



Report on Alumni Talk on Transforming from a Student to a Professional (6th November 2020)

PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research (PSG iTech) organized a session on **Transforming from a Student to a Professional** for the first year students during the third day of the **First Year Induction Programme 2020-2021** on 6th Nov. 2020. **Mr. S. Nishanth**, Software Development Engineer, Microsoft, Bangalore, and an alumnus of B.E. ECE (2019 Batch), addressed around 250 learners, who joined through virtual platform.

Earlier, **Dr. P.V. Mohanram**, Principal, delivered the welcome address and introduced the resource person to the students. **Dr. G.Chandramohan**, Vice-Principal, offered his felicitations and thanked the former student for spending his precious time for enlightening the student community.

Mr. S. Nishanth, in his address, shared various aspects of academic, personal and professional life. Especially, his speech **focused on the kind of transformations**, which students are expected to undergo in the next four years. It was emphasized that students **need to stay competitive and participate in several activities like hackathon, symposiums, workshops (organized by IITs, NITs, PSG Tech, KCT etc.), and equip not only the hard skills but soft skills like time management, communication skills, leadership skills, and team dynamics**. He urged the students to develop strong and undaunted **passion for learning and exploring the latest developments in technical field**. One of the key aspects of his speech was regarding the balance between the academics and entertainment. He encouraged students to enjoy their stay in the college and to **devote adequate time for enhancing the competencies required for securing a first-class job**. During the four-year journey, students were requested to focus on the following transformative aspect points:

General Points:

- **Maintain cool and composed frame of mind**
- **Spend after-college hours for preparing for projects**
- **Spend extra-time for learning new areas of knowledge**
- **Participate with each other in a team with zeal and grow as a team**
- **Seek the support of the senior students and continue to explore new avenues of technical knowledge**



- **Develop passion for coding and other technical skills**
- **Mantra for success: “Silence enhances the productivity”**
- **Extend selfless support for students to learn and grow mutually**
- **Learn the art of writing effective emails to communicate with faculty**
- **Move away from the comfort zone**
- **Stay self-motivated and join in a club based on interest/start a club of your interest**
- **Translate every challenge as an opportunity to grow**
- **Find your rhythm of life rather than following others philosophy of life**
- **Follow your passion and enthusiasm for success in professional and personal life**

Academic Preparation:

- **Seek the help of the faculty to learn coding during evening hours (for AU exams during the initial phase)**
- **Exploit the laboratories for doing at least of six productive projects**
- **Biology students can also take special efforts to overcome the challenges in computer proficiency**

Placement Preparation:

- **Involvement in project helps one to build confidence and engage in dialogue with industry experts and interviewers**
- **Participation in Smart India Hackathon helps one to identify real-time problems and offers an opportunity to gain real industry experience**
- **Professional coding preparation has to be done by the individual only; no dependence on faculty and others**
- **Investment of 12-hour coding enabled me to me to develop the required expertise for placements**
- **Build special interest for learning professional coding**

Professional Attributes:

- **Avoid “No Sir” in corporate world, one cannot fool anyone in the professional context**



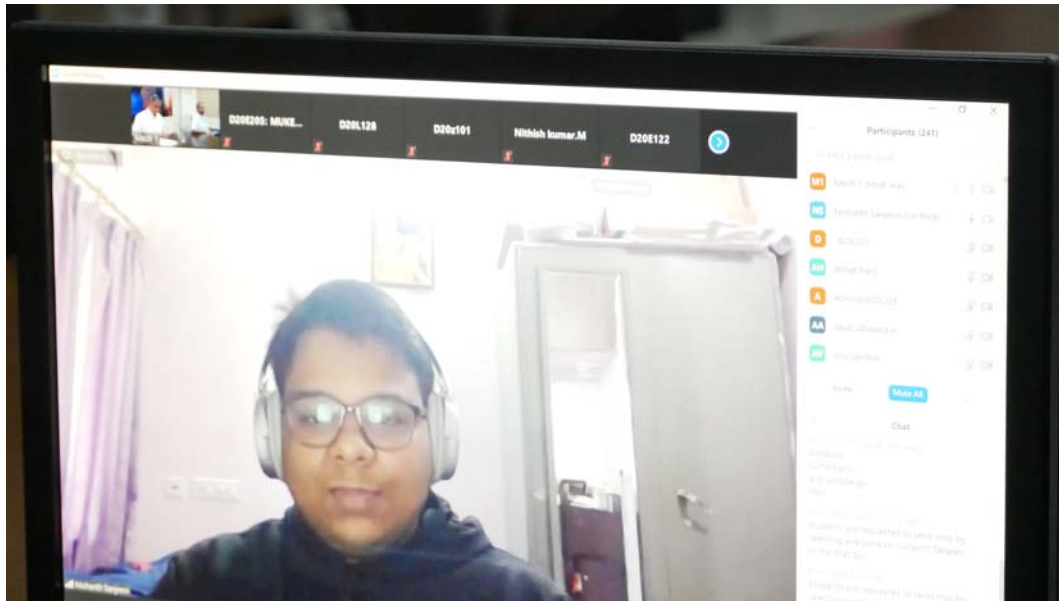
- **Inform the team lead or manager in advance regarding the leave through mail**
- **Zero selfishness in working as a team and offer everything to the team**
- **Adopt “Help Ever, Hurt Never” policy**
- **Inculcate strong interpersonal skills like being punctual and professional in every possible aspect**
- **Do not blame anyone for any kind of failure; instead, analyze the reasons for failure and work constantly**
- **Learn not to point your finger at anyone, at any point of time**

Besides, he addressed several questions raised by students with regard to skill development, placements, and academic life.

Later, Dr. P.V. Mohanram, Principal, presented his concluding remarks and thanked the young engineer for his remarkable speech on the occasion. Finally, **Ms. M. Deepa**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of ECE, proposed the vote of thanks.



Ms.M.Deepa, Assistant Professor, Dept. of ECE, introducing the resource person Mr. S. Nishanth, Software Development Engineer, Microsoft, Bangalore during the First Year Induction Programme-2020. Dr. P.V.Mohanram, Principal, and Dr G Chandramohan, Vice-Principal are seen during the event organized on 6th Nov. 2020.



Mr. S. Nishanth, Software Development Engineer, Microsoft, Bangalore addressing the students during the first year induction programme held on 6th Nov. 2020