

Report on TEQIP-III Sponsored Invited Lecture on Improvement of Communication Competence through Soft Skills

Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a TEQIP III sponsored Invited lecture on 'Improvement of Communication Competence through Soft Skills' on 20 February 2020. It was addressed by Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Associate Professor, BITS , Pilani and was attended by the students of B. Tech., M. Tech. and research scholars of different departments. At the outset she was welcomed by Dr. Niraja Saraswat , Assistant Professor , Dept. of HSS . In the initial phase of her lecture, Dr. Sangeeta differentiated hard and soft skills and got the students divided through an interesting activity .The groups were asked to write down their strengths and weaknesses pertaining to soft skills. She also invited the student representatives on the stage to elaborate their views about the group activity. She discussed the feedback of each group and suggested the ways to improve upon the presentation .She also dealt with the importance of appearance, body language , intonation and voice modulation . She ascribed the barriers in communication to low pitch and obscurity in expression and asked the students to overcome the barriers for an effective presentation. She concluded her address by a small video depicting the importance of gesture and posture. At the end the students asked some questions to the guest speaker .The jam packed auditorium witnessed moments of humour, creativity, wit and excitement.

Dr. Sharma was honoured with a memento for her contribution .The formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Niraja Saraswat, coordinator of the programme . She thanked Prof. Manju Singh, Head , Dept. of HSS , fellow colleagues , research scholars , students and TEQIP office for the support . Finally the programme came to an end with the distribution of refreshments to all.