Report on One-Day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on ''Mastering Pneumatic & Electro-Pneumatic Systems''

Organized by:

Mechatronics Department G H Patel College of Engineering & Technology (GCET) In collaboration with Janatics India Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore

Date & Venue:

- 10th March 2025, Monday
- O9:30 AM onwards
- Mechatronics System Lab, GCET

1. Introduction:

The Mechatronics Department of GCET, in collaboration with Janatics India Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore, successfully organized a one-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Mastering Pneumatic & Electro-Pneumatic Systems" on 10th March 2025. The FDP aimed to enhance faculty members' knowledge and practical understanding of pneumatic and electro-pneumatic systems used in automation industries.

The program provided a blend of theoretical concepts, practical demonstrations, and hands-on training using industrial components and simulation tools.

2. Objectives of the FDP:

- To provide **fundamental knowledge** of pneumatic and electro-pneumatic systems.
- To explore the **basic components, actuators, and control valves** used in pneumatic automation.
- To introduce electro-pneumatic circuits and their industrial applications.
- To familiarize participants with **PLC-based pneumatic control systems**.
- To discuss **troubleshooting and maintenance** of pneumatic systems.
- To conduct a **hands-on session** on pneumatic simulation software.

3. Inauguration & Opening Remarks:

The FDP began with a warm welcome address by **Prof. Sanjiv Rajput, Assistant Professor, Mechatronics Department**, who also served as the **coordinator** of the program. He highlighted the importance of **pneumatic automation in modern industries** and the need for faculty members to stay updated with the latest technologies.

As a token of appreciation, bouquets were presented to the industry personnel, Ms. Hiral, Mr. Chintan and Mr. Shekhawat, by Dr. Vinod Patel, Head of the Mechatronics Department.

The session was further enriched by the presence of experts from Janatics India Pvt. Ltd., who shared insights into pneumatic automation trends, industry requirements, and real-world applications.

4. Technical Sessions & Hands-on Training:

The **Faculty Development Program** (**FDP**) was structured into a series of comprehensive technical sessions, each designed to provide faculty members with in-depth knowledge and practical exposure to **pneumatic and electro-pneumatic systems**. These sessions covered both **theoretical fundamentals** and **real-world industrial applications**, ensuring that participants gained a holistic understanding of pneumatic automation.

The sessions were **interactive and hands-on**, featuring **live demonstrations**, **circuit simulations**, and **troubleshooting exercises**. Experts from **Janatics India Pvt. Ltd.** shared valuable insights into modern pneumatic technologies, helping participants understand their significance in automation and control systems.

Session 1: Introduction to Pneumatics & Electro-Pneumatics

The **first session** focused on the **fundamentals of pneumatic and electro-pneumatic systems** used in industrial automation. The session covered:

- **Basics of Pneumatic Power Transmission:** Explanation of how compressed air is used as a power medium, its advantages, and applications in automation.
- Comparison between Pneumatics, Hydraulics, and Electrical Automation: Discussion on the differences between pneumatic, hydraulic, and electrical control systems, including their efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and suitability for various industrial applications.
- Industrial Applications of Pneumatics: Overview of how pneumatic technology is used in manufacturing, robotics, automotive, and material handling systems.

Session 2: Components of a Pneumatic System

This session provided a **detailed breakdown of the key components** used in a **pneumatic system** and their functionality. The session included:

- Understanding Pneumatic Actuators & Control Valves: Explanation of single-acting and double-acting cylinders, rotary actuators, and their roles in mechanical motion control.
- Flow Control and Directional Control Valves: Live demonstration of different types of control valves, including 2/2-way, 3/2-way, 4/2-way, and 5/2-way directional control valves, and their applications in pneumatic circuits.
- Pressure Regulators, Filters, and Lubricators (FRL Unit): Discussion on the importance of compressed air treatment, maintaining system efficiency, and increasing the longevity of pneumatic components.

Participants actively engaged in identifying and assembling various **pneumatic components**, allowing them to develop a deeper understanding of **system design and troubleshooting**.

Session 3: Electro-Pneumatic Circuits & Applications

The third session introduced participants to **electro-pneumatic systems**, where electrical signals are used to **control pneumatic actuators**. This session included:

- **Design and Implementation of Electro-Pneumatic Control Circuits:** Explanation of how **solenoid-operated directional control valves** and **relays** are used in modern pneumatic automation.
- Introduction to PLC-Based Pneumatic Control Systems: Overview of Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and their role in automating pneumatic operations.
- Hands-on Circuit Building: Participants worked on circuit diagrams and were guided in assembling basic electro-pneumatic circuits using push buttons, sensors, and actuators.

This session provided essential knowledge for faculty members to incorporate **advanced automation concepts** into their academic curriculum and research.

Session 4: Hands-on Session on Pneumatic Simulation Software

The final session was a **hands-on practical session**, allowing participants to work with **industry-standard pneumatic simulation software**. The objectives of this session were:

- Introduction to Pneumatic Circuit Design Software: Overview of popular simulation tools such as FluidSIM, Automation Studio, and FESTO Didactic.
- Virtual Circuit Testing: Participants designed and tested various pneumatic circuits in a simulated environment, helping them understand real-time operational behaviors.
- Application-Based Simulations: Simulations of pick-and-place mechanisms, conveyor automation, and robotic arm movements using pneumatic actuators.

This hands-on experience helped participants bridge the gap between **theory and practical implementation**, reinforcing the concepts learned throughout the FDP.

5. Interactive Q&A & Valedictory Ceremony:

The FDP concluded with an **interactive Q&A session**, where participants discussed queries related to **design**, **implementation**, **and industrial applications** of pneumatic and electropneumatic systems.

During the **valedictory ceremony**, participants shared their feedback, expressing appreciation for the **well-structured sessions**, **practical exposure**, **and real-world insights** provided by the experts.

6. Conclusion & Vote of Thanks:

The program successfully met its objectives by equipping faculty members with **practical knowledge and industry insights** into **pneumatic and electro-pneumatic systems**.

A formal **vote of thanks** was delivered by **Prof. Sanjiv Rajput**, expressing gratitude to **Janatics India Pvt. Ltd.**, **the organizing team**, **faculty members**, **and participants** for their enthusiastic involvement.

7. Outcome of the FDP:

- Enhanced faculty understanding of **pneumatic automation technologies**.
- Improved ability to **implement electro-pneumatic circuits in academic and industrial projects**.
- Hands-on exposure to PLC-based pneumatic control systems and simulation tools.

8. Acknowledgment:

The Mechatronics Department of GCET extends sincere thanks to Janatics India Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore, for their invaluable contribution and expertise. Special thanks to the faculty coordinators, organizing team, and participants for making this FDP a success.

We look forward to organizing more industry-driven workshops and training sessions in the future.

Event Photos























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