# EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

## 18th GC & 13th GB Meeting of SDI-B

The 18th Governing Council (GC) and 13th General Body (GB) meeting of SDI-B Society was held at IOCL's Odisha State Office in Bhubaneswar on 18th March 2023. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ranjan Ku Mohapatra, Chairman, SDI-B. Among other attendees from the promoting organisations were Mr Adika Ratna Sekhar, CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co, holding additional charge of Director (HR), along with representatives from ONGC, OIL, HPCL, BPCL, EIL and GAIL. Shri Amit Gupta, GM (S&OD), represented IndianOil in the meeting. From SDI-B, Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, CEO, SDI-B, Mr Rajesh Kumar Tripathy, COO, SDI-B and Mr Arun Kumar Pradhan, CFO, SDI-B, attended the meeting.

In his opening remarks, Mr Mohapatra highlighted the appreciation received from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum & Natural Gas when its members visited SDI-B on January 17, 2023. He also congratulated the SDI-B team for the institute's inclusion as a Programme Implementing Agency by NSDC for conducting short-term training programmes under 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana' (PMKVY) 4.0.

After finishing the agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and GC/GB members.



## CEO, SDI-B invited as a panelist for 7th National Seminar on CSR Initiatives 2023

Institute of Quality and Environment management Services (IQEMS), Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Institute of Public Enterprises,



Hyderabad organized the 7th National Seminar on Corporate Social Responsibilities Initiatives on 31st March 2023 in Bhubaneswar. Sh. Sanjay Srivastava, CEO, SDI-B was invited as a panelist for one of the technical sessions in the seminar. He also contributed an article **"Skill Development Under CSR – A Dire Need for India"** in the souvenir published on the occasion.

The article highlights the critical need for skill development in India and how CSR can contribute in bridging the skill gap in the country. He emphasizes the fact that India has a huge young population, but many of them are unskilled which makes them unemployable. Overall, the article provides an insightful overview of the skill gap and skilling requirements in India and highlights the crucial role that skill development can play in driving the country's economic growth. It also sheds light on the efforts taken by SDI-B in skilling youth and supporting the country's economic development.

**To read the complete article in our intranet portal please scan the QR Code.**

# STUDENTS SPEAK

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I am Debasish Sahoo. I am from Cuttack. I have completed my diploma in electrical engineering from govt polytechnic Angul in the year 2022. Thereafter, I came to know about Skill development institute Bhubaneswar thru newspaper. The institute offers Building Automation Specialist course by Schneider Electric, which I joined in Sep 2022. In this course, many topics like home automation system, CCTV & access control system, fire alarm and public address system, building management system etc. are taught with more focus on hands on training. After completing 6-month course, I have got a job of Home Automation Installer for Visual Vibration Pvt Ltd. in Nagpur city. Thank you, SDI-B!

**Debashish Sahoo**

## Training Program for ITI Instructors from Uttarakhand

SDI-B conducted a training program for ITI Instructors from Uttarakhand on



Industrial Automation and Building Automation. The training program was carried out in two separate batches, each of 10-day duration. The training program for the first batch was conducted from 13th March to 20th March 2023 with 16 participants while the second batch attended the training from 16th March to 25th March with 12 participants.

The training program was designed to enhance the capabilities of ITI Instructors in the field of Industrial Automation, which entails utilizing technology for automating industrial processes as well as Building Automation, which involves technology for building automation systems i.e., environment control, safety, security and communication etc. in buildings.

Furthermore, they were also imparted inputs on residential and industrial wiring including the modern approach to wiring and apparatuses used.

The program was received very well, and the trainees were extremely happy to get new perspectives and knowhow on current methodologies and technologies being employed in these domains. In the concluding event, Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, CEO, SDI-B, handed out participation certificates to the trainees.

## Holi Celebrations

Holi, also known as the festival of colours, is an important Hindu festival that is celebrated all over India and in other parts of the world. The festival signifies the triumph of good over evil and is celebrated to mark the arrival of spring and the end of winter. Holi is a time for people to come together, forget their differences, and



celebrate with joy and enthusiasm. As a time for people to forgive and forget, and to unite in a spirit of joy and harmony, Holi was celebrated with enthusiasm at SDI-B, with Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, the CEO, extending his warm wishes for a happy and safe festival to all the students and staff.

