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PANEL DISCUSSION ON PG CAREER OPTIONS

14 August 2017

E-cell successfully conducted a Panel Discussion on PG Career Options for Engineers.

Four of our revered alumni -

- Kritika Sabharwal, currently studying in SP Jain- 2nd year (2016 passout, ETRX)
- Bhavin Kamdar, CEO of Embedos (2012 passout, ExTC)
- Adarsh Chokhani, Co founder and head of business development of Rapid Deliveries (2016 passout, ExTC)
- Garvit Bhatt, currently placed in Indus Valley Partners(2017 ExTC passout)

All the members of the panel had ventured into different avenues of academics and corporate life, were invited to share their experience. The room was bustling with 80-odd FEs, all looking to clear their doubts and gain some clarity about post-engineering options. The familiar buzz that accompanies a gathering of curious minds was evidently audible. The Panel introduced itself and explained how each of its members embarked upon their different paths. The students quickly started picking the Panel's brains with a volley of questions, some of which had even the Panel thinking for a bit.

LAUNCH OF INSPIRE: THE NEWSLETTER OF E-CELL,S.P.I.T.

September 1, 2017

With a purpose greater than its name and an ardent team raring to deliver it to an audience which satisfies its appetite for succinct content on social media, E-Cell S.P.I.T. is proudly announced its newsletter, Inspire on September 1,2017.

Encompassing motivational articles, thought-provoking speeches and news from around the world, Inspire aims to propel ideas on this platform that come under the purview of entrepreneurship.

Articles are posted weekly on the facebook page of E-cell, S.P.I.T.

Inspire is also added as a blog to the website of E-cell,S.P.I.T.



Link to the blog: <http://www.ecellspit.org/blog/>

GYANDHAN: TALK ABOUT CAREERS AND FUTURE

6 October 2017



E CELL and IEEE SPIT collaborated to bring to the students of SPIT a session with Mr. Ankit Mehra (CEO, GyanDhan-An education financing company) on the 6th of October.

Mr. Ankit, an alumnus of IIT Kanpur, worked with Capital One in the United States for five years. He left his job to pursue an MBA Course in IESE Business School in Barcelona. There, he realized the difficulties Indian students often face in foreign universities due to high expenses. Resolving to make their struggle easier, Mr. Mehra started GyanDhan upon his return to India.

GyanDhan is a student-friendly education loan marketplace which aims to equalize and expand access to higher education. Since its establishment in 2016, GyanDhan has helped over 500 students finance their studies abroad.

The discussion started with Mr. Mehra asking the audience their opinion on startups. Mr. Mehra explained the framework and requirements behind a startup. While

encouraging students to follow their aspirations, he also cautioned them about the risks related the startups, and why not every startup is successful.

He then spoke about his own journey with GyanDhan, which started from scratch and is now a thriving company, assisting numerous students every year. Touching upon the plethora of options available at GyanDhan for students to help finance their education abroad, Mr. Mehra elaborated on the scope of pursuing job opportunities outside India. He then answered the questions the audience had for him, bringing the session to a close. Although his work at GyanDhan earns him less than his previous job, Mr.Mehra is content living his dream.

“The students found the talk extremely informative. We are glad that the audience had the opportunity to interact with Mr.Mehra and learn from his experience.” –Krishna Mehta, Head of events, E-CELL.

RUMINATE

12 AND 13 OCTOBER 2017

E-Cell's RUMINATE brought 2 days of fun and frolic to SPIT, as the first years took over. 12 events, and all organized by SPIT's youngest students, the events were as big, unique and as successful as envisioned. The basic idea behind Ruminare was to "*Run your event like a venture*". The drive giving details of these events is as follows:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EcosadMy6KJRcx9vd6BpJGF3bL4IJYkc82X-FqQ7Qj8/edit?usp=sharing>

Minute To Win It

It tested both, the participants' mental and physical abilities with tasks like *Brainstorm*—where they solved riddles—and *Junk in the Trunk*—where they had to get all the balls out of a box that were tied to their waist by wiggling or twerking. *I Spy*, *Double Trouble* and *Blow It* contributed to the spectacular success of the event! "The response was really satisfying! It was an incredible experience to execute this event!" Anish Dixit, Organiser (FE Computers).



