

Highlights of the Hamtech-2008 Organising Committee



L to R: Shri. B. Vedavyas, Hon'ble MLA, Shri. V. Hanumantha Rao, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (RS) and other O.C members

A meeting of the Hamtech-2008 Organising Committee was held on September 07, 2008 at NIAR HQ, Hyderabad under the Chairmanship of Shri. V. Hanumantha Rao, Hon'ble Member of Parliament. The meeting was attended by Shri. B. Vedavyas - Hon'ble MLA, Mr. Kamalakara Rao -Hon'ble MLC, Mr. Ajeer Vidya IAS (Retd.) Former JS-GoI, Mr. B.M.Baveja, Sr. Director - DIT and members of Organising Committee representing various Ham Clubs across India.

Mr. S. Suri, Founder & Chairman-NIAR, welcomed all the members and explained the objectives of the event. He also explained the recent development activities conducted by NIAR for promoting and popularizing amateur radio in the country. The meeting focused on the planning and preparatory arrangements made for Hamtech-2008 with discussions on the implementation of program as the event coincides with Silver Jubilee year celebrations of NIAR commemorating 25 years of service to society. The Highlights of the discussions are as follows.

It was decided to hold an Expo of amateur radio equipment and accessories with to explain various technology aspects of wireless communication technologies used by Hams as well as encourage Homebrew – low cost amateur radio transceivers and Digital Communication technologies.

The members decided that the discussions at Hamtech 2008 will bring out suitable recommendations and ideas for implementation with a special emphasis on the Road Map for creating 1 lakh hams by conducting massive awareness / training program all over the country, bring out suitable policies to strengthen amateur radio clubs/societies/institutions with financial and other assistance, to improve emergency communications with latest developments in communication technologies, to prepare suitable policies and programs for implementation by Government agencies to further strengthen amateur radio activities in the country and also provide a platform for active participation, discussions, lectures and presentations on the latest amateur radio communications by International and national ham experts from all over the world benefit the country specially the government.

The members also approved a budget outlay of Rs. 15.00 lakhs to organize the Hamtech-2008 and also requested Dept of IT, Govt. of India to support and sponsor the event. Mr. B.M.Baveja suggested NIAR may approach DIT with a formal proposal in the prescribed proforma seeking financial support for Hamtech-2008.

The NIAR Governing Council also held the meeting of its office bearers. The G.C. approved the decisions taken by Organising Committee and conduct the Hamtech-2008 in a befitting manner. The G.C. also took a decision to take self support measures for immediate financial requirements for successful conduct of Hamtech-2008. The GC discussed and reviewed various projects and programs conducted by the NIAR.

Mr. S. K. Arora, Ex-chairman, NIAR become silent key (passed away)

Mr. S.K. Arora, IAS, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, GoI and sports passed away on 8th September 2008. He was 59 years of age. He served as chairman – NIAR during 1992-94, during his term NIAR conducted many prestigious programs with Support of Govt. of India and Govt. of AP including the APCERP project by establishing Amateur Radio centres in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh state with support of World Bank. Under his Chairmanship NIAR received many national and International awards and appreciations. The members of NIAR deeply mourn his sudden demise.



Donations received



Mr. S. B. Ram, GC Member donated the cheque of Rs. 10,000 towards the contribution to NIAR for Hamtech-2008.



Mr. Ram Prabhu, VU2DEV, Bangalore donated a cheque of Rs. 12,000 as contribution to NIAR for Hamtech-2008. Earlier also he contributed an amount of Rs. 14,000 towards the seminar on "Amateur Radio for Next Generation" organized in June 2008.

Awareness activities

Amateur radio lecture at S.L.S. D.A.V. public school, Delhi

Mr. Suri, Chairman, NIAR gave lecture on HAM Radio in S.L.S. D.A.V. public School, Mausam Vihar, Delhi on . Ms. S. Yamini, VU2YAM and Mrs. D. Bharathi, VU2RBI gave a special address to the students. The Principal appreciated Ms. S. Yamini for her achievements. Mrs. Riku and Mrs. Seema, teachers of DAV school were given their ASOL examination at BSG(HQ).

