

INDUCTION FOR FY BTECH : 2019-20 : JANUARY 2020

In continuation of the induction sessions held in August, 2019, two more sessions on Gender Sensitivity and Design thinking on 17th January, 2020 were held for all branches of FY B.Tech students. A motivational session with reputed sportsmen was also arranged alongside the SPoorti sports festival

Gender Sensitivity

The session was conducted by Ms Namrata Thakker and Ms Niyatii Shah. Ms Namrata Thakker is an international educator and a life coach. She has been conducting trainings for 62 educational institutes and has been faculty for leadership trainings. She has contributed to the lives of more than 2,20,000 people through corporate trainings, open seminars for NGOs, schools and colleges for over 23 years.

Ms Niyati Shah is a Sexuality and Parenting coach and has done a lot of work on creating awareness on gender related issues like equal opportunities from both sexes, fair inclusions, avoiding gender based comments, gender bias and respecting opposite sex. She has conducted many workshops on such topics many schools and colleges.

Ms Niyatii Shah addressed the students and highlighted the difference between sex and gender. It was an interactive session in which she got the students view of the opposite gender and perceived roles of men and women in society. She spoke to them on inclusion of all gender types in mainstream society and overcoming parental pressures in expressing themselves.



Towards the end of the session, she encouraged the students to acknowledge their shortcomings, achievements and traits with a set of carefully designed questions to convey her message to overcome inhibitions and fear of being mocked by society.

The session was well attended by all FY B.Tech students as well as faculty of ASH department.

Design thinking workshop

A design thinking workshop was held in two batches : FE ETRX/EXTC and FE IT/COMPS by Mrs Anjana Vinod who is a highly accomplished corporate trainer with more than 25 years of experience. The aim of the workshop was to encourage students to think out of the box and learn to innovate.

The first batch of students (FE ETRX/EXTC) were divided into group of about 10 and were told to design a multipurpose bag. The students came up with different designs incorporating features like GPS, flexibility in terms of size, easy access to various items for storage etc. Each group was told to present their design and the importance of the first step of collecting data on consumer preference was highlighted. The importance of collecting feedback and re innovate or redesign was also highlighted during the presentations.



The second batch of students (FE IT/COMPS) was told to design a method to track the well being of plants / crops in remote fashion. This assumed significance especially as the same group of students had conducted a plantation drive on the campus in Oct'19 as part of the EVS curriculum. Students came up with designs of different apps with features to communicate need for water, nutrients, etc.



The workshop was highly appreciated by students and there are plans to explore the feasibility of a project along these lines.

Motivational Sessions

Dr. Vijay D Y Patil, President of Mumbai Cricket Association, Mr Dinesh Lad, a former cricketer of the Western Railways and coach of Rohit Sharma, Shardul Thakur and Siddesh Lad and Mr and Mrs Sunil & Sangeeta Shetty who have taken part in 75k, 100k, 24hr and 36 hrs races addressed the first year students and shared their experiences with them.
