

St. Francis Institute of Technology
Department of Computer Engineering

Seminar Report on Workplace Ethics held on 8th March-2019 by Dr. Fr. Kevin D'souza

Organized by: ISTE SFIT

Students attended: BE CMPN A, BE CMPN B

The seminar began with an address from Dr. Supratim Biswas from IIT Bombay. He has become a part of CMPN department of SFIT. He was welcomed by the HOD of CMPN Dr. Kavita Sonawane. He gave a short address focusing on practical learning through projects, competitions etc. He looked forward to work with the CMPN department and help students to achieve their goals.

This was followed by a Work Ethics Session by Dr. Fr. Kevin D'souza. He was introduced by a student volunteer. Dr. Fr. Kevin D' Souza took over the session, he began by asking questions about wanting or being for eg. do you want to be happy and are you happy. He made the students reflect upon themselves. He then brushed upon various points in work ethics such as

- Addressing the superiors
- What to do in a situation of distress
- Punctuality
- Perseverance
- Time management
- Loyalty to the management

He solved various case studies to learn and teach us how to face particular circumstances without compromising on work ethics. For example he presented the students with a situation in which if an employee finds that his superior has done something wrong or corrupt then what he must do? Should he risk his job and report the situation or stay quiet and continue with his job.

He talked about various ethical dilemmas and introduced to the students the famous trolley problem which is as follows:

You see a runaway trolley moving toward five tied-up (or otherwise incapacitated) people lying on the tracks. You are standing next to a lever that controls a [switch](#). If you pull the lever, the trolley will be redirected onto a side track, and the five people on the main track will be saved. However, there is a single person lying on the side track. You have two options:

1. Do nothing and allow the trolley to kill the five people on the main track.
2. Pull the lever, diverting the trolley onto the side track where it will kill one person.

Which is the more ethical option?

The session ended with a vote of thanks and Mr. Bysani, faculty coordinator of ISTE handed Dr. Fr. Kevin D'souza a token of appreciation.

It was highly helpful for BE students as most of them will soon be a part of corporate world , so it has prepared them for their future.





