

## Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Novel Materials” at IIT Bhilai

Under the aegis of AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy, the Department of Chemistry, IIT Bhilai successfully organised a 5-day Faculty Development Program on “Novel Materials” from July 05-09, 2021. The FDP received an overwhelming response from faculty and students across India and attracted more than 200 participants. It consisted of 14 sessions, through the course of which participants were able to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in the field of materials science. The FDP was highly interdisciplinary by nature, ranging from basics of materials and their applications in the field of nanomedicine, healthcare materials, solar fuels, energy storage, etc.

The FDP was inaugurated on July 05, 2021, by Prof. Rajat Moona, Director IIT Bhilai, who discussed the importance of teaching and professional development for imparting quality education in academic institutions. Sessions were conducted by Dr. Arup Mukherjee, Dr. Sanjib Banerjee, Dr. Suchetan Pal, Dr. Satyajit Gupta, Dr. Md. Mehboob Alam, Dr. Raghavender Medishetty, Dr. Rukmankesh, and Dr. Dhruv Pratap Singh. Dr. Anindita Ghosh, from the Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai, discussed the psychology of well-being during the last day of the FDP.

The FDP concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ganapathy D., who thanked ATAL, AICTE, and Director, IIT Bhilai for their support and encouragement.

