Dr. Manoj Kumar, Principal DAVIET welcomed the new entrants to the institution and highlighted that the special induction training program has been introduced on the recommendations of AICTE to help students understand better who they are. Moreover, it will enable the students to acclimatize well with the DAVIET culture and ethos. Speaking on the occasion, he shared with the present that the institution had started the practice of organizing Induction training for students before AICTE recommended it. He shared that during the program, students will be provided information regarding Research Opportunities, Academic Initiatives, Job Scenarios and the required skills set, Community Services Initiatives, Entrepreneurship Cell, Sports and Culture Activities. He also highlighted the fact that at times there is a gap between the desired level of the student and where he actually is and that gap can be filled through this three weeks induction training program. He shared with the new entrants that by securing a seat in DAVIET they have taken the initial step towards a successful professional life but at the same time urged them not to be complacent and give their best so as to set higher bench marks for others to emulate.

He emphasized that students should try to inculcate the values of trust, commitment and respect towards elders and society. Highlighting the importance of engineering, he stated that practical and constructive implementation of engineering is what that matters. Used properly, a creative mind of an engineer can make one a missile man of the country like Dr APJ Abdul Kalam but a destructive use of it can make one Osama as well. He urged the students to be committed to make a difference in the society and highlighted that engineers can bring about changes in the society by finding solutions to persistent contemporary problems like global warming and water crisis.
Mr. Sarvesh Kaushal, former Chief Secretary Government of Punjab while speaking on the topic “Ethnocentric Behaviour and Internalization Challenges” during the Induction program highlighted that racial prejudices prevalent in the society are due to narrow bent of minds. In his address he highlighted the need not to judge others on the basis of race or culture. He shared that every culture has a different language and sets of customs and rituals which are sacrosanct to the individuals. They should not become the basis of negative image generation. Further, he shared that ethnocentric behavior affects our world view about nationalism and patriotism. He stressed that nationalism is fine upto an extent but when it becomes dangerous for others, it has to be stopped. He touched upon the fact that quality education alone can help us stop thinking on ethnocentric lines.
Dr. Kanchan L Singh, Head Department of Applied Sciences highlighted that DAV provides a unique blend of modern scientific knowledge with rich Vedic Arya Samaj Values. She stated that science forms the basis of every human endeavour and touched upon the topics of sustainable development, Nano Technology and the need to create green technology. She also introduced the students with the various club activities going on in the institution to provide proper exposure to students.

During the Induction program a Hawan Yajna was organized to seek blessings of the almighty to strengthen the spiritual realm of the students so that they can stand by what is right. Hawana Yajna stands as an epitome of the Institution to provide quality education in consonance with the rich Arya Samaj ideals. The spiritualists present stressed upon the importance of Vedic life and enlightened the students that the modern day problems can be solved by following the Vedic culture and ethos. It was also emphasized that students who follow a Vedic way of life become achievers in the real sense of the word and their perspective to see things is altered positively.
Dr Sudhir Sharma, Dean Academics interacted with the first year students and apprised them with the academic rules and regulations. He highlighted that a very rich academic atmosphere prevails in the institution and the first year students should strive hard to become a part of it. He highlighted that in the last end semester University Examinations the students of the Institutions bagged as many as 50 merit positions. He urged upon them to emulate the success of their seniors and give their best to bring laurels to the institution.

**THE FIRST YEAR ENTRANTS SHOULD TRY TO BE ASSIMILATED IN THE RICH ACADEMIC CULTURE OF THE INSTITUTION: Dr Sudhir Sharma**

Dr. Anil Soni, Dean Students Affairs interacted with the freshers and made them aware of their rights and responsibilities. He emphasized the fact that to become true achievers students should give their best and should strive for excellence. He touched upon the rules and regulations that students are expected to follow in the institution but at the same time also told that they have certain specific rights as well. He counselled the students that if at all they face any problem in the campus, they are to report it to the teachers so that immediate action can be taken to resolve the problem.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES CAN BE TRUE ACHIEVERS: Dr. Anil Soni**
PROFESSIONALLY COMMITTED AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONALS CAN BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN SOCIETY: Dr. G.S Randhawa

