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A Report on One-Day National Level Technical Symposium "EPICS 2K26 2.O" Organized by Department of Computer Science & Engineering– (Cyber Security) on 04.11.2026



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Resource Person Details: Ms. Rajalakshmi Srinivasan, Designation: Director, Product Management, Zoho Corporation Pvt. Ltd, Chennai

Venue: Auditorium

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mode of Conduct: Offline

Attendees Count: 313 (227 Internal Participant + 86 External Participant)

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Ms. Rajalakshmi Srinivasan, or Raji as she's fondly called, is a Director of Product Management at Zoho Corp. In her 26+ years journey with the company, she has gained extensive experience ranging from database scaling and network monitoring to application performance tracking and end-user-experience management. She currently leads a team that works on the Robotic Process Automation (RPA) product at Zoho Corp.

Her greatest asset though is the profound wisdom that she has gathered through the years on how to innovate and improvise on an idea, how to rally a team around it, and how to execute it to perfection consistently ahead of the competition.

She is also a public speaker and talks about technology, women empowerment, youth motivation and parenting. She has been invited by various colleges to deliver motivational talks and to provide career guidance to the young minds.

She has an engineering degree in Computer Science from The College Of Engineering, Guindy (CEG), Chennai. She is a fitness freak and makes sure she allocates time for her physical & mental fitness through walking, jogging, yoga, meditation, and likes. She is also a travel enthusiast and enjoys traveling with herself/family/friends. She can be reached on LinkedIn and Twitter.

Objectives of the Symposium

1. Educating students on real-world cyber vulnerabilities, including rising cyber attacks, online financial fraud, phishing, and the critical importance of secure browsing
2. Providing an active platform for students to test and showcase their expertise through highly competitive tech events like **Project Expos, Bug Fixers, AI Prompt Wars, Tech Quizzes, and Paper/Poster Presentations**.
3. Giving students direct exposure to industry leaders and corporate networks such as experts from Zoho Corporation, Chennai to outline clear career paths in Ethical Hacking, Network Security, and Cloud Security.
4. Incentivizing hands-on excellence and teamwork by rewarding high-performing tech talent with competitive prizes and professional recognition



Inauguration:

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security) organized a One-Day National-Level Technical Symposium, “EPICS 2K26 2.O,” on 04th November 2026 at the institute auditorium. This event was organized in association with ISTE and IEEE. This event, themed "Enthusiastic Professionals in Cyber Security" was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Ms. Rajalakshmi Srinivasan, Director, Product Management, Zoho Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Chennai.

The EPICS 2K26 2.O event began with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, accompanied by a devotional pooja song, followed by a warm Welcome Address by Dr. M. Jaganathan, Co-ordinator, EPICS 2K26 2.O. The Greeting address from Dr Brahm Prakash, Associate Professor & HOD Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security) and continued with the Presidential Address by Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Regisrar (i/c), MITS. The Key note address by Dr. Chandra Prakash Gupta, Dean, School of Computing, MITS Deemed to be University.

The resource person, Ms. Rajalakshmi Srinivasan, shared valuable insights into the present-day cyber security landscape. She elaborated on emerging threats, evolving security frameworks, and the growing importance of cybersecurity in the digital era. She encouraged students to engage in real-time project work focusing on practical applications of cyber security concepts. Expressing confidence in the students, she stated that the budding professionals of the department have the potential to achieve remarkable success in rapidly advancing technological domains.

The valedictory function of the One-Day National-Level Technical Symposium, “EPICS 2K26 2.O,” commenced at 3:30 PM in the Auditorium of MITS (Deemed to be University). The session began with an address by Ms. Fathima Begum, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security).

The valedictory session concluded with the distribution of certificates and prizes to the winners in recognition of their outstanding performances. The organizers congratulated all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement and active participation, making AURA 2K26 2.O a successful and memorable technical symposium. The programme was finally concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Rahul, Student Coordinator of EPICS 2K26 2.O.





EPICS 2K26 2.0 Events:

In EPICS 2K26 2.O, technical events conducted are Paper Presentation, AI prompt wars, Bug Fixers, Poster Presentation, Project Expo and Tech Quiz.

Price Winners

- Each event 1 winner and 1 runner selected and cash prizes with certificate were given.
- For Paper presentation teams were selected and prizes were awarded.

Outcomes of the Symposium

1. Participants gain practical experience in identifying vulnerabilities, debugging security flaws
2. Interaction with tech leaders from top-tier companies provides students with direct insights into current market trends, live corporate challenges, and standard security practices.

3. Through Paper and Poster Presentations, students learn to articulate complex technical architectures and research findings clearly to a peer and expert panel.
4. The event fosters cross-college networking, opening up avenues for collaborative research, peer-to-peer mentoring, and explicit placement or internship opportunities in cyber security domains.
5. The compilation of student-presented papers and technical projects serves as a reference bank for ongoing academic research within the department.

Program Outcomes (POs) Covered

Symposium Technical Event	Primary PO Mapping	Targeted Competencies & Engineering Abilities
Paper Presentation	**PO1, PO2, PO4**	Formulating real-world security vulnerabilities, conducting basic literature research, and interpreting data to reach substantiated conclusions.
AI Prompt Wars	**PO3, PO5**	Using modern AI prompt engineering tools to design rapid software or analytical solutions while considering public and data safety parameters.
Bug Fixers	**PO2, PO3**	Identifying code vulnerabilities, analyzing runtime security flaws, and developing specific patches or system components to rectify them.
Poster Presentation	**PO10**	Communicating complex engineering and cybersecurity concepts effectively through clear visual aids and structured peer-to-peer discourse.
Project Expo	**PO3, PO4, PO11**	Designing end-to-end hardware or software solutions, conducting practical experimentation, and managing technical resources effectively as a team.
Tech Quiz	**PO1, PO12**	Applying foundational engineering knowledge (cryptography, networking, and digital systems) while cultivating continuous, independent learning habits.

SDG Goals aligned:

Symposium Technical Event	Primary SDG Mapping	Targeted Sustainable Development Impact
Paper Presentation	**SDG 4, SDG 9**	Promotes research, quality education, and academic inquiry into advanced cybersecurity frameworks that foster technological innovation.
AI Prompt Wars	**SDG 9**	Encourages the innovative application of modern artificial intelligence tools to optimize software development, automation, and problem-solving.
Bug Fixers	**SDG 9, SDG 16**	Focuses on building reliable, secure digital architecture and robust software pipelines, promoting just and peaceful societies by reducing cybercrime.
Poster Presentation	**SDG 4**	Enhances visual and technical literacy, contributing to high-quality knowledge sharing and global collaborative learning.
Project Expo	**SDG 8, SDG 9, SDG 11**	Empowers students to build resilient systems, smart city components, and sustainable technologies that drive economic growth and industry expansion.
Tech Quiz	**SDG 4**	Tests core academic knowledge and fundamental technical awareness, ensuring inclusive and quality lifelong learning for future engineers.

Conclusion:

The National-Level Technical Symposium “EPICS 2K26 2.O” successfully provided a platform for students to showcase their technical skills, creativity, and innovative ideas. The expert session by Ms. Rajalakshmi Srinivasan offered valuable insights into emerging industry applications and the growing role of Cyber Security in recruitment. The symposium motivated students to enhance their technical competencies, gain practical experience, and develop industry-oriented skills to improve their employability. Overall, the event promoted technical learning, innovation, teamwork, and industry–academia interaction, contributing to the professional development of the participants.

Newspaper clips:



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