



A Report on Alumni Guest lecture titled
"Finding Job Opportunities & Fighting Recession"
Organized by School of Management
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Venue: KKB Lab 302

Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Mode of Conduct: Offline

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Introduction

Alumni guest sessions are an important initiative of the institution aimed at bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations. These sessions provide students with an opportunity to interact with successful alumni who share their professional experiences, industry insights, and career guidance. Such interactions help students gain practical exposure, understand current market trends, and prepare themselves more effectively for their future careers.

In this context, an alumni guest session was organized to provide students with practical insights into the current job market and strategies to overcome challenges during economic downturns in KKB 302 to II MBA students on 02.05.2026 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Mr. Sreekanth Reddy, Senior Consultant, Technology and Transformation Engineering, Deloitte, Bangalore an Alumnus of 2018-20 batch addressed students.

The session began with Dr. K.V. Geetha Devi formally introducing the resource person, highlighting his professional background and achievements. This was followed by an address from Dr. Bhanu Sree Reddy, Dean – School of Management, who welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of such sessions in enhancing students' industry readiness.

Objective of the session

The session aimed to create awareness among students about the concept of recession and its impact on the job market, while helping them understand how industry trends change during economic slowdowns. It also focused on highlighting in-demand skills and emerging career opportunities, and encouraged students to adopt a proactive, adaptable, and growth-oriented mindset to enhance their employability.

Key points discussed

- Recession leads to fewer job opportunities, increased competition, and hiring challenges
- The main issue is skill mismatch, not the absence of jobs
- Practical skills and real-world project experience are essential to become valuable
- Emerging areas like data analytics, AI, and digital fields offer opportunities
- Career success depends on continuous learning, adaptability, and problem-solving mindset

Summary of the presentation

The presentation provided a comprehensive understanding of how recession impacts the job market and highlighted the challenges faced by job seekers during such periods. It explained that economic slowdown leads to reduced hiring, layoffs, and intense competition. Organizations tend to shift their focus from expansion to survival, making it more difficult for candidates to secure jobs through traditional approaches.

A significant insight from the discussion was that the problem is not the absence of opportunities, but the mismatch between industry requirements and the skills possessed by candidates. The presentation emphasized that individuals who rely only on theoretical knowledge are more likely to be replaced, whereas those with practical skills, project experience, and problem-solving abilities are considered valuable in the job market.

The session also highlighted emerging and resilient areas such as data analytics, artificial intelligence, automation, digital marketing, and sales, which continue to offer opportunities even during economic downturns. It stressed the importance of continuous learning, adapting to industry needs, and building capabilities that contribute directly to organizational efficiency and effectiveness.

Further, the presentation outlined a clear career strategy involving stages such as learning new skills, building projects, showcasing work, networking with professionals, and continuously adapting to changes. It also suggested a structured 90-day action plan to systematically improve employability. The importance of avoiding common mistakes like focusing only on academic scores and neglecting skill development was strongly emphasized.

The session was interactive, with students actively participating and raising questions related to career opportunities, skill development, and industry expectations. The speaker addressed their queries with practical examples and encouraged them to think critically about their career paths.

The session concluded on a positive note with valuable takeaways for the students. Dr. Bhanu Sree Reddy expressed sincere gratitude to the alumni resource person for sharing his knowledge and experience, and thanked him for delivering an insightful and motivating session. The session was highly informative and helped students gain clarity on how to prepare themselves for the evolving job market and face challenges such as recession with confidence.

Outcome of the Session:

The session proved to be highly beneficial, with 50 students actively participating and gaining valuable insights into current job market conditions and strategies to navigate challenges during recessionary periods. Students developed a better understanding of industry expectations, the importance of practical skill development, and the need to align their competencies with emerging opportunities. The session also enhanced their awareness of career planning, adaptability, and problem-solving approaches, thereby motivating them to take proactive steps towards improving their employability and overall career readiness.