JAM

JAM was one of the most praiseworthy events of RUMINATE. From topics like, “what teachers do off-duty” to “constipation is the mother of all inventions” the participants found themselves craving another go, even after multiple rounds of the game. “RUMINATE gave us a glimpse into what goes into making a successful event. We were thrilled with the overwhelming turnout!” Somil Jain, Organiser (FE Computers).

WordMania

WordMania was a challenging and fun event. Between fits of laughter, the participants guessed what their teammates were trying to tell them, whether it was through sculpting clay or their gestures or their blindfolded drawings or the words they used under certain restrictions. “The hard work of the entire team made our event a huge success! We loved the enthusiasm of the participants!” Aditi Kandoi, Organiser (FE Computers).

DJ Production Workshop

DJ Production Workshop was conducted solely by Manav Sanghvi from FE Computers on the second day of Ruminare from 6:30-8. This workshop briefed all the participants about the fundamentals of music production in FL Studio 12 and DJing on a Hercules Instinct Console. The workshop was surely a standout. “The response was decent and I got good feedback from most of the participants.”, says Manav.



LAN Gaming

Who doesn't love video games? LAN Gaming offered four games: FIFA, Dragon Ball Z, Mini Militia and Ludo King. It was a good attempt by Suumedh Kalnawat and team from FE Electronics, at giving the participants a classic video gaming experience. “We offered some of the most mesmerizing games in the world of gaming, thus making it an amazing experience”, Sameep Pote, one of the organizers.

Threenity

As the name suggests, Threenity was a combination of three creative games: sketch-o-rama, situation complication, and infinite interrogation. Every round was a competition between three teams of three players each. “The response we received

was pretty good. In the last round we had to accommodate one extra team due to popular demand”, says Parth Jardosh one of the organizers from FE Computers.



Chain Reaction

Chain reaction, organized by Aditya and team, FE EXTC, was a riveting vocabulary game. The contestants were required to complete a chain of five words which made sense, testing their vocabulary skills like never before. The winners, Siddhant Bhagat and Kaushik Jha from FE EXTC, received gift vouchers and a cash prize of Rs 300.

“It was great fun in making the word chains and double the fun in watching people guess them”, said Aditya Khambete, one of the organizers.

Path of Champions

A well organized, football auction with twists and surprises. It gained participation from all the branches. The top two finishers from both slots competed on 12th October. Also, two lucky losers made their way to the final, conducted the next day. Slot winners went home with Rs. 400 and the winner, Pranit and team from FE EXTC bagged Rs 750. Kshitij Shah, one of the organizers, said, “We realized how tough it is to get people

and what it takes to make an event amazing. Our best gift wasn't the profit we earned but the smile that we put on everyone's face".



Carnival

Carnival consisted of an assortment of captivating quizzes and mini-games tapping fandoms, we all love. Fandom Quizzes on Game of Thrones, Friends and Harry Potter were a major crowd puller with fans ready to test their knowledge. Games like Shoot like Jordan, One with all the Darts, Whisper Challenge saw an equally enthusiastic crowd. The top scorers in the mini-games and Fandom Quiz winners were gifted vouchers worth Rs 500 along with a box of doughnuts. "Organising this event was a wonderful learning experience. It went extremely well and everyone had a fantastic time", quoted Sarah Hawa, event head.



Twistangle

Did you think twister couldn't get any crazier? Well, it just did at Twistangle, which received an energetic crowd eager twist their bodies out. Twister with 6 colours and funky tasks resulted in lots of crazy positions and even more tumbling. A guaranteed formula for fun!

“During the game, the joints pained, but after it, the fun remained”-Muskan Sahu, Team leader for Twistangle.



