

## **EDUCATION OUTREACH - VISIT TO IEST SHIBPUR ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024**

As part of the education outreach programme and being a nodal officer, a visit was paid by myself , alongwith SPO of KKBO-1, on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 at IEST Shibpur for a meeting with Director and Deans of the institute.

Director IEST alongwith all Deans ( except Dean Academic- Prof Ambarish Ghosh- who was on tour) were present in the meeting. The list of officials present on behalf of IEST is as given below

- 1 Prof Dr Parthasarathi Chakrabarti- Director IEST
- 2 Prof Subhasis Bhaumik- Dean- Planning and Development
- 3 Prof Dr Sudipta Mukhopadhyay- Dean -Student Welfare
- 4 Prof Binay Krishna Ghorai- Dean- Faculty Welfare
- 5 Prof Hafizur Rahaman – Dean- Research and Consultancy
- 6 Prof Debasis Datta- Dean- International Relations and Alumni Affairs



Prof Dr Parthasarathi Chakrabarti- Director IEST welcomed the officials from BIS and appreciated the efforts being made by BIS to reach out to the academia which he felt could have been even better results had it been initiated much earlier.

Director IEST and Deans were informed that the purpose of collaboration with IEST was to put in place a system where students are made aware of the Indian Standards related to their field and discipline, the process of standardization and conformity assessment . The initiatives taken by BIS in this regard were discussed in details .

They were informed that more than 150 R&D projects have been commissioned and are on the offer. It was also clarified that these are not conventional an elaborate research activity but rather an empirical research involving literature survey including international standards, survey of products in the market, industry practice, data collection and analysis etc . Prof Hafizur Rahaman informed that they are already working on it and they have already submitted proposals for four research projects.

The members from IEST were also informed in details about initiatives like standardization contest , preparation of reference handbooks and RFP for the same, logo contest, Talk on standards. They were requested to disseminate the information amongst professors and students. In this connection it was informed by Prof Subhasis Bhaumik that in certain R&D activities, the students do refer to foreign standards like ASTM etc . This is done considering the fact that these projects are sent by student to foreign universities where the assessing authorities can relate to these foreign standards more easily compared to Indian Standards. In this connection , Director IEST mentioned that Indian Standards need to be given wider publicity not only in the domestic sector but also globally. The Deans informed that although the Indian Standards are not always mentioned in the course curriculum , the professors always make a reference to the same while teaching.

The process of standardization and conformity assessment, commenting on draft standards , proposing new topics for standardization , academic dashboard was also discussed with the professors in details

Director IEST also welcomed the proposal of starting a session on Indian Standards for the students in one of the semesters and mentioned that such a session needs to be well designed and comprehensive.

Director IEST and Deans expressed their willingness to be a part of this activity.