A Report on Guest Talk on "Career Management – Campus to Corporate"
School of Management
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Resource Person Details: Mr.Ujjal Gangopadhyay , Veteran HR Professional, Ex-GE and Corporate Trainer with 42+ years of industrial and academic experience.
Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Venue: Seminar Hall B
Mode of Conduct: Offline

Objective of the event:

The School of Management is committed to a pedagogical approach that transcends classroom learning by integrating real-world industrial perspectives into our academic framework. Guest talks serve as a vital bridge, allowing students to orient their academic skillsets with the rapidly evolving expectations of the corporate sector.

The School of Management actively encourage these sessions to broaden student perspectives regarding the contemporary challenges faced in various industrial domains, Identify the specific strategic and technical competencies students must develop to remain competitive and provide students with first-hand accounts of diverse professional trajectories, helping them define their own career goals.

Our department invited Mr. Ujjal Gangopadhyay as resource person aiming to provide students with a holistic view of the corporate ecosystem through the lens of a seasoned HR veteran.

Having served at a global powerhouse like General Electric (GE), the speaker brings a deep understanding of world-class organizational standards and performance management systems. This exposure is critical for our students as they prepare for placements in multinational corporations.

With over 42 years of experience spanning both industry and academia, Mr. Gangopadhyay is uniquely positioned to translate theoretical management concepts into practical, workplace-ready strategies. As a professional Corporate Trainer, he possesses the pedagogical skills to effectively mentor students on soft skills, leadership, and the "behavioral analytics" required to navigate modern workplace challenges.

Objective of the event:

The primary objective of this guest talk was to facilitate a seamless transition for MBA students from the academic environment to the professional corporate world by leveraging the strategic insights of a veteran industry leader. The session aimed to equip students with the necessary "Campus to Corporate" competencies, focusing on the development of a resilient professional mindset capable of navigating the volatile landscape of modern business.

By utilizing the resource person's extensive background in global organizations like GE, the event sought to clarify corporate expectations, and provide a clear roadmap for long-term career management and goal attainment.

Highlights of the session:

The session commenced with a formal welcome address delivered by Mr. Mohan Reddy, a student of the First-Year MBA program. He provided a concise yet comprehensive introduction to the guest speaker, highlighting Mr. Ujjal Gangopadhyay's illustrious career spanning over 42 years across global organizations like GE and his significant contributions as a corporate trainer.

During the session, the guest speaker explained the concept of 'VUCA' representing Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity to illustrate the dynamic nature of the modern industrial landscape. By deconstructing these four elements, he highlighted the specific challenges students will face in their future roles and underscored the necessity of adaptability and strategic foresight.

To deepen this introspection, he conducted the "Mirror Experiment," posing the fundamental question, "Who am I?" This exercise encouraged students to engage in meaningful retrospection, helping them clearly identify their current professional identities and visualize the career paths they aspire to pursue.

The latter half of the session transitioned into a highly interactive dialogue focused on professional mindset and emotional intelligence. The speaker emphasized the critical importance of "speaking up," urging students to overcome hesitation and assert their ideas with confidence in corporate settings. Furthermore, he highlighted that personal happiness and a positive outlook are essential drivers of long-term career success and resilience. Through this engaging exchange, students were empowered to not only equip themselves with technical skills but also to cultivate the self-awareness and vocal presence necessary for impactful leadership.

Following the insightful session, the guest speaker, Mr. Ujjal Gangopadhyay, was formally felicitated as a mark of our appreciation. Mr. Sreekanth and Prem Sundar M, from the School of Management, honored the guest by presenting him with a bouquet, a memento, and a shawl, symbolizing the department's respect and gratitude for his presence and for sharing his extensive professional wisdom with the students.

The session concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Shaik Alshifa of the First-Year MBA program. She expressed sincere gratitude to the resource person, Mr. Ujjal Gangopadhyay, for sharing his invaluable industry insights. Acknowledgment was also extended to the institutional leadership for their constant encouragement, and to the faculty members and student participants whose active engagement contributed to the event's resounding success.

The Guest talk was organized by Dr.Sremmant Basu, Professor & Dean – Administration & International Relations, School of Management and co-ordinated by Dr.Prem Sundar M, Assistant Professor, School of Management. The session was attended by MBA and MCA students.

Outcome of the event:

The outcome of the session was highly positive, as evidenced by the enthusiastic engagement and feedback from the student participants. By interacting with a veteran professional like Mr. Ujjal Gangopadhyay, students were able to correlate theoretical management concepts and practical industrial realities. The event achieved its core objective of enhancing the students' self-awareness through the "Who am I?" introspection and the VUCA framework, leaving them better equipped to navigate complex career paths. Ultimately, the session fostered a sense of confidence and professional clarity, with students expressing a renewed motivation to cultivate the communication skills and positive mindset necessary for long-term success in the corporate sector.