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A Report on ISTE Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Program

V.V.P. Engineering College affiliated to Gujarat Technological University in its stride to achieve excellence in teaching with the new vigor and enthusiasm at the beginning of new academic year, has arranged an interdisciplinary Faculty Development Programme **JYOT-2014**, from 23rd June, 2014 to 27th June, 2014 with a novel approach of amalgamation of academic as well as spiritual topics. The FDP intended to make the faculties aware about various academic as well as spiritual concepts ranging from academic management to meditation taught by various branches of spirituality.

The 5 day long FDP was scheduled in two sessions, the first session was of 1.5 hours academic session, followed by 1 hour spiritual session, with 15 minutes break in between.



This ISTE interdisciplinary FDP was inaugurated by the Honorable chairman of VVPEC, Shri Paravinbhai Maniar, Principal Dr. Sachin Parikh. All the staff members of the college, irrespective of the department remained present for the same.



Day1: Date: 23rd June, 2014: On the first day, the academic session was conducted by Mrs. Payal Bhalodiya, Asst. Prof. in Pharmacy Department, Saurashtra University, on how to fill API, in the specific format, how to document it and what should be the supporting documents for the same. This session was the most informative for all the faculty members to document their achievements, contributions and their work in the college. It gave them

an exact idea where they are and where they are to go personally as well as institution wise.



For the first spiritual session, we had Mr.Rajesh Patel for Vipassana way of meditation, in which importance of silence and disciplined way of food and life was discussed in detail.



Day 2: Date: 24th June, 2014: On the second day, Dr. Acharya, the Principal of Atmiya College, Rajkot, talked about Bloom's Taxonomy in detail, it was a brain storming session adding new dimensions to the teaching-learning Process.



The second session on spirituality centered around Siddh Samadhi Yog, mentored by Shri Shaileshbhai and Shri Govindbhai, wherein they talked

about how to live a stress-free life along with the sense of responsibility and enjoyment.



Day 3: Date: 25th June, 2014

The third academic session was dedicated to Academic Management by the faculties, conducted by Prof. Alok Chakrawal, Department of commerce and business administration, during which he talked about balancing the teaching, academic uplift through research and publication, by the faculties.



The spiritual session was conducted by Art of Living mentors, Dr. Krishna Upadhyay and Dr. Shweta Upadhyay, on how to achieve peace of mind, way to Mediatation and how we achieve a positive perspective and change our attitude towards positivity. It turned out to be a very interactive session.

Day 4: Date: 26th June, 2014

The basics of mathematics should be clear with engineers, keeping this in view, the session on applied mathematics was also included in Jyot-2014. Dr. Gaurang Ghodasara from Kotak Science College, was the resource person who talked about the mathematical Paradoxes, problems and their solutions in the daily lives.



Pranik Healing or Energy Healing as the alternative therapy has emerged as a very strong means of wellness. Dr. Nila Shah, prof. in English at Jasani College, Rajkot, illumined the faculties through various levels of energy, cleaning the energy and turn towards positivity through the principles of Pranik Healing or the Energy Healing. After a small exercise on the same, the faculties could realize the change in their energies.



Day 5: Date: 27th June, 2014

The last day's first academic session was based on the pedagogy which accompanies learners in their growth and development. Dr. Acharya emphasized upon the purpose and relevance of education to the present market scenario in general and universal model and Value addition in specific.



The Brahmakumari's unique way of achieving spiritual heights and working for the benefits of the society was the topic of the spiritual session on the 5th day. This unique way of spirituality is filled with musical meditation and sustained social welfare attempts.







Thus, the five day long, ISTE interdisciplinary Faculty development programme was organized by the Department of Humanities and Sciences, V.V.P. Engineering College and was attended by the all the faculty members of the college.

It was conducted by the team of faculties of Humanities Department under the guidance of Principal Dr. Sachin Parikh, and constant support by the Honorable Chairman Shri Pravinkaka.