Dr. GS Randhawa, Professor Biotechnology, IIT Roorkee addressed the students on the topic “How to be Successful in Academic life” and highlighted the traits required to be successful in academic as well as professional life. He emphasized the fact that majority of us want the change to happen in society but we want others to bring about the change. He urged everyone present that we should be professionally committed, socially responsible and dedicated to step beyond our comfort zones to bring about a constructive change in the society. He also highlighted that the basic purpose of ones academic life is to strive for excellence and a mere mediocre attitude won’t suffice. He linked students' academic performance with the development of the nation and said that India can walk proudly on the path of development if the students of the nation can set their priorities right and can work towards the achievement of their goals with a single minded dedication.
DAVIET COMMITTED TO PRODUCE NEW AGE ENTREPRENEURS: Mr. Sushil Parashar

Mr Sushil Parashar, Taining and Placement Officer of the Institute interacted with the first year students and shared with them the placement scenario. He highlighted that the need of the hour is that students should cease to be job seekers rather they should strive to become job providers. He emphasized the fact that DAVIET is committed to produce new age entrepreneurs who are not only professionally competent but socially committed to bring about a positive change in the society. He touched upon various initiatives by the government and the placement drives organized in the Institution to provide in campus placement to all the eligible students. He encouraged the students to dream big as anything can be achieved with hard work.

National Service Scheme: A PLATFORM TO SERVE THE SOCIETY

The first year students were introduced to the plethora of activities organized by NSS unit of the Institution by Dr. PS Mann, the NSS Coordinator. He enlightened the students that today we need to do a lot for the society as the growth is not inclusive and the gap between the rich and poor is increasing. He stated that we are the privileged few who have access to good education and healthcare but majority of the people in the society are not so lucky. He encouraged the students to volunteer for serving the society through NSS and be the change that they want to see in the longer run.
Mr Abhishek Mehra, District President Yuva Bharat addressed the students on the need of doing meditation regularly as it has enormous benefits. He had a hands on training sessions in various meditative techniques and highlighted that many of the modern day problems occur because we react to stimulus rather than responding. Further problems are compounded because we lead our lives on the basis of false assumptions and beliefs. He shared that we can rid ourselves of all the problems if we start introspecting through meditation. Once we look inside of ourselves we will realize that majority of the problems that we face in today’s world occur because we do not understand what the other person wants to say. It is meditation which helps us overcome all our contradictions and problems.
HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED STUDENTS CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN COLLEGE LIFE: Dr Pallavi Khanna

Dr Pallavi Khanna, a leading psychologist, interacted with the students and highlighted that in order to be successful in one's college life, one needs to be committed to work hard and stretch beyond the comfort zone. She stated that today the misconception among youth is that they can take short cuts to success, but she reminded them that short cut is often the wrong cut. Further, she provided the psychological rationale behind the mechanism and stated that once we are ready to take the short cut, we prepare ourselves mentally to even exploit people to reach the top which leaves feelings of guilt and uneasiness in us. It in turn affects our decision making power. She urged the students to think clearly about what they want to do in life and never to buckle down under peer pressure.

INTERNATIONAL MEMORY COACH MR. KUNWAR RAJEEV INTERACTING WITH THE FRESHERS

Mr. Kunwar Rajeev, an International Memory Coach & Associate Prof. in Physics in Department of Physics, DAV College Jalandhar interacted with the first-year students and highlighted various techniques through which a person can remember, recall and reproduce facts quickly. He highlighted the fact that we can literally double our memory if we try to understand things in terms of images rather than facts.
STUDENTS CAN ACCESS OVER 36000 VOLUMES IN THE DAVIET LIBRARY:
Dr. Harmanpreet Singh

