



**Report on the talk “Learning Experiences in PSG and the U.S.”
(18th Nov. 2020)**

Dr. Gopalakrishnan Easwaran, Chair of the Dept. of Engineering, St. Mary’s University, Texas, U.S. addressed the first year students on **Learning Experiences in PSG and the U.S.** during the First Year Induction Programme 2020 held on 18th Nov. 2020. **Dr. P.V. Mohanram, Principal,** welcomed the resource person and student participants. Dr. Gopalakrishnan Easwaran voraciously spoke about the distinctive features in technical education, especially his first-class learnings from PSG College of Technology and the U.S. Some of the significant points elongated during the lecture are listed below:

Academics:

- Connect with the faculty and mentors and establish a strong rapport
- Decide your career path and enhance your passion
- Connect the technical knowledge with real-life problems and seek a working solution
- Go beyond the syllabus contents and explore the horizons of knowledge to grasp the big picture
- Spend most of the time in college laboratories
- Read the text books prior to the classes (Flipped Class)
- Discuss the key points dealt in class with peers
- Relish your college experience
- Attend the training programmes offered by industry experts
- Collaborate with faculty in conferences, industrial projects, setting up research laboratories, research work for enriching learning experience
- Prepare for GMAT, GRE, TOEFL etc.
- Internships are important and experiences are valuable
- Develop pre-reading skills which will prepare you for meaningful discussions
- Work out the problems given beyond the text books
- Elaborated on paid international internship opportunities and summer research fellowship
- Make your presence known to your faculty



General:

- Never be afraid of failure; instead, learn from failures
- Stay away from distractions
- Get good friends for life-long Focus on developing skills rather than getting marks
- Pursue liberal arts courses, which help you to understand other aspects of living
- Be a problem solver and transform the living experience of people
- Develop the habit of studying books and get rid of anxiety, loneliness etc.

Finally, Dr.G.Chandramohan, Vice-Principal, proposed the vote of thanks.



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