Fun Circus

A team-based event in which participants had to play four fun-filled mini games: Box of Lies, Bestfriend Challenge, Pic-o-mania and the Whisper Challenge. The highlights included Pic-o-mania where teammates had to run around college and take pictures while making various expressions. In Whisper challenge, the teams had to relay phrases to each other over loud music causing hilarious results.

“We were tensed about the response, but our work paid off when people started coming to our event and enjoyed our games”, Shruti, Team leader of Fun Circus



Hunt It Out

The campus-wide treasure hunt saw everyone racking their brains and running around to get the clue first. The participants were tested to see who knew every nook and cranny of SPIT.” Ruminare gave us a chance to learn how to manage ourselves in a bizarre situation and most importantly taught us about teamwork. It was a great experience” Siddhesh Sonawane, team leader of Hunt It Out. With Ruminare being the last event before the Diwali vacations, it left all the students happy and feeling proud of themselves, new experiences and knowledge in their pockets.

S.C.O.P.E LAUNCH : ILLUMINATE

27 OCTOBER 2017



Illuminate: What it takes to be an Entrepreneur

S.P.I.T E-Cell, in collaboration with SP-TBI, took an initiative to bring together E-cells, across Mumbai with the venture S.C.O.P.E. It was launched on 28th October 2017, with the event Illuminate. 11 teams from various colleges went head to head to win and bring glory to their respective colleges.



They say, 'Ideas are bulletproof'. So, to set the entrepreneurial spirit, the event was started with an Idea Generation workshop. Mr. Viral Thakkar, CEO EBzaar, was the first speaker of the day. He enlightened students with his journey of starting EBzaar, his childhood dream. Through his talk, he gave vital tips on how to identify problems and think on their feet. Following the speech, participants were provided with the day's newspaper and were asked to generate start-up ideas solving the problems reported in the newspaper. Amongst the 11 teams, a total of 85 ideas were generated. A team generated 27 ideas, just from a single newspaper!



Next up was an elevator pitching workshop, conducted by Mr. Kartik Raichura, CEO Websites.co., a start-up incubated at SP- TBI. Along with describing his start-up journey, he gave valuable tips on how to grab opportunities intelligently and emphasized the importance of having confidence in one's idea. The students learned the ABC's of networking and the recipe to make a perfect advertisement.



“We learned a lot from ILLUMINATE! I couldn't have asked for a better platform for providing a conducive environment for start-up ideas.” Yash Muchhala, participant (FE IT, S.P.I.T.)



Budding entrepreneurs were then provided lunch. After which teams were given total 5 mins, 2 minutes for pitching their idea, 1 minute to enact an advertisement and 2 minutes for Q&A. All teams presented their ideas in their own unique way, raising the bar for the teams to come next. The questions asked brought to light the hardships that could be faced during implementation of the idea. While the advertisements thoroughly entertained everyone, with some leaving the audience in splits. The judges, Kartik Raichura and Kaiser Katchi were in a great dilemma.



While the participants were eagerly waiting for the results, they were provided delicious snacks. Later, Samroz, Community Manager, SP-TBI and Aamir Mulani, Founder and CEO, Troplay, interacted with the audience. They acknowledged the impressive energy and effort of the participants and invited all teams to visit the TBI and take advantage of the services it has to offer. They assured support from the SP-TBI in the form of mentorship, guidance and financial aspects on the different aspects of a start-up.



Following which, the results were announced by Prof. Kaiser Katchi. The runner-up team, Aditi Kandoi, Yash Muchhala, Rupal Handoo and Sunit Vaidya won a cash prize of 2k. While Harit Bandi and Vinit Agraharkar, who emerged as winners bagged 3k. Dr. Kalbande, Dean Industry Relations concluded the event, appreciating the enthusiasm and creativity of the participants.

Participant's List :

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KTqzxMCmlddBS-onBqE-19-2f0OxNSnEJ2QuNjfFS-k/edit?usp=sharing>