HAM Radio classes at Little Flower High School, Hyderabad

During the academic year 2008-09, Amateur Radio classes were conducted by NIAR at Little Flower High School, Hyderabad. The classes started on 7th July 2008. 74 students have enrolled for the class. The Ham Club, VU2LFC was established by Mr.Denzil B. Atkinson under his MPLAD Scheme. Mr. K. Venkateshwara Rao, in charge of Ham Radio Club (Physics Teacher) has recently received the callsign VU3LFC. Ms. S. Yamini, VU2YAM and Ms. Jaya, VU2JMA trained the students.

Special Callsign for NIAR Silver Jubilee Celebration

On the eve of silver jubilee celebration of NIAR, the special callsigns AT25MY and AT25RG were activated by NIAR members from July 07, 2008 to October 22, 2008. The Ministry of Communication & IT has also given special permission to use frequencies 3790-3800 KHz and 10100-10150 KHz during this occasion. Hundreds of contacts were made by the NIAR members.

NIAR Silver Jubilee HF Contest

The NIAR Silver Jubilee HF Contest was organized from 16th to 17th August 2008. The object of the contest was to contact as many amateurs around the world. It was open for all licensed amateurs & SWLs around the world. The last date for receipt of entries is: September 17, 2008. The results of the contest will be released in Hamtech-2008.

Amateur Radio Demonstration at Amina Institute of Technology



Mr. S. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH addressing the students.
L to R: Ms. Yamini, VUYAM Mr. B.V. Jaggaraju, Director, Mr. Sharfuddin, Correspondent and Dr. Reddy, Principal, AIT

Commemorating with Sir C.V. Raman's birthday, a demonstration on amateur radio was conducted at Amina Institute of Technology, Kandlakota, Hyderabad by Mr. S. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH and Ms. S. Yamini, VU2YAM on 15th September 2008. This demonstration was participated by over 200 students.

The Principal gave a power point presentation on satellites launched by ISRO in April 2008.

Mr. Jaggaraju, Director, took initiative to organize this program. He appreciated the role and importance of HAM Radio during disaster to the students.

Amateur Radio Demonstration at Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore

Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY, inaugurated the KCT ham club at the Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore on September 24, 2008. Ms. S. Yamini, VU2YAM was specially invited to give a lecture on ham radio. The program was started with prayer and welcome address was given by Dr. Joseph V. Thanikal. Mr. S. Vijayan, VU2WDP is secretary of this club.

Mr. T. Hariharan, VU2TH, Retd. Scientist DRDO was felicitated at the event. Prof. Dr. K. Arumugam, Vice Chairman addressing the students and gathering explained the need of and the role of HAM Radio and its importance in technical development of engineering student.



C.S.I. Polytechnic College, Salem organized workshop on Disaster management for NSS functionaries

The HAM Radio club (Department of electronics and communication engineering) of CSI polytechnic college called Mr. S. Vijayan, VU2WDP, Southern regional coordinator – NIAR as a resource person and delivered lecture at this event.



He explained the importance and need of ham radio; and demonstrated assembling of HAM Radio transmitter and receiver.

About 125 NSS volunteer participated in the training work shop and gained knowledge on Disaster management and given awareness on hamradio.

Bharat Scouts and Guides organized HAM Radio training at head quarter New Delhi

A Ham Radio training program was organized for Bharat Scouts and Guides by Ms. D. Bharthi Prasad, VU2RBI, Chief Co-ordinator, NIAR, with the help of Mr. Mukesh VU2MCW and Ms. Jyoti, VU3KKX (NCC cadet) at their Head Quarter, New Delhi from 1st - 14th of September, 2008. Mr. Jaya Vardhan, VU3AMZ Mr. Laxman VU2LAU, Bangalore also trained students. 20 scouts and guides from Uttakhand, chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, New Delhi, Hariyana, Uttar Pradesh and Jarakhandh etc participated in the above program.



The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Jain, National Commissioner, BSG. Mrs. Geeta Rawat Dy director, BSG was the In-charge for the programme. Mr. Suri, Chairman, NIAR, Ms. Yamini, VU2YAM and Mr. Martin DL2NED participated in the training programme and encouraged the students for ham radio activity.

