

FY B.TECH INDUCTION PROGRAMME : ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

As part of the AICTE guideline to conduct a formal induction for the fresh engineering undergraduates, the Applied Sciences, Humanities and Mathematics Department of SPIT conducted a series of induction sessions for the new batch of students of FY BTech, AY 2019-20 from **14th November – 2nd December, 2022**

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 SPIT was spread over three weeks 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 campus tour. An effort was made to integrate the induction sessions with regular academics to enable the students to gradually ease into the rigours of academics. .

The details of each session are outlined below :

1. **Literary session :** Two literary sessions were conducted for students of each individual class was by the faculty of communication skills
2. **Universal Human Values session :** Mrs Deepa Panakkal from St Francis Institute of Technology delivered a talk on "**Making each day your Masterpeice**" related to moral values and ethics
3. **Ice breaker session :** The students had an ice breaker session in two groups of about 150 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 specializes 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 develop a questioning mentality rather than blindly accepting whatever they are told.



4. **Expert session by Shreshta Club :** Mr Vicky Dhanwani from Google and Mr Sharad Oza from Shreshta Club delivered a talk on "**Concentration in the Age of Distractions**" for Computer and EXTC domains respectively



5. **Yoga Session :** A session on yoga for better concentration and stress management was conducted by Dr Sujata Kulkarni for all the students.



6. **Orientation** : The orientation programme for FY BTech students was held on 21st November in the SPJIMR Auditorium and was well attended by students and parents. The students were addressed by the Principal in charge, Dean Academics, Prof Y S Rao who highlighted the importance of academics and Dean Student Affairs, Prof Talele



7. **Teambuilding Workshop** : The session was conducted in two batches by Dr Anjana Vinod and was received very well by the students



8. **Session with Dean - Academics** : The students in each individual branch were addressed by Prof Y S Rao and Prof Rajendra Sutar and familiarised with the various courses and elective options available to them in the institute and social work being undertaken by the students. They were also informed about the mandatory attendance requirements, examination and assessment systems and so on.
9. **Session with student council** : Each branch of students were addressed by Prof and introduced to the Students Council members. They were appraised about the various committees formed in the institute and the curricular as well as co-curricular activities conducted by the student council.
10. **Session with counsellor** : The counsellor Mrs Mona Upadhyay conducted a session on "Learning beyond Limits" and imparted valuable advice on issues like exam stress, peer pressure etc and welcomed the students to seek her assistance and support when required.

11. **Diagnostic Test** : The AICTE has also mandated proficiency sessions in language and in this context, a diagnostic test in English language was conducted based on multiple choice questions as well as a passage to test comprehension. The weak students were identified based on their score and remedial sessions have been planned on a regular basis by the communication skills faculty
12. **TPO/SPTBI** : Mr Vinod Sikka and his team addressed the students on the placement and start-up scenario and the necessary skills to be developed for the same.
13. **Stress Management using Ved Vedant** : Mr Puneet Chaturvedi who is a Supreme Court advocate delivered a talk on the importance of spiritual and cultural values in the pursuit of success and excellence.



14. **Katalyst** : The girl students were invited to a session by an organisation named Katalyst which caters to girl students who are in need of financial support for their education and higher studies.



15. **Interaction with Department** : The respective heads of the departments of Computer Engineering, Computer Science and EXTC met with the students and introduced them to the various activities being conducted by them.
16. **Campus visit** : A tour of the campus was organised for the students accompanied by faculty members. The students were taken around the premises and shown their laboratories, library, gymkhana, canteen etc to ensure they are familiar with the location of various facilities in the campus.



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 tenure at S.P.I.T
