



Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar organizes first-ever Workshop on  
Workplace Communication for employees**

**Bhubaneswar, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** With an objective to infuse clarity, transparency, and efficiency among the staff members through effective and efficient communication, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has organized a two-day workshop on Workplace Communication. This is the first-ever workshop designed by the Institute to enhance the level of communication among the staff through sensitization and hands-on training.

The first phase of the workshop was organized for the support staff of the Institute on 8 and 10 January 2024, each day in two groups. The inaugural sessions for both the groups were graced by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar. In his address, he explained how effectiveness and efficiency in communication prevents misunderstandings and ensures pleasant environment in the workplace. He illustrated with examples the importance of openness, timeliness, accuracy, body language and how we speak in achieving effectiveness in communication. He urged the participants to take active input from the workshop to enhance their workplace environment. Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, IIT Bhubaneswar also addressed the staff on the occasion and underlined the importance of improving communication at the workplace. He said that IIT Bhubaneswar will regularly organize such workshops in future. Dr. Punyashree Panda, Professor-in-Charge (Communication) initiated and organized the two-day workshop.

The first day of the workshop included sessions on “The Right Attitude at Work” by Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs); “Handling Students and Other Stakeholders” by Prof. Chandrashekhar Narayan Bhende, Dean (Post Graduate & Research Programs); “Revisiting Listening-Speaking-Reading-Writing (LSRW) Skills” by Dr. Punyashree Panda, Professor-in-Charge (Communication) and “Writing for Office Purposes” by Dr. Akshaya Kumar Rath, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management. The second day of the workshop included interactive activity sessions designed to enhance the communication skills of the participants. More than 120 participants participated in this workshop.

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