# CYBER SECURITY QUIZ - MAR 2023

Congratulations! Last month's quiz was a huge success, with an overwhelming response from over 100 students. Answers with detailed explanation are uploaded in the intranet portal. Please go through to update your knowledge on Cyber Security. The top 3 winners of Feb 2023 Quiz are **Prashant Raj Sharma, Saroj Kumar Mahanta &** **Sanghamitra Sethy**… Congratulations!

Take part in the March 2023 quiz before 25th Apr 2023. The top 3 winners will get honorable mention in the next edition of SDI-B Pulse. To participate in the quiz, please scan the QR given alongside.

# KNOWLEDGE POST

## What is Virtual Reality?

Virtual reality (VR) is a technology that has been gaining popularity in recent years, providing users with an immersive and interactive experience in a computer-generated environment. It offers a range of possibilities, from entertainment to education and therapy, making it an exciting area of development with limitless potential.

Virtual reality has its roots in the 1960s when Ivan Sutherland developed the first head-mounted display (HMD), which allowed users to view simple virtual environments. Since then, VR technology has evolved significantly, and today it is possible to create highly realistic, interactive, and immersive environments using advanced graphics, haptic feedback, and motion tracking.

The applications of VR are vast and varied, including gaming, education, architecture, healthcare, and therapy. In gaming, VR offers a more immersive and interactive experience, where players can explore new worlds, interact with virtual objects, and even engage in multiplayer experiences. In education, VR offers a new way of learning by providing immersive simulations that allow students to experience historical events or explore scientific concepts.

In architecture and design, VR is used to create virtual prototypes, allowing designers to visualize and test their designs before construction. In healthcare, VR is used for both diagnosis and treatment, such as using VR simulations to help patients overcome phobias or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Despite its many potential benefits, VR also faces several challenges.

One of the most significant challenges is the cost and accessibility of the technology. VR systems can be expensive, requiring high-end hardware and software, which makes it inaccessible to many people. Another challenge is the potential for negative effects on physical and mental health. Prolonged use of VR systems can cause motion sickness, eye strain, and other health issues. Additionally, there is a risk of addiction, as users may become so immersed in the virtual world that they neglect their real-world responsibilities.

In conclusion, VR technology has the potential to revolutionize the way we interact with the world, offering immersive and interactive experiences in a range of fields. Despite the challenges it faces, including accessibility and potential negative effects on health, the benefits of VR are vast and varied, and its potential for future development is exciting. As technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see new and innovative applications that will shape the way we live, work, and play.

## Minimalism... Live A Meaningful Life

The book "Minimalism" by Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus is a guide to adopting a minimalist lifestyle. The authors explore how to live a more fulfilling life by focusing on experiences, relationships, and personal growth, rather than material possessions. They argue that minimalism is not about deprivation or living with less, but rather about finding what is truly important and eliminating
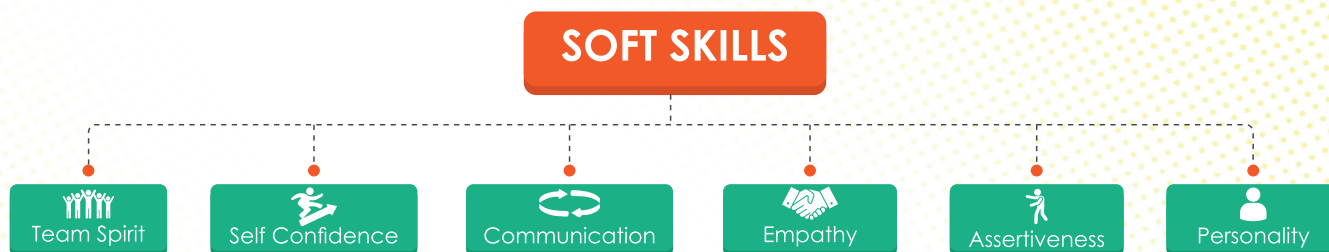

