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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

Heartiest welcome to another chapter of the *Intensive Teaching Workshop* (ITW), a program conceived and designed to help you excel in teaching. As you would have heard by now that BITS Pilani is a concomitant research and teaching institute. Its legacy in teaching will always be our guiding light while we explore niche directions in pedagogy, in Edu-Tech and continue to bring frontiers of research findings into the classroom.

It won't be a hyperbole to say that the success of BITSians in every sphere of life-academia, corporate, entrepreneurship, civil services, social arena, literature and performing arts, research, defense services and several others - is the success of our teaching pedagogy. In challenging times like these, when teaching had to embrace the virtual delivery mode, we must revisit our teaching learning processes.

BITS Pilani has always adapted to the changing environments and adopted the appropriate and contemporary pedagogy from time to time. This would not have been possible without the wisdom and dedication of the faculty of the institute. The *Teaching Learning Center* of BITS Pilani through the *Intensive Training Workshop* presents a treasured platform to draw attention to its teaching-learning culture and eco-system. ITW also provides an opportunity and a podium for the faculty members to reflect on and discuss their teaching/learning experiences. I hope this workshop leaves all of you with a renewed spirit and passion to embark further on your journey towards becoming an excellent mentor in the classroom, be the role model for the students for the rest of their lives, and influence the path they will be on throughout their career. As Henry Brooks Adams famously said, a *teacher affects eternity; she/he can never tell where her/his influence stops*.

Wish you all the very best.

PROF. SOUVIK BHATTACHARYA
VICE CHANCELLOR
BITS PILANI

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Faculty Participants,

The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.

~ Steven Spielberg

Learning Centre (TLC) BTIS Pilani, Pilani campus is about to embark on yet another exciting voyage, it gives me immense pleasure in welcoming you to another chapter of Intensive Teaching Workshop (ITW) here at BITS.

The vibrant and diversified education system at BITS has been one of its major highlights besides several other unique features. Ceaselessly evolving, BITS Pilani has always improvised its curriculum and pedagogy to stay relevant leading innovations in the field of education. Today, our university provides excellent Digital infrastructure for teaching – Telepresence classrooms for cross-campus teaching, MOOC Courses, digitization of teaching contents, digital library, etc. which are focused on maximizing the learning outcomes. These experiences have been instrumental in helping our faculty and students to adapt quickly to the new normal during the current pandemic situation.

You will gain valuable insights into the education culture at BITS during this well-crafted workshop. This interactive experience will help you revamp your pedagogical practices and design teaching materials suited to the diversified curriculum that also subsumes in it the judicious interplay between industrial needs and their academic orientation. Having said that, the workshop would be an ideal platform for all the new members of our academic fraternity to bring in with them fresh waves of academic energy and enrich the constantly developing the robust academic culture at BITS, Pilani.

Good Luck!

PROF. SUDHIRKUMAR BARAI
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FACULTY IN-CHARGE'S MESSAGE



Teaching is the soul of any education system. With this philosophy at the core of BITS Pilani education system, the Intensive Teaching Workshop (ITW) was conceived nearly five decades ago. Essentially it focuses on imparting training for quality teaching to the new faculty and helping them acclimatize with the BITS education system. Over the years ITW has evolved into a dynamic and vibrant learning unit. It also encompasses the latest pedagogical practices and improvisations in order to make the training more useful and relevant. Keeping in view the changing academic challenges, ITW aims at boosting the confidence of the faculty participants in teaching, assessment, and evaluation, using technology both as a platform and as a teaching aid, engaging learners effectively and working on the learning outcomes of teaching following the revised Bloom's Taxonomy. The philosophy being practiced at ITW for so long, perfectly aligns with the ethos and the directives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes the Continuous Professional Development of faculty irrespective of the level of education they are engaged in - school, college, or university.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are pleased and privileged to present this bulletin on the Intensive Teaching Workshop (ITW-2021). While we at BITS Pilani have a four-decade-long tradition of conducting ITW for new members of our family every year, the workshop could not be conducted in 2020 due to the pandemic we all have witnessed. As a result, ITW-2021 has been long-awaited and is arguably one of the biggest ones in terms of overall participation. The event could not be successful without the inputs and efforts of a large number of people. We duly acknowledge them all.

We are highly indebted to our Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Souvik Bhattacharya for his guidance and encouragement in holding the ITW.

