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DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING & PLACEMENTS

Report on Guest Lecture & Mock Interviews

Date of Event: 01-09-2025

Venue: 6th Floor Auditorium, Conference room 1 & 2

Organized by: Department of Training & Placement

Industry Expert: Mr. Soumya Deep & Mr. Rakesh

Introduction

As part of the college's ongoing efforts to enhance the employability skills of students organized a **Guest Lecture followed by Mock Interviews** on **01.09.2025** at **6th floor seminar hall**. The program aimed to provide students with valuable insights from industry experts and to enhance their preparedness for campus placements through simulated interview experiences.

Objectives

- To create awareness about current industry expectations and career opportunities.
- To improve students' technical and communication skills through expert guidance.
- To boost confidence by engaging them in mock interviews simulating real placement scenarios.
- To bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

Guest Lecture Session

The session was conducted by Mr. Soumya Deep who was Vice president of J P Morgan Chase delivered an enlightening talk on **Career Readiness and Emerging Industry Trends**

Key highlights included:

- Importance of skill development in areas such as programming, data analytics, business communication, and problem-solving.
- Insights into upcoming career opportunities in domains like **IT, Finance, Management, and Emerging Technologies**.
- Practical advice on resume preparation, online assessments, and interview etiquette.
- Real-world industry examples to illustrate the expectations of recruiters.

The interactive session encouraged students to ask questions and clarify their career-related doubts.

Mock Interviews

Following the lecture, **mock interviews** were conducted by a panel of experts and faculty members. The process was designed to replicate actual campus recruitment procedures.

Format of Mock Interviews

1. **Technical/Domain Interviews** – Students were evaluated on subject knowledge, problem-solving ability, and practical application of concepts.
2. **HR/Personal Interviews** – Focus was on communication skills, confidence, body language, and overall personality.

The mock interview was conducted by two panels

Panel 1 includes Mr. Soumyadeep, who was VP, JP Morgan, alongside Subject matter expert, Mr. Prince and Placement Officer, Ms Harshita for MCA Students

Panel 2 includes Mr. Rakesh Founder of Strast, Subject matter expert Mr. Chintan Raj, and Placement officer Mr. Justin Raj for MBA students

Areas well performed

1. Body language of every student was professional
2. Tone of conversation was professional throughout the interview.

Areas of improvement

1. Self-introduction needs more attention
2. Knowledge of LinkedIn is limited
3. Lack of self-awareness in terms of strengths and weaknesses
4. Students lack self confidence
5. Lack of clarity of speech during conversation
6. On pressing students to speak more during the conversation, there were evident Mental roadblocks
7. Knowledge of current affairs is limited
8. Group discussion did not proceed in the direction of the topic asked by interviewer
9. Students did not carry pens and paper in the interview room

Outcome of the Program

- Students gained **first-hand experience of placement interviews**.
- The lecture and interviews helped identify individual strengths and weaknesses.
- Participants developed a better understanding of employer expectations.
- The program boosted confidence levels and motivated students to enhance their preparation.

Conclusion

The **Guest Lecture and Mock Interviews** proved to be a highly beneficial initiative, equipping students with practical exposure and preparing them for upcoming placement drives. The Training and Placement Cell extends gratitude to Mr. Soumya Deep, MBA & MCA faculty coordinators and students for making the event a success.



