

A REPORT OF WORKSHOP ON

“Inclusive Education Pedogogy for Science and Engineering Schooling to the Persons with Disabilities”

Organized By: Dept. of Computer Engineering in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of K J Somaiya College of Engineering

Date: August 23, 2017, Time: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Venue: B-113, Bhaskaracharya Bldg. K J Somaiya College of Engineering

Number of Participants: 32 (includes: faculty members from different institutes, 3 differently abled students of KJSCE and parents)

Resource Person: Mr. Dhananjay Bhole
Co-ordinator, Centre for Inclusive Education and Accessibility,
Savitribai Phule Pune University

Objective of the workshop:

To make faculty aware about the accessibility guidelines, standard methodologies and assistive technologies that are available and can be adopted for bringing in accessibility to education.

Preamble:

Inclusive Education caters to facilitating teaching-learning for the students with disabilities. The “Rights of Persons with disabilities Act, 2016” makes it mandatory to provide accessible services to all, including students with disabilities. Accessibility refers to the design of products, devices, services and environments for people with disabilities.

Details of Workshop:

The workshop began with opening remarks by Dr. Sonali Patil, Co-ordinator IQAC-KJSCE. She briefed the audience about the philosophy behind conducting this workshop. She also appreciated the initiatives taken by Computer Department under the guidance of Provost Dr. Rajan Welukar and Principal Dr. Shubha Pandit. Dr. Kalpana Kharade of K J Somaiya College of Education and Research, expressed her views on the subject. She insisted that such students should be treated at par with other students without disabilities; but to be provided with conducive environment. Mr. Prasanna Shete - the workshop co-ordinator briefed about the objective of the workshop. He introduced the Speaker Mr. Dhananjay Bhole.

Mr. Dhananjay Bhole in his pre-lunch session educated the audience on different aspects of inclusive education. He explained in detail about, inclusive education, types of disabilities and the associated challenges, different low tech and high tech tools available to cater to their educational needs and evaluation of such students.

During the post lunch session, the speaker demonstrated different assistive tools that can be used for inclusive education. Some of the differently abled KJSCE students shared their problems. The

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solutions to their problems were discussed in detail. This was followed by a Question Answer session where different queries of the participants were taken up by the Speaker.

Principal Dr. Shubha Pandit, mentioned the steps taken by the institute in the direction of inclusive education. She thanked the Speaker and appreciated the faculty members for their active participation.

The workshop ended with vote of thanks by Prof. Jyothi Rao, Head of Computer Department.

Dr. Sonali Patil

IQAC Coordinator

Mr. Prasanna Shete

Workshop coordinator