We express our sincere gratitude to our Honorable Director, Prof. Sudhirkumar Barai for his constant encouragement and valuable suggestions for the workshop. This comprehensive ITW handbook is an outcome of his visionary advice and meticulous mentoring.

Our sincere thanks to Prof. S.K.Verma, Dean Administration who has advised us and extended his support throughout this endeavour.

We are grateful to Prof. Ajit Pratap Singh, Dean AUGSD for his insightful inputs, guidance and support for the conduction of ITW.

The brain-storming session of Prof. Anshuman Dalvi (Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs), Prof. S.K. Verma (Dean, Administration), Prof. Sanjiv Kumar Chaudhary (former Faculty Incharge, TLC), Dr. Kaushar Vaidya (TLC Advisor), and Prof. Tapomoy Guha Sarkar (TLC Advisor) with the Director and Faculty-Incharge, TLC played a crucial role which helped us designing ITW-2021 more effectively. We thank them all.

We thank Dr. Arvind Soundarajan, HR Manager, for providing the information about the newly joined faculty members from time to time.

Our deep sense of gratitude goes to the resource persons of the workshop –Prof. Ajit Pratap Singh, Dr. Amol Marathe, Dr. Aniruddha Roy, Prof. Anu Gupta, Prof. Bharti Khungar, Dr. Bibhas Ranjan Sarkar, Prof. Jyoti, Dr. Jayashree Mahesh, Dr. Krishna. M, Dr. Muthukumar G, Dr. Pankaj Shama, Prof. Poonam Goyal, Prof. Pratik N. Sheth, Prof. Rajiv Gupta, Prof. Rakhee, Prof. Sanjiv Kumar Choudhary, Prof. Sangeetha Shama, Prof. Shilpi Garg, Dr. Shikha Joshi, Prof. Smita Raghuvanshi, Prof. P. Srinivasan, Prof. Surekha Bhanot, Prof. Sushila Shekhawat, Prof. Tamali Bhattacharya, Prof. Tapomay Guha Sarkar and Prof. Trilok Mathur who kindly agreed to be with us.

Prof. Pushp Lata, Faculty In-charge, TLC enthusiastically guided us in planning the workshop. We sincerely thank her for her constant support and encouraging words.

We thank Dr. Ashutosh Bhatia and Dr. Virendra Singh Shekhawat for creating the wonderful website for ITW-2021 and also for being resource persons for the event. We also thank our other TLC members, Dr. Nirankush Dutta, Dr. Shibani K. Jha, Dr. Krishna C. Etika, Dr. Muhammed Afzal P for their strong support and great teamwork in addition to being ITW resource persons.

We acknowledge the continued support and encouragement from our TLC Consultant, Prof. Tamali Bhattacharya.

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In the big event, there has been a large number of helping hands and we might have missed acknowledging some of them unknowingly. We thank them all.

Finally, we thank all the participants of the workshop. We welcome them to the BITS family and hope they find the workshop fruitful.

Gautam Singhvi, Meetha V. Shenoy, and Prashant Uday Manohar
(Coordinators, ITW-2021)

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1. Teaching Learning Centre

To create and uphold excellence in teaching at BITS Pilani, a Teaching Learning Centre is established across the institute, in all four campuses. The Teaching-Learning Centre promotes sharing of teaching-learning experience, encourages innovation in teaching-learning methodologies, and creates a platform for learning from the best practitioners and from each other. It also conducts pedagogical research and actively seeks strategies/interventions in specific target contexts. TLC organizes workshops to train academicians in the use of the latest technology and various approaches and techniques for effective teaching and learning. It also creates a platform to address the various pedagogical challenges by conducting national/international conferences, lecture series, workshops, and training programs for academicians and scholars.



The details of the Teaching Learning Centre can be obtained from <https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/tlc/home.html>.

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4. ITW Part-I Schedule

The ITW Part-I has been scheduled to run on Saturday, March 20, 2021, in the NAB Auditorium (Room # 6110).

