

Communication and Public Speaking Workshop – Phase 1 “Say What?”

Conducted by: **Women Welfare Committee, IIT Bhubaneswar**

The Women Welfare Committee (WWC), IIT Bhubaneswar, successfully conducted Phase 1 of the Communication and Public Speaking Workshop, titled “Say What?” on **21st August 2026** at **L02M, IIT Bhubaneswar**. The workshop was conducted in two sessions: **6:00 PM to 7:00 PM** and **7:30 PM to 8:30 PM**, with **Dr. Richa Shukla, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, IIT Bhubaneswar**, as the speaker.



Workshop Overview

The workshop focused on expressing one's intent in clear, simple language, avoiding filler words, and speaking at a moderate pace to hold the listener's attention while giving oneself space to think calmly and avoid panicking.

Dr. Richa proactively approached the participants, allowing different members to each have an opportunity to stand up and practice speaking. Topics ranged from self-introduction to discussing their PhD topics without using complicated jargon, allowing the spotlight to shine on the many different backgrounds, and advising at the end regarding areas that required their focus. She emphasised the importance of introducing oneself authentically, highlighting one's unique capabilities and potential, and portray themselves in a positive and confident light.



Outcome

Lastly, she also discussed the process of formal communication and its importance in a professional setting.

The workshop provided opportunities for participants to practice public speaking in a safe, interactive training environment, highlighting the aspects they struggled with and guiding their path for improvement.



In conclusion, Phase 1 of the “Say What?” Communication and Public Speaking workshop conducted by the Women Welfare Committee of IIT Bhubaneswar, under the guidance of Dr. Richa Shukla, was successful, nurturing and strengthening students' confidence and communication skills. Finally, Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury, the chairperson, WWC, felicitated Dr. Richa Shukla.

