Christ College Rajkot

Report of Faculty Development Committee

2024-25

"Believe that every person has the potential to change and grow, and that our role as educators is to facilitate that growth."

The role as educators is not just imparting knowledge, but also shaping minds, fostering growth, and empowering future generations. The faculty development committee of the College designs programs to support the professional development, enhance teaching skills, and provide a platform for networking and collaboration to its faculty members. Over the academic years, we have and we will further explore innovative pedagogies, research approaches, share best practices, and address challenges in education.

During the year 2024-25, the committee comprised of:

- Dr. Swati Doshi- HOD, Department of Commerce -Coordinator of FDC
- Dr. Riddhi Tanna- Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications- Animator, FDC.

The College planned and organised in-house Faculty Development Programmes to effectively share the expertise of its faculty members with the other members of the College. Five programmes were organised:

Effective Powerpoint Presentation Skills by Dr. Priyank Patel on June 29 2024. The objective of the programme was to motivate and familiarize the staff members towards creating attractive presentations using pictures, smart art, different font types and sizes and varied types of templates or developing new templates.
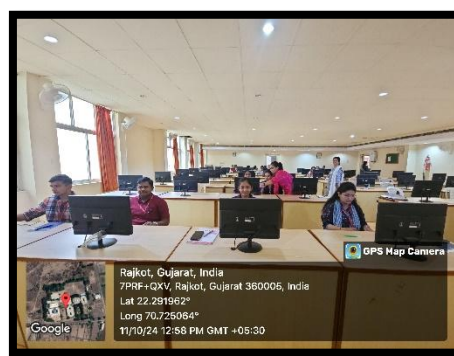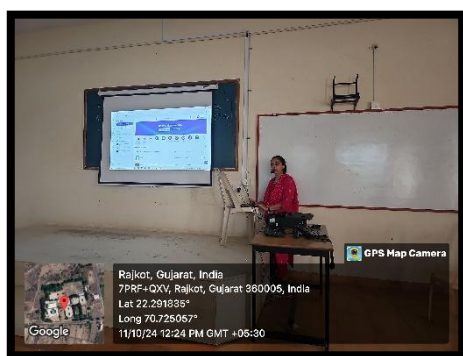

Overleaf - LateX- Tool on September 14, 2024 was held to introduce the basics of LaTeX and its application in academic writing by Ms. Pintukumari Bera, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications. The objective was to equip them with creation of professional- quality documents and publications using LaTeX. The sessio demonstrated document structure and syntax, text formatting and styling, mathematical typesetting and use of graphics for creating documents with LaTeX , writing LaTeX code, compiling a research paper , basic templates, inserting tables and figures , bibliographies and citations.

Plagiarism Prevention for Academic Integrity on September 30, 2024. The primary objective was to educate faculty members on the significance of academic integrity in research publications. Dr. Vaishali Parsania, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications covered various aspects of Plagiarism and types of plagiarism as well as the importance of citations and referencing to avoids plagiarism. Various software for plagiarism detection were introduced with their relative merits and limitations.

Designing With Canva by Ms. Tosha Joshi and Ms. Kruti Kotak from the Department of Computer Applications led this workshop on October 11, 2024. The objective was to introduce this powerful tool and its applications in creating visually appealing designs for various academic and professional purposes. The session covered various aspects of Canva, its friendly user- friendly interface and diverse template options. After a demonstration of this tool, the attendees were motivated to explore the possibilities of Canva and incorporate these skills to create their own presentation, poster or document during the hands-on session.

Components of Research Writing and Selection of Journal in association with Research committee by Dr. Padma Ambalam, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology on December 3, 2024. The speaker delivered an insightful and engaging session on components of research, writing and effective manuscript, selecting a journal, identifying clone, fake and predatory journals as essential aspects of effective research publication.

Application of AI for making Effective Presentations and Documents by Ms. Tanvi Pandya, assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics on December 30, 2024. The primary objective was to familiarize the application of Gamma AI tool for making engaging power point presentations and enhancing creativity in the teaching aids.

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