Time	Saturday, March 20, 2021, Venue: NAB Auditorium (Room # 6110)	
	Topic	Resource Person(s)
08:00-08:30	Breakfast and Registration	
08:30-08:40	Orientation	Prof. Pushp Lata
08:40-08:50	Vice Chancellor's address	Prof. Souvik. Bhattacharya
08:50-09:00	Director's address	Prof. Sudhirkumar Barai
09:00-09:15	Photograph	
09:15-09:45	Teaching Profession - Personal Perspectives	Prof. Surekha Bhanot
09:45-11:00	Domains of Learning and Instructional Objectives	Prof. Tamali Bhattacharya, Dr. Krishna C. Etika
11:00-11:15	Tea	
11:15-12:45	Academic Regulations of BITS Pilani and its implementation in Teaching, Assessment, and Grading	Prof. Ajit Pratap Singh
12:45-13:30	Flipped Mode of Lecture Delivery: Opportunities and Challenges	Prof. P Srinivasan
13:30-14:15	Lunch	
14:15-15:45	Technology-Enabled Teaching and Learning	Dr. Ashutosh Bhatia Dr. Virendra S. Shekhawat Dr. Prashant Uday Manohar
15:45-16:00	Tea	
16:00-17:00	Assessment and Evaluation	Dr. Shibani K Jha, Dr. Bibhas R Sarkar Dr. Jayashree Mahesh, Dr. Meetha V. Shenoy
17:00-17:45	Better Student Engagement for Enhancing Teaching-Learning Effectiveness	Prof. Pushp Lata , Dr. Muthukumar G, Dr. Shikha Joshi
17:45-17:50	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Prashant Uday Manohar
17:50-16:15	High Tea	

5. Abstracts of ITW Phase-I sessions

Teaching Profession - Personal Perspectives

Prof. Surekha Bhanot

In my long journey of 41 plus years of challenging and rewarding experiences in teaching , learning from senior professors, peers and students is ongoing. I would like to share my main takeaways about teaching from this long learning period .

Three keywords in teaching : Knowledge + Preparation + Connect. All three need to be nurtured and adapted to with changing technologies and needs.

Learning the subject, understanding basic concepts, physical intuition behind maths, graphs/curves, relating knowledge to real world problems is the first and core task. Preparation for class, giving thought to what to teach, how to teach, in which sequence to teach, how to use technology to make teaching interesting, coherent, relevant, engaging is also equally important. Enthusiasm and energy for teaching learning and sincerity, integrity and honesty in teacher's behavior has a n infectious, transforming and positive effect.

Considering formal and direct feedback from students' eyes, body language helps in improving the content and style. Giving time to students when they come for counseling , guidance on professional and personal issues is a most worthy investment of time. It leaves lasting impression and has most positive impact on students.

Apart from teaching course content, ensuring that students possess adaptability and capacity for lifelong learning. Last but not the least duty is to try to make them appreciate a wider scope of life other than just getting grades, building in them health consciousness, scientific temperament, sensitivity towards saving environment, empathy towards underprivileged, encouraging zeal to discuss, change unjust systems, dream of a world free from fear, prejudices, narrow minded loyalties .

Domains of Learning and Instructional Objectives

Prof. Tamali Bhattacharya and Dr. Krishna C. Etika

Twenty-first century education should be outcome-based, leading to development critical core competencies such as collaboration, digital literacy, critical thinking, problem solving and self-learning. The students should apply knowledge to new situations, analyze information, collaborate, solve problems, and make decisions. So the objectives of the faculty members are to make higher education system more learner-centric. Introducing outcome-based learning allows learners to follow the courses at their own pace and learning styles. Developing and delivering lessons by teachers are integral in the teaching process. It is hence important for teachers to know three domains of learning from Bloom's Taxonomy - cognitive (thinking), affective (emotions or feeling) and Psychomotor (Physical or kinesthetic). Designing the course learning outcome is the important because it helps the teacher to identify not just content but what changes they want to see in his students. The curriculum should incorporate higher order thinking skills, multiple intelligences, technology and multimedia, communication skill and self-learning methodology along with authenticated scientific assessments and evaluation. To write the instructional objectives is the major part of ITW. Instructional objectives must be written to communicate realistic, measurable, and learner centric outcomes. We mainly focus on three component of instructional objectives – performance, condition and criterion. To write the course learning outcome using the Action Verb is the major part of this training session. Additionally, the participants will also be introduced to various components expected in the course handout which is being followed at BITS Pilani.

