

Report of the Day-Long Workshop
PSNA College of Engineering & Technology, Dindigul, on January 11, 2023

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Madurai, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with PSNA College of Engineering and Technology (PSNACET), Dindigul, to develop collaborative activities in the field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment on 27.09.2023.

A day-long workshop for sensitizing the faculty and research scholars of PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, was organized on January 11, 2023. In this workshop, 107 participants from the faculty were present. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. R. Kannan, HOD, Dept of Mechanical Engineering.

BIS Team:

1. Shri S.D. Dayanand, Sc-F & HMDBO,
2. Smt. Prem Sajani, Sc-D, MDBO-Nodal Officer
3. Smt. Hemalatha P.Panicker, Sc-D, MDBO Educational Outreach Co-ordinator
4. Shri Abhishek Pal, Sc-D, Civil Engineering Department (CED),
5. Smt. Neha Agarwal, Sc-C, Electrotechnical Department (ETD),
6. Shri Ram Saikumar Gedela, Sc-B, Metallurgical Engineering Department (MTD)

Inaugural Session:

The ceremony began with lighting of lamp and Invocation song. Manak Geet in Tamil was then played. Shri J Gowthaman, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department who is also the Educational Outreach Co-ordinator for PSNACET presented the welcome address.

Shri Dr. R. Kannan, HOD, Dept of Mechanical Engineering, PSNACET presented the keynote address. He also informed the audience about how PSNACET have been doing various activities through their BIS Standards Club, explained the consumer-friendly features of BIS CARE app, youth to youth campaigns conducted in their college for Consumer awareness etc.

Shri S. D. Dayanand, Scientist-F and Head, BIS Madurai presented the program objectives and spoke about the benefits of MoU towards development in Standardization and R&D projects and how it would benefit PSNACET & BIS. Smt. Prem Sajani Patnala, Joint Director, BIS Madurai conducted an exercise through questionnaire on BIS: Don't you know me which was enthusiastically participated by the faculty members.

Officers from standardization departments from BIS Head Quarters, New Delhi Shri Abhishek Pal, Joint Director, Civil Engineering Department, Smt. Neha Agarwal, Deputy Director, Electrotechnical Department (ETD), Shri Ram Saikumar Gedela, Asst. Director, Metallurgical Engineering Department (MTD), gave detailed presentations covering the process of how an Indian standard is formulated, roles of

sectional committees, Working groups, New work Item Proposals, BIS website features, How to comment on a particular Indian standard, Research and Development Projects, etc. 120 faculty members of PSNACET participated in the above program.

Workshop on commonly used consumer products like Paver Blocks, Plugs and Sockets and Stainless-steel utensils were carried out wherein the faculty members were grouped according to the products. The faculty members shared their comments, views and expertise on these products. These comments were compared with the available Indian Standards on these products, and several comments given by faculty were noted for consideration by the Sectional Committee. Queries on stages of standard formulation, Research and Development projects, etc. raised by faculty members were satisfactorily answered by BIS officers.

The program ended with a vote of thanks by Shri J Gowthaman, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department.

The program was well received, and the university officials thanked the team for the informative sessions conducted, and expressed their eagerness to conduct more such programs with BIS. They also assured their active participation in the process of standard formulation and R & D projects of BIS.