3%

Agree
41.9%
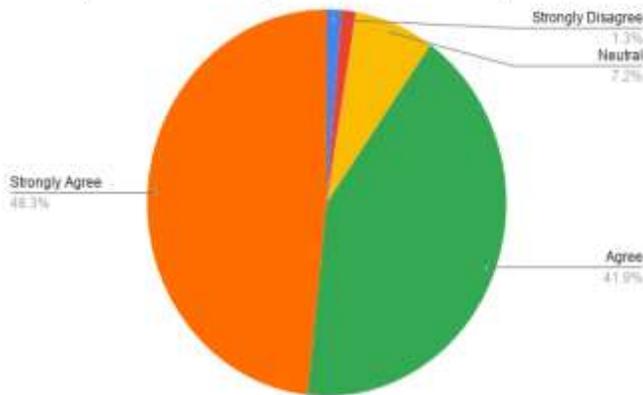
## Has this Webinar motivated you to consider technology as a career option which will can help in making a difference in the world?

Strongly Disagree
1.3%

Neutral
5.3%

Strongly Agree
54.5%

Agree
38.1%
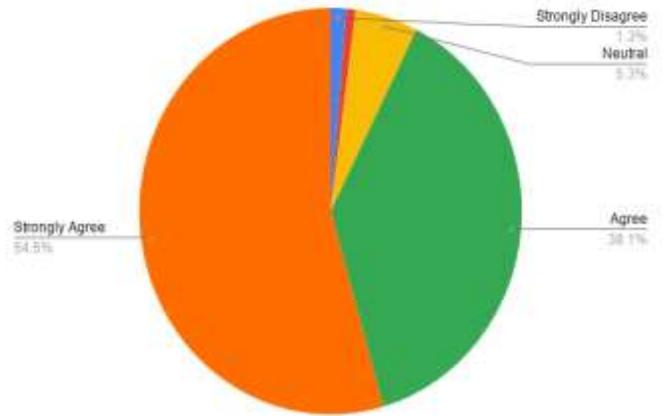
## Are you interested in participating in future webinars or workshops which fall in this category?

Strongly Disagree
1.3%

Neutral
5.6%

Strongly Agree
57.3%

Agree
34.7%
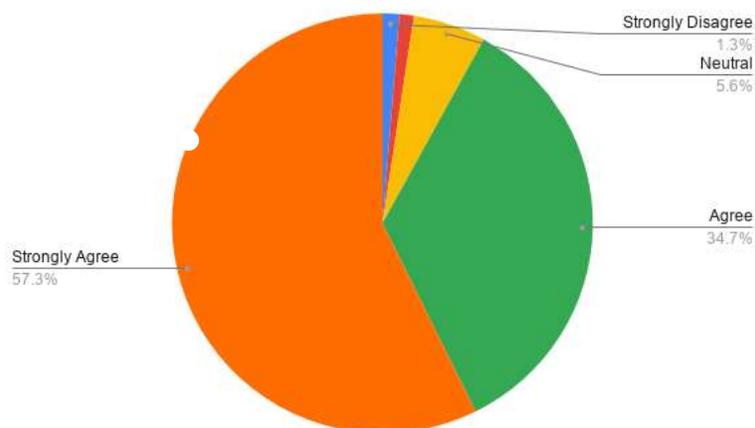
The analysis shows most of the participants were in the age group in between 19-30, and were from the engineering field. The overall feedback to the webinar was positive and many of them found it to be informative and valuable. They also felt it would help in their creative insight and bring a difference in the future. It shows that they are interested in future webinars to be conducted and would recommend it to their colleagues.

**Event Poster:**



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