Academic Regulations of BITS Pilani and its implementation in Teaching, Assessment and Grading

Prof. Ajit Pratap Singh

Teaching, learning, and evaluation processes at BITS Pilani are considered to be indivisible entities. While the faculty member has the freedom to adapt his/her style of teaching, it is his/her responsibility to carry out student evaluation in a continuous manner, so that the overall teaching-learning process for a course becomes effective. Through our past experiences, we have evolved different ways of teaching-learning and evaluation. All elements, viz. expertise, skill sets, resources, technology, administration, etc. have been integrated to exchange the knowledge through teaching, learning, and assessment tools for courses, which are essential for all academic programs offered at BITS Pilani. In this presentation, some salient features of the Academic Regulations of BITS Pilani would be illustrated with the current best practices. Finally, the evaluation and grading processes adopted at BITS would be discussed. Thus, the presentation would highlight certain important experiences and best practices that have been adopted in teaching, learning, and evaluations at BITS Pilani.

Flipped Mode of Lecture Delivery: Opportunities and Challenges

Prof. P. Srinivasan

Flipped mode of lecture delivery is considered to be one of the options to enhance the teaching and learning process especially in higher education institutions. This model helped in tiding over the crisis in the education sector due to the pandemic. A lot of research has gone in understanding the effectiveness of this model. While this mode has distinct advantages over the regular mode, effective implementation may be challenging as prior preparation from the part of students before coming to the class is very essential for successful implementation. Flipped mode of lecture delivery was implemented in BITS Pilani through WILP in 2013. Analysis of the data based on offering the course through flipped mode will be presented in the session along with interesting case studies. Detailed discussion on opportunities and challenges of offering courses through flipped mode will be the major focus of the session. I will also share my own experience of delivering a course both through regular mode and flipped mode to make the audience understand the measures to be taken for effective implementation of flipped mode of lecture delivery.

Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning

Dr. Ashutosh Bhatia, Dr. Virendra Singh Shekhawat, Dr. Prashant Uday Manohar

Technology will not replace all teachers, but the teachers who use technology will probably replace the teachers who do not use technology. The students and teachers are gradually adopting online education. This trend accelerated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where teachers are forced to use online tools to deliver lectures. The use of technology in teaching is not a compulsion that has arrived due to the pandemic. Rather, it can greatly enhance the teaching and learning experience through its effective integration with classroom and online teaching. Technology is rapidly being used in every aspect of teaching, such as content creation, content delivery, and student engagement, class interaction, assessment, and evaluation. In this session, we will learn various tools, techniques, and platforms required to effectively conduct all these teaching activities. In particular, we will learn our own Learning Management System (LMS) called NALANDA, online class platforms such as google meet and Microsoft teams, PIAZZA (a student engagement platform), and certain tools and techniques which will enable the participants to perform many activities related to course conducting, more effectively.

Assessment and Evaluation

Prof. Jayshree Mahesh, Dr. Shibani K. Jha, Dr. Bibhas Ranjan Sarkar, Dr. Meetha V. Shenoy

One important and integral part of effective teaching involves the assessment and evaluation of students. A faculty member needs to ensure that the assessments and evaluation are credible, reliable, and valid in all respect in both single- and multi-section courses. Therefore, one needs to conduct different evaluation types, e.g. tests and quizzes, tutorials and assignments, lab experiments, and case studies. While some of these are extensively used in certain domain areas or subjects, a faculty interested in teaching and evaluating innovatively can implement some of these in other domain areas or subjects too. This session will provide an overview of all these different evaluation components and elaborate on the various parameters that you can use for each of these.

Better Student Engagement for Enhancing Teaching Learning Effectiveness

Prof. Pushp Lata, Dr. G. Muthukumar, Dr. Shikha Joshi

Student engagement is one of the defining characteristics of quality Teaching Learning at an educational institution. Both Learner and teacher play a very crucial role in the entire student engagement process, both inside and outside the classroom. For holistic development of students, it is essential to have a more nuanced understanding of student engagement from all the three universally accepted dimensions of student engagement i.e. affective, cognitive and behavioral. Having more focus on academic performance, unfortunately the student- teacher engagement has reduced to marks and other measurable achievements. The present module, therefore, focuses on building a discussion on how to engage with our students by creating a supportive environment with flexibility, openness, and acceptance, without compromising on rigor, discipline, integrity and accountability. The session will also include discussion regarding the challenges of dealing with students when they return to campus. This will be an interactive session involving brief case studies and activities.

