

*Interaction with Professor Abdul K. M. Azad From Northern Illinois University, US, Visit Sree Vidyanikethan*

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Professor **Abdul K. M. Azad**, Associate Dean and Professor, College of Engineering and Technology of Northern Illinois University, US visited Sree Vidyanikethan engineering College (Autonomous) on 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.



**Professor Abdul K. M. Azad**

Dr. P.C. Krishnamachary, Principal welcomed the delegate from NIU at Vidyanikethan and introduced the delegate from Northern Illinois University to the members of the Sree Vidyanikethan, enlightened the delegate about genesis and the growth of Sree Vidyanikethan into a well established Institution on par with Premier Institutions in India. He also briefed the delegate about key milestones in the success journey of Sree Vidyanikethan by giving an account to the key performance indicators attained by the Institution.



### **Prof. Azad interacting with senior functionaries and Faculty**

Professor Azad interacted with HOD's, BoS Chairpersons, and Research Centre's Coordinators of Sree Vidyanikethan Engineering College separately and shared his experiences with research initiatives. He also briefed about the NIU, USA research areas where the NIU people are working and the facilities of NIU and collaborations with NIU Faculty. The faculty of Sree Vidyanikethan interacted with Professor regarding the problems faced while implementing their research ideas.

Northern Illinois University is a public institution that was founded in 1895. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 13,454, its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 800 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. Northern Illinois University's ranking in the 2019 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, Tier 2. Northern Illinois University is located about 65 miles west of Chicago in the city of DeKalb. Graduate students can choose from about 80 master's degrees, including those offered by the colleges of business and law and the highly ranked Division of Public Administration. Undergraduates can choose from about 60 academic majors and participate in the Research Rookies program, which gives freshmen and sophomores a chance to conduct research in their field of study under faculty guidance. Many students at Northern Illinois University choose to study abroad, and the school offers programs for academic credit in about 75 countries.



## **ABDUL AZAD**

Abul K. M. Azad is an Interim Associate Dean and Professor with the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology of Northern Illinois University, US. He has a Ph.D. in Control and Systems Engineering and M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Electronics Engineering. He has been in academics for 25+ years, and his research interests include remote laboratories, mechatronic systems, mobile robotics, and educational research. In these areas, Dr. Azad has over 115 refereed journal and conference papers as well as 5 edited books.

So far he has attracted around \$2.6M of research and development grants from various national and international funding agencies. He is a member of the editorial board for a number of professional journals as well as an Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Online Engineering. Dr. Azad is active with remote laboratory field and is the President of the Global Online Laboratory Consortium (GOLC) as well as the Vice-President of the International Association of Online Engineering (IAOE). Dr. Azad is also active with few other professional organizations like- IEEE, IET, ASEE, ISA, and CLAWAR Association and served as Chair and Co-Chairs of numerous conferences and workshops. He was a program evaluator for the ABET and is active in evaluating research and development projects for various national and international funding agencies in US, Europe, and Australia.