**Inter-Personal Communication**

Interpersonal communication is the process by which people exchange information, feelings and meaning through verbal and non-verbal messages. It is direct communication or face to face communication. It is a two-way process sending and receiving messages simultaneously by the communicators. It is not only about what is spoke but also depends on the non-verbal messages like tone of the voice, facial expression, gestures and body language.

Whenever two or more person are present in the same place and are aware of each other’s presence inter-personal communication happens without even uttering or speaking a word. Without words one may be using body language, expression, postures etc to communicate and have an impression on them.

**Elements of Inter-personal Communication**

1. **The Communicator**- For inter-personal communication there must be at least two persons among whom communication happens.
2. **The Message**- Message are the information that are conveyed. Two ways do it- Verbal and the other is Non-verbal. Verbal putting the information into words and Non-verbal is through body-language, facial expression, tone of voice etc.
3. **Noise**- It is anything that distort the message. If the message received is different from what is intended by the communicator. Example of noise- Language difference, complicated Jargons, disinterest, inattention, cultural difference, inappropriate body language and voice etc.
4. **Feedback**- Feedback is the message the receiver returns which helps the sender to understand how his message has been received by the receiver. It also can happen both way Verbal and Non-verbal. It helps in improvement of the communication process.
5. **Context**- All communication is influenced by the context in which it takes place. Example are situational context, social context, emotional context etc.
6. **Channel**- Channels refers to the physical means by which the message is transferred from one person to other. In face to face context the channels which are used are speech and vision, on the other hand in telephonic conversation only speech is used.