6. ITW Part-II Schedule

ITW Part-II will be conducted on, March 27, 2021, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The participants have been randomly distributed into six groups. Each group will have four resource persons including one TLC member. Each participant will demonstrate his/her teaching skills by presenting a short lecture of 20 minutes on the topic of their own choice. The participants are advised to make balanced use of blackboard, slides, etc. The resource persons will make observations and share the same at the end of each presentation.

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Group 03		
Room # 6103	Dr. Amit Rajanarayan Singh Dr. Aneesh A. M. Dr. Divyansh Patel Dr. Satyendra Kumar Mourya Dr. Sharda Tripathi Dr. Shishir Maheshwari Dr. Tribeni Roy	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Chaudhary Dr. Smita Raghuvanshi Dr. Tapomoy Guha Sarkar Dr. Meetha V Shenoy ^a
Group 04		
Room # 6104	Dr. B. S. Shashank Dr. Byomakesh Debata Dr. Divyum Sharma, R Srinivas Dr. Sarah Mariam Abraham Dr. Sayantan Chakraborty Dr. Sourav Kumar Sasmal	Dr. Aniruddha Roy Prof. Pratik N Seth Dr. Trilok Mathur Dr. Shibani K Jha ^a
Group 05		
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Group 06		
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A. Feedback Form (Phase-I)

1. Mention the aspects that you appreciated the most in each of the following sessions:

- Teaching Profession-Personal Perspectives

- Domains of Learning and Instructional Objectives

- Academic Regulations of BITS Pilani and its implementation in Teaching, Assessment and Grading

- Flipped Mode of Lecture Delivery: Opportunities and Challenges

- Technology-Enabled Teaching and Learning

- Assessment and Evaluation

- Better Student Engagement for Enhancing Teaching Learning Effectiveness

2. The topics covered in ITW are relevant (Rate on a scale of 1-5, 1 being lowest, 5 being highest)

3. What did you like best about this ITW?

4. Any other aspect/topic you would have liked to have been covered in ITW Phase-I?

5. Outcome Evaluation: This section helps us evaluate how effective the ITW was in providing participants the desired content. Circle your answer.

1. Your confidence in designing Instructional Objectives for a course:

Before ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
After ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

2. Your confidence in designing effective lecture content and assessment components based on the three domains of learning (cognitive, affective, and psychomotor):

Before ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
After ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

3. Your confidence in enabling learner-centric Teaching?

Before ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
After ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

4. Understanding of BITS Academic Regulations.

Before ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
After ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

5. Your confidence in participating in Technology Enabled Teaching

Before ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
After ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

6. Your confidence in using the Flipped mode of Teaching/Learning

Before ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
After ITW:	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

7. What further training or support would help you to be a confident teacher?

B. Feedback Form (Phase-II)

1. Rate your level of agreement on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being “highly disagree”, and 5 being “highly agree”) to each of the following:

- The time allotted for each presentation was sufficient

- I received adequate feedback about my presentations

- The feedback given was extremely useful for my improvement

- The resource faculty members were professional and friendly

- I benefited immensely from observing the presentations of my other colleagues

2. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being “highly dissatisfactory”, and 5 being “highly satisfactory”), How would you rate your overall experience of this semester’s ITW?

3. Any suggestions you may have for strengthening the current format of ITW further?

C. Resources

Following resources are made available by the AUGS-AUGSD division which can be accessed by a faculty from the link given below.

<https://academic.bits-pilani.ac.in/Faculty/faculty-dashboard.aspx>

- Bulletin
- Academic Regulation
- Handout of Courses
- Instructions for Question paper production
- List of Text Books
- Pre-requisites of courses
- Semester Time Table

Following resources are made available by the TLC division which can be accessed by a faculty from the link given below

<https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/tlc/Pilani/Resources.html>

- Guidelines to teachers
- Invited Talks
- List of Books (related to teaching/learning)

Following resources on online teaching are made available by the TLC division which can be accessed by a faculty from the link given below

<https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/tlc/Pilani/Online-Teaching.html>

- Gluing Traditional and Online Teaching
- Student Engagement (Mentimeter) and Breakout Sessions
- Take-home assignments, and Online discussions using Slack
- Use of Tablets Introduction to jPlag and Mail-Merge
- Sharing Experience of Flipped-mode of Teaching
- Introducing Canvas - A Learning Management System
- Training on Online Assessment



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