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A REPORT ON F.Y. B.TECH. INDUCTION PROGRAMME : ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

As part of the AICTE guidelines to conduct a formal induction for the fresh engineering undergraduates, the Applied Sciences, Humanities and Mathematics Department of S.P.I.T. conducted a series of induction sessions for the new batch of students of F.Y. B.Tech, A.Y. 2024-25 from 18th September 2024 to 21st September 2024.

Summary : The aim of the induction programme was to make the newly joined students comfortable, allow them to explore their academic interests and activities, reduce competition and make them work for excellence, promote bonding within them, build relations between teachers and students, give a broader view of life, and build character. The induction programme at S.P.I.T. was spread over four days and included various informative and activity based sessions. It included activities ranging from ice breaking sessions, general counselling and motivational talks to literary sessions and department interactions.

The details of each session are outlined below :

1. **Address by Principal Sir :** The Principal, **Dr. B. N. Chaudhari Sir**, warmly welcomed new students and parents to S.P.I.T. His address aimed to inspire and familiarise students with the institution's culture, academic programs and support services. A brief outline of the first-year academic scheme and the unique nature of the S.P.I.T. curriculum was also included.



Address by Principal Sir, Dr. B.N. Chaudhari

2. **Ice breaker session :** After Principal Sir's address, the students had an ice breaker session in three groups of about 80 students each. The session was conducted by **Mr. Sanket Potdar**, an internationally certified and one of the most sought after corporate trainers and Art of Living expert. Mr Sanket Potdar specialises in conducting induction programmes as well stress management workshops. The aim of the session was to get the students to mingle and interact with each other, break inhibitions and work in collaboration and develop a questioning mentality rather than blindly accepting whatever they are told.



Ice breaker session by Mr. Sanket Potdar

3. **Literary Session** : A literary session was facilitated by the faculties of Communication Skills for students of all the departments. The session honed students' listening and writing skills through engaging discussions and creative exercises. The purpose of the session was to foster analytical thinking, creative expression and effective communication.
4. **Session on Grooming and Etiquettes** : The Communication Skills faculties also conducted a session on Grooming and Etiquettes in four batches, emphasising the importance of presenting oneself professionally and courteously in Campus and professional settings. It included tips on grooming essentials, digital etiquettes, behaviour management, etc.
5. **Universal Human Values session** : An online session was conducted by **Mrs. Deepa Panakkal** from St. Francis Institute of Technology on '**Bake the P.I.E.S.: The Four Pillars of Personality Development**'. A very lively session was conducted guiding students to have a balanced view towards life. She also conducted a personality test and guided students in understanding their behaviour.
6. **Session on Professional Ethics and Ved-Vedant** : **Mr. Puneet Chaturvedi**, a Supreme Court advocate, is a renowned speaker on Vedic principles. He conducted a very enlightening session on '**Professional Ethics and Ved-Vedant**' highlighting basic moral principles and ethics which have to be practised lifelong for successful and fruitful professional and personal development. It was one of the most appreciated induction sessions.
7. **Session on Entrepreneurship** : An online session on '**Entrepreneurship Mindset**' was conducted by **Dr. Haseena Syed**, who is currently an associate member of Maharashtra Economic Development Council. She has mentored several renowned start-ups and established entrepreneurs. The session instilled an entrepreneurial mindset in students, equipping them with essential skills, knowledge and confidence to pursue innovative ventures.
8. **Expert Session on Industry** : **Dr. Santosh Rane** has experience of working as a corporate trainer and consultant at esteemed organisations like TUV-SUD and Bureau Veritas. He has facilitated more than

450 business excellence projects in top Multinational corporations. Dr. Rane delivered a talk on **'Industry 4.0'** highlighting the blockchain technology and its growing influence in the present times.

9. **Interaction with Department** : The respective heads of the departments of CE, CSE and EXTC interacted with the students and introduced them to the curriculum and various activities conducted by them.
10. **Session with Dean, Academics** : The students in each individual branch were addressed by **Dr. Y. S. Rao** and were introduced to the four year academic scheme. They were informed about the mandatory attendance requirements, examination and promotion rules, assessment and grading pattern. They were also familiarised with the various elective options available to them in the institute and activities under SEVA-SATVA.



Session with Dean, Academics, Dr. Y. S. Rao

11. **Session with Dean, Student Affairs and Students' Council** : Each branch of students were addressed by **Dr. Kiran Talele** and introduced to the Code of Conduct and discipline, anti ragging regulatory measures, attendance criteria, mentor-mentee programme and counselling services. They were introduced to the Students Council members and informed about various clubs and committees. They were shown videos of the previous year's student festival and other activities conducted by the Student Council.
12. **Session with Dean, Administration and Quality Assurance** : **Dr. Sudhir Dhage**, Dean of Administration and Quality Assurance, delivered a comprehensive address outlining the institution's commitment to excellence and quality. He reaffirmed the institution's dedication to quality education, research and community engagement, ensuring a supportive environment for students to thrive.
13. **Session with Counsellor** : In the session with Counsellor, **Mrs. Mona Upadhyay**, addressed students on mental health, personal growth and overall well-being. She spoke on issues like exam stress, peer pressure, etc and welcomed the students to seek her assistance and support when required.

14. **Session with the Training and Placement Office : Dr. Vinod Sikka**, the Training and Placement Officer introduced the students to the activities of the TPC and stressed upon developing the necessary skill sets apart from the curriculum in order to find openings in dream and super-dream companies.
15. **Students' Feedback** : At the end of the induction programme, the students were requested to complete an online feedback form where they were told to rate each individual session and the overall induction program on a scale of 1-5 (1 being lowest and 5 being highest). Suggestions for improvement were also invited. The feedback indicates that the students have enjoyed the induction programme and are looking forward to their exciting journey at S.P.I.T.