LECTURE AND INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH FACULTY MEMBERS 20 JULY 2023



The Cell for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons organized a lecture cum interactive session titled "Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities in Higher Education Institutions" for the sensitization of faculty members on learning disability on 20 July 2023 at the Centenary Building auditorium of the college. The speaker was Mr Chetan S V, a research scholar of IIT, Hyderabad who has extensively worked on this subject. Since as faculties we are more equipped to handle physical disabilities, it was a huge learning experience for all those present. After a brief introduction by one of the conveners of the Cell, Subhasri Ghosh, the speaker was introduced by Dr Mustafizur followed by felicitation by Dr Tapti De, Dr Sraboni Roy, Dr Rina Kar Dutta. Through his lecture, Mr Chetan explored the basic understanding of Learning Disability and the process of identification, assessment and certification. Further, the challenges of students and faculties were discussed in the context of higher education and he shared some of the findings from his on-going research. The lecture incorporated experiential exercises to obtain a sense of what Learning Disability looks like and thereby elicited the best practices and ways to support students in higher education institutions, using a neurodiversity framework. Although audience presence was thin, it fostered a more informal interaction with the lecture approaching on a more dialogue form rather than a one-way talk. A lively interactive session followed the lecture. The day came to an end with the vote of thanks by Sri Ashis Sahu.