Dr. Harmanpreet Singh Librarian DAVIET interacted with the students and shared with them that DAVIET Library is one of the best equipped in terms of the number of books, back volumes and current journals subscribed. The prime motivation of students and staff who are always in the need for information is in using cutting edge technologies and online knowledge archival system. He also shared that the Library System consists of a Central Library and 9 Departmental Libraries which provides necessary thrust to collectively support the teaching and research Programmes of the institution. Students have access to a lending library, reference library, paperback library, non-print media library and a vast treasure of journals, current and back volumes. The main library has a vast collection of over 36,000 volumes and still growing. All the students, Faculty and Employees of the Institute are entitled to make use of the Library facilities on taking Library membership.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPTS OF UNIVERSAL HUMAN VALUES

Dr. Kanchan L. Singh and Dr. Shivani Vij introducing the 1st year entrants to the concepts of Universal Human Values. It was highlighted that we should be clear about the meaning of the word happiness and in current times we wrongly confuse monitory gain as happiness.
Mr. Jaswinder Singh Dhilon, Sports President of DAVIET interacted with the students and highlighted the importance of physical activities in professional life. He also highlighted that the institution boasts of a rich sporting culture and many of the sports persons of the institution have represented the university in various zonal and interzonal tournaments. He referred to the fact that a lot of sports persons are making their name in games other than cricket which bodes well for the future of the sports in India and showed his confidence that the new entrants will make the institution proud not only in academics but also in the field of sports in years to come.

LECTURE SERIES ON PREREQUISITES OF MAJOR SUBJECTS

Lectures on pre requisites for the subjects of Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry and English were organized by the faculty of Department of Applied Sciences to bridge the gap in the knowledge of students in respective subjects. Some students are found lacking in basic understanding of the essential concepts and through these lectures they were provided theoretical knowledge and practical training sessions through which an attempt was made to bring them at par with the other students.
SESSION BY ART OF LIVING EXPERTS

Ms. Archana Sukhija from Art of Living interacted with the students and shared with them the tips and techniques through which they can cope up with the pressures of this globalized capitalist world. She highlighted the fact that a person who ignores his physical and mental health in pursuit of material prosperity loses out in the longer run. She introduced the students to techniques of breathing like 'Sudarshan Kriya' and hoped that they will continue to explore the path of meditation, deep breathing and spirituality to become better human beings.

DIAGNOSTIC TEST OF ENGLISH FOR THE FRESHERS

A Diagnostic Test in English for all the first year entrants was conducted to ascertain the areas which need to be focused upon to make the students better communicators. The focus of the test was on grammar and writing ability. The students were told that in the first stage the focus was on the written aspect of communication skills but during the course of the semester more tests will be conducted and the focus will be on Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing components as well.
NINE STUDENT CLUBS OF THE INSTITUTION INTRODUCE THE FRESHERS TO THE CULTURAL AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRADITIONS OF THE INSTITUTION.

The Representatives of the nine Students Clubs of the Institution interacted with the freshers and introduced them to the rich culture of extra-curricular activities prevalent in the institution. During the interaction, it was very proudly highlighted by the students that the institution is the proud winner of IKGPTU inter Zonal Youth Festival ever since its inception in the year 2001. Arteso- the Fine Arts Club of the Institution organized the events of Sketching, Poem Writing, On the Spot Painting, Collage making, Card Making and Cartooning, Alfaaz – the Writing Club of the Institution organised Creative writing events, Ashwa—the Western Dance Club of the Institution organized Western Solo and Western Group Dance, Strings and Sargam—the Music Club of the Institution organized the events of Vocals and the Rap Battle, Dhamak- the Folk Dance Club of the Institution organized the events of Folk, Classical and Indian Dance, Kalakaar The Theatre Club of the Institution, organized Stand Up Comedy, Monoacting, and Skit, Pragyaan the Quiz club organized the quiz, Clicker the Photography Club of the Institution organized the events of photography, Videography and Photo Manipulation, Wordsmiths- the Public Speaking club of the Institution organized the events of Elocution and Group Discussion. First year students participated in around 30 events. The convention hall was abuzz with excitement as the students gave their best to outdo each other in an healthy environment.
CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS OF THE STUDENTS