

MANIT Bhopal Organizes Five-Day Faculty Development Programme on Strengthening Student Mentoring and Mental Well-Being , 15-19 June 2026

The Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal inaugurated a **five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Strengthening Student Mentoring and Mental Well-Being”**, aimed at enhancing faculty capabilities in student mentoring, counselling, and mental wellness. The programme is being organized in association with Rajya Anand Sansthan, Bhopal, and has brought together nearly **100 faculty members** from various academic departments of MANIT to deliberate on contemporary issues concerning student well-being, emotional resilience, and holistic education.

The inaugural session of the programme was chaired by **Prof. Karunesh Kumar Shukla**, Director, MANIT Bhopal, who emphasized the growing importance of mental well-being and effective mentoring in higher education institutions. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the role of faculty members in creating a supportive academic environment that fosters emotional balance, ethical values, and holistic personality development among students.

The programme was graced by **Chief Guest Shri Akhilesh Argal**, (IFS) whose inspiring address underscored the importance of value-based education, emotional intelligence, and mentorship in shaping responsible and resilient youth. He encouraged faculty members to adopt empathetic approaches while guiding students through academic and personal challenges.

Special Guest Shri Praveen Kumar Gangrade Ji, Director, Rajya Anand Sansthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, addressed the participants on the significance of happiness, positivity, and mental wellness in educational institutions. He emphasized the need to integrate emotional well-being practices into academic ecosystems and appreciated MANIT’s initiative in organizing such a meaningful programme for faculty members.

Adding further value to the FDP, **Dr. B. K. Sharma Ji from Jaipur, Rajasthan**, is delivering expert sessions throughout the five-day programme. His sessions focus on mental health, holistic development, mentoring practices, human values, and strategies for strengthening positive campus environments.

The event is being coordinated by **Prof. Sushma Gupta, Dean Faculty Welfare**, and **Prof. Vilas Warudkar**, who have played a key role in planning and organizing the programme. The sessions are designed to equip faculty members with practical tools and approaches for effective student mentoring, emotional support, and creating inclusive and healthy learning environments.

The five-day programme includes expert talks, interactive discussions, mentoring strategies, and well-being sessions aimed at fostering a culture of compassion, positivity, and academic excellence. With participation from around **100 faculty members**, the initiative reflects MANIT Bhopal’s commitment to promoting faculty empowerment and strengthening student support systems through mental well-being and holistic mentoring practices.

The programme is expected to significantly contribute to building a healthier academic ecosystem where students receive not only academic guidance but also emotional and psychological support for their overall development.