## **TEQIP Sponsored Short-Term Course on**

## **Empowering Engineers through Communication Skills:**

## **A Comprehensive Approach**

29 July - 2 August, 2019

## A Report



The department of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaboration with the department of Chemical Engineering organised TEQIP III sponsored Short -Term Course on Empowering Engineers through Communication Skills: A Comprehensive Approach from 29 July to 2 August, 2019. The course attracted 45 participants from across India including the students from diverse fields and faculty members. It was inaugurated by Prof. K.R.Niazi, Dean, Academics and also witnessed the eminent presence of Prof. Manju Singh, Head, Dept. of HSS, Prof. Madhu Agrawal, Head, Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Convenor of STC, Prof.Nupur Tandon, Convenor, STC and several faculty members. At the outset, Dr. Niraja Saraswat, Coordinator STC, apprised the guests with the outline of the programme and wished the participants great learning during five days of the course. Prof. Niazi commended the efforts of the both the depts. in organising it and insisted on good communication skills to be successful in life. Prof. Manju Singh spoke at length on the importance of non-verbal communication and invited participants to harness maximum benefit from the course. Dr. Madhu Agrawal talked about the genesis of the course and wished it to be a success. Dr. Pushp Lata, Associate Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, conducted her session on 'Essentials of Good Communication' on the same day and conducted several activities. Dr.Niraja Saraswat, Assistant Professor, Dept. of HSS, MNIT, conducted her session on Non- Verbal Communication and got the participants involved with several interactive activities.

The second day of the course saw erudite speakers like Dr.Ved Prakash, Assistant Professor, Central University of Rajasthan and Dr. Sanjay Arora, Associate Professor, CURAJ who conducted their sessions on 'Honing Reading Skills' and 'Team Building and Leadership Skills'. The activities on Reading and leadership skills engrossed the attention of the participants. Dr. Vandana Sharma, Trainer NLP, conducted her session on 'Presentation Skills' and invited the participants for chart making and presentation activity which proved to be a resounding success. Prof. Jyoti Pahwa, Trainer, British Council conducted her session on 'Resume Writing' and sorted the queries on how to answer the question in an interview. Prof. Nupur Tandon, Dept. of HSS, MNIT, conducted her session on 'Interview Skills'. The most remarkable aspect was the mock interview session which gave practical insights on the subject.

On the last day Dr. Preeti Bhatt, Associate Professor, MNIT, conducted her session on 'Technical Writing'. The most noteworthy aspect was the workshop on SMART Goals.

The valedictory session was attended by Prof. Uday K. Yaragatti, Director MNIT, Prof. Manju Singh, Head, HSS, Dr. Madhu Agrawal, Head, Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Prof. Nupur Tandon, dept. of HSS. The Director exhorted the participants to prove their mettle in all spheres and stressed upon the need to be connected with the roots. The Director distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr.Niraja Saraswat, Coordinator STC, shared a brief report of the course. The programme concluded with thanks to TEQIP and all stakeholders.