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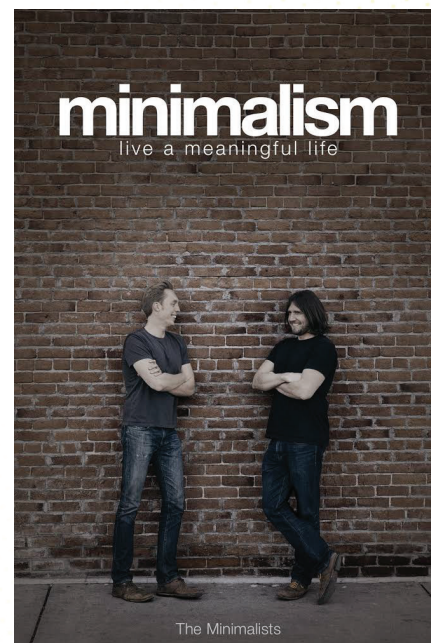
the excess that weighs us down.

The authors share their personal journeys towards minimalism and provide practical tips and advice for readers who want to simplify their lives. They discuss topics such as decluttering, creating a minimalist home, simplifying finances, and embracing a minimalist mindset. They also address common misconceptions about minimalism and explain how it can benefit various aspects of one's life, including mental health, physical health, and relationships.

Overall, "Minimalism" encourages readers to evaluate their priorities and make intentional choices about how they want to live. It is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to reduce stress, increase happiness, and live a more meaningful life
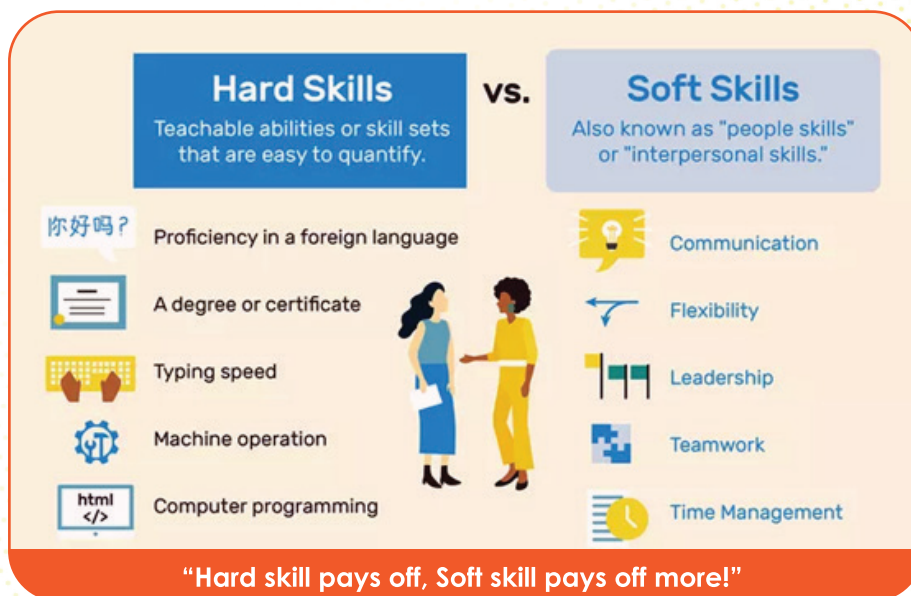
# SOFT SKILLS FOR EVERYONE-1

## SOFT SKILLS

| Team Spirit | Self Confidence | Communication | Empathy | Assertiveness | Personality |

## Soft Skills:

Character traits and interpersonal skills that support the pursuit of personal and organizational goals.

## Importance:

- To communicate effectively
- To take appropriate decisions
- To handle interpersonal relations
- To have good impression and impact towards professional growth



**Hard Skills** VS. **Soft Skills**

Teachable abilities or skill sets that are easy to quantify.

Also known as "people skills" or "interpersonal skills."

你好吗？ Proficiency in a foreign language

A degree or certificate

Typing speed

Machine operation

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Communication

Flexibility

Leadership

Teamwork

Time Management

"Hard skill pays off, Soft skill pays off more!"

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