Guest lecture on "Preparation for placements"

Topic :	Guest lecture on " Preparation for placements" by Mr. Kamal Rawat, Sr. Computer Scientist, Adobe
Date of event :	August 11, 2011
Aim of the Event	This lecture was organised for the students of MCA III and V Semester. The session was conducted by Mr. Kamal Rawat, Sr. Computer Scientist, Adobe. Placement is a major concern for students and the institute as well because it is a reflection of the input put in by the faculty throughout the year. Also, students carry with themselves many random and genuine doubts regarding the do's and don'ts of this game. It is important to address and solve these doubts as it lays the foundation for their future. This effort aimed at guiding the students for preparation of their CV's and served as a reminder about the fact that technical concepts and subject knowledge should be clear and well understood. The importance of this lecture stems from the fact that students were interested in pursuing training regarding placements and displayed keen interest in the session.

Description of the event	The lecture focused on students who were to face the placement drive shortly. The speaker very effectively and naturally navigated the course of discussion. The lecture was divided into three parts namely: Technical Knowledge, Analytical Knowledge and Soft skills.

In technical knowledge, he emphasized on two major key points. Firstly, strong fundamentals and secondly, clarity of concepts. By strong fundamentals he implied that the company representatives will not ask any typical technical jargons but will quiz the students about questions and problems which need application of concepts. The presenter elaborated this point by giving various examples from different companies so as to drive in this point to the students. Also, to keep the audience engaged and motivated he gave chocolates to students who were answering the questions correctly. Mr. Rawat also emphasized on clarity of concepts-knowing your area completely and thoroughly.

Then he went on to discuss the importance of analytical abilities and lay impetus upon the fact that the way of attempting the puzzle and questions is important, getting the right answer is secondary. He also explained importance of soft skills saying that the degree of importance would vary according to the profile of the company. If it is a service based company where client interaction is more, soft skills are of utmost importance. But if it is a development company like Adobe, Google and Microsoft, soft skills are required but not to a major extent. Therefore students should choose the company on the basis of their interest and inclination. He also spoke of |

| | dressing sense which adds to a persons personality and professed that one should dress up in a decent manner, that is it should not be shabby or over glamorous.

At last he spoke of attitude and its importance in deciding a person's altitude. According to the presenter attitude means:

"How comfortable we are when we work with people above us, below us and our peer group?"

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