Mr. A.K. Sharma, Mr. Kewal Kumar officials from the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communication and IT visited BSG, HQ on 14th September. NIAR provided free study materials, Morse keys and CPOs for this training.

ASOL examination conducted at NIAR HQ

ASOL examination was conducted at NIAR HQ on October 30, 2008. The training program was conducted at NIAR HQ for the month of August -September 2008.

Students of KV2 Uppal at NIAR SJ Painting completions



Painting completion on amateur radio-disaster management was organized at Kendriya vidyalaya no.2, Uppal Hyderabad by NIAR as part of NIAR silver jubilee celebrations. The results of this competition will be declared in Hamtech-2008.

HAM Radio activity report - Nagpur



Gr. Capt. S.V. Pathak (VM), Retd VU2ZV conducting Ham training at NCDC

National Civil Defence College (NCDC), Nagpur is regularly conducts training programme for Civil Defence and Disaster Management. In this course they have introduced a training capsule on HAM Radio communication. A demonstration of radio communication was given after adequate theoretical* Training. Radio contacts were made during the demonstration. Some officers have filled up forms to become Ham and obtained a licence. From govt. full help was given to all who wanted to appear for examination.

Picture shows a class being conducted on various types of aerials that could be used in emergencies by GP Capt. S.V. Pathak who is one of the oldest Ham in Nagpur. One course is conducted by NCDC twice a year and has about 35 officers from all states of India who have been trained to use HAM Radio sets.

Print Media Reports on NIAR activities

Ms. S. Yamini, VU2YAM special message on the eve of Vijaya Dasami was published in Eenadu Daily News Paper on 9th October 2008. In her address, she explained her success and achievements being a woman and the importance and role of woman in this modern world. Also, her message on "telecast of crimes in Media" was also published on 7.9.2008 and 6th October 2008.

అన్నింటా మేమే! యామిని, అమెచ్యూర్ రేడియో నిపుణురాలు

కడుపు నింపే వంటలతో అన్నపూర్ణం... విజయాన్ని సాధించే వేళ రూపొందింది. అన్ని రంగాల్లో మేమే. మా శక్తి సామర్థ్యాలుకు పదును పెట్టేందుకు ఇప్పుడు లభిస్తున్న ప్రోత్సాహం కూడా దీనికి కారణం. వేల కిలోమీటర్ల దూరంలో నెల రోజుల పాటు సముద్రం మధ్యన ఉండి... అమెచ్యూర్ రేడియో ద్వారా వేలాది మందిలో మాట్లాడటం మరువలేనిది. విజయాలు సాధించేందుకు ఆత్మవిశ్వాసమే అయిదు.

విజేతల గురించి చెప్పండి

- యామిని, నేషనల్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ అమెచ్యూర్ రేడియో

టీవీల్లో చూపించే నేర కథనాల తాలూకు సంఘటనలు చూసి కొత్తగా నేర్చుకునే వారూ లేకపోలేదు. ఇలాంటి వన్నీ చూపించి సమాజాన్ని చెడగొట్టడం కన్నా చూపించకపోవడమే మేలు. వీటికి బదులు నేరాల బారిన పడి దాని నుంచి బయట పడిన వారి గురించి, విజయం సాధించిన వారి గురించి చూపిస్తే సమాజానికి మంచి జరుగుతుంది.

విదేశీ సంస్కృతి అలవర్చాలి

- సూరి (బైర్కాన్), యామిని (పరిపాలనాధికారి), అమెచ్యూర్ రేడియో

చిన్నప్పటి నుంచే విదేశీ సంస్కృతిని అలవాటు చేయాలి. పాఠశాల, కళాశాలల్లోనే వీటిని నేర్పాలి. విదేశీ పెళ్లికొడుకుల అక్కడి ఉద్యోగాలు, వీసా, పాస్పోర్టు వివరాలతోపాటు ఇక్కడి (స్వదేశీ) చిరునామాలు కూడా సేకరించి ఉంచుకోవాలి. మీడియాలో వాస్తవ సంఘటనలను చూపడంలో తప్పులేదు. అయితే దుస్సంఘటనల నుంచి బయటపడిన వారి సక్సెస్ స్టోరీలను కూడా ప్రసారం చేయాలి.

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