

REPORT

On Thursday 1st September 2016, a lecture on 'Team Building and Collaboration' was conducted by Ms. Amrita Singh, Sr. Manager HR, Godrej and Boyce Mfg Co. Ltd.

The lecture started at 2pm by showing a video of the world's fastest pit stop which is a prime example of teamwork and coordination. The role of each team member involved in a modern F1 race pit stop was explained through the video. Then the students were divided into teams of 6 members for an activity and each team was provided 3 sheets of paper. In this task each person in the six member team had to number their hands from 1 to 6 and stack them in order on a sheet. Now using the minimum no of moves and time, they had to come back to the same formation (1-6) on any one of the other two sheets. After completion of this activity various aspects of team work were explained i.e. was there a leader to whom everyone listened, or someone who had input to give but wasn't heard, or was there any clash of opinions etc.

After the activity Ms. Amrita gave a presentation on the principles of teamwork and how it relates to the students when they will move on to a work environment.

After the presentation, another activity was conducted in which again students were divided into teams of 4. In this activity the students were presented with a scenario where they had to survive given a list of 15 items. They had to number these items according to what they think will be important for survival. First, the students numbered the items on an individual basis, and then discussing it with their team. After this their individual and team scores were compared. It was found that majority of the people had a better team score than their individual score, thus having a greater chance of surviving in a team. This activity explained the importance of teamwork.

The lecture was concluded with a video explaining the flying formation of geese, and how efficient and collaborative effort of a team can take it very far which is not possible by flying alone.

Vote of thanks was given by Mrs Deepali Kayande.