

A Report on **Alumni Guest Lecture on**  
**"Navigating Career Choices and Self Discovery for Academic Excellence"**  
Organized by **Department of Mechanical Engineering**  
in association with **MTS Alumni Welfare Association & ISTE Student Chapter**  
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**Resource Person**  
**Mr. Prem Chand** (Batch : 2019 - 2022 )  
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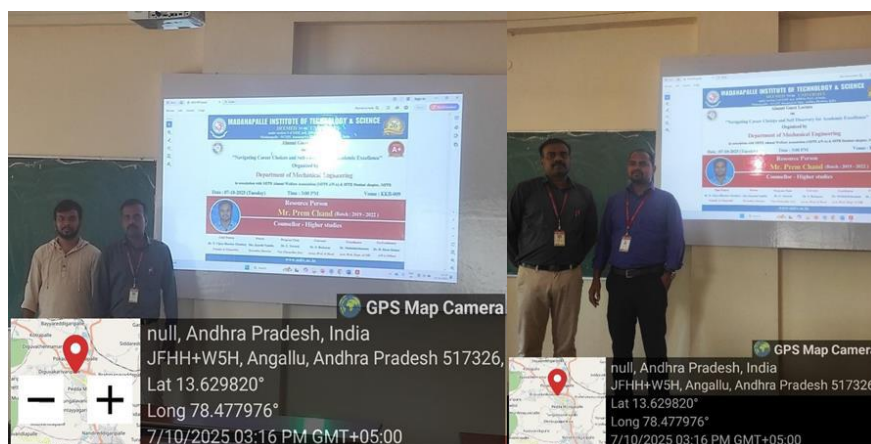
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## 1. Introduction

The Department of Mechanical Engineering organized an **Alumni Guest Lecture** on **7th October 2025** at KKB-009. The guest of the day was **Mr. Prem Chand**, a proud alumnus from the **2022 passed-out batch**, who is currently serving as a Counsellor for Higher Studies.

The lecture was aimed at **Third-year Mechanical Engineering students** to guide them about the importance, procedures, and achievements associated with pursuing **higher studies** in India and abroad.



The program commenced with a warm welcome by **Dr. Muthu Lakshmanan**, who introduced the speaker and highlighted his notable achievements since graduation. **Dr. Vedprakash** appreciated the guest for his valuable insights and motivating interaction with the students. The event witnessed an enthusiastic response and active participation from the audience.

## 2. Objective of the Guest Lecture

The primary goal of organizing this Alumni Guest Lecture was to **create awareness among students about higher education opportunities** and to provide guidance on how to plan and prepare effectively. The specific objectives included:

- To enlighten students about **various postgraduate opportunities** in India and abroad.
- To explain the **step-by-step procedures** for pursuing higher education, including entrance examinations, application processes, and scholarship options.
- To motivate students to plan their **academic and career goals** well in advance.
- To strengthen alumni-student interaction and inspire students through real-life success stories.

### 3. Proceedings of the Event

#### Welcome Address and Introduction

The session opened with a cordial welcome by **Dr. Muthu Lakshmanan**, the event coordinator. He extended his greetings to the gathering and emphasized the importance of alumni interactions in shaping the academic aspirations of current students. Dr. Lakshmanan introduced **Mr. Prem Chand**, highlighting his journey from being a Mechanical Engineering student to becoming a **Higher Studies Counsellor**, dedicated to mentoring young minds in achieving their educational dreams.

#### Address by the Speaker – Mr. Prem Chand

Mr. Prem Chand began his session by sharing his personal academic journey and the motivation that led him to pursue a career in counselling for higher studies. He emphasized that **higher education plays a crucial role in enhancing knowledge, technical expertise, and career opportunities** in today's competitive world.

His lecture focused on:

- **Overview of Higher Studies:** Explanation of postgraduate and doctoral opportunities available in different countries.
- **Application Process:** Guidance on preparing a roadmap that includes choosing universities, preparing documents such as Statements of Purpose (SOP), Letters of Recommendation (LOR), and transcripts.
- **Entrance Examinations:** Detailed insights on exams like **GATE, GRE, TOEFL, IELTS**, and their significance.
- **Scholarships and Funding:** Information about available scholarships, assistantships, and government schemes that support higher education.
- **Skill Enhancement:** Importance of technical skills, research experience, and extracurricular involvement to build a strong profile.

He also clarified **common doubts** among students about choosing the right course, managing finances, and balancing academic and professional aspirations. His real-world examples and success stories of students he had mentored provided great inspiration to the attendees.

#### Interactive Session

The question-and-answer session that followed was lively and engaging. Students asked about **university selection criteria, timeline for applications, and career opportunities**. Mr. Prem Chand patiently clarified every query, offering practical tips and personal experiences.

### 4. Appreciation and Vote of Thanks

At the conclusion of the session, **Dr. Vedprakash** expressed appreciation for the informative and motivating session delivered by the alumnus. He highlighted how the lecture had broadened students' understanding of the importance of early planning for higher studies.

The event concluded with a **vote of thanks**, followed by a group photo session with the speaker and faculty members.

### 5. Key Takeaways

The Alumni Guest Lecture provided significant insights and motivation for students aiming to pursue higher education. The key takeaways from the session included:

- **Awareness:** Students gained a clear understanding of various postgraduate opportunities in India and abroad.
- **Structured Guidance:** The lecture provided a detailed roadmap for applications, exams, and documentation.
- **Motivation:** Hearing from a recent alumnus inspired students to take proactive steps toward higher studies.
- **Practical Insights:** Real examples of university procedures, scholarships, and time management strategies proved valuable.
- **Career Direction:** Students realized how higher education can open doors to research, innovation, and global career options.

### 6. Conclusion

The Alumni Guest Lecture by **Mr. Prem Chand** was highly informative and inspiring for third-year Mechanical Engineering students. The event successfully bridged the gap between academic learning and career planning. It emphasized the importance of alumni-student collaboration in shaping future engineers into globally competent professionals.

The **Department of Mechanical Engineering** extends its sincere gratitude to **Mr. Prem Chand** for his valuable contribution and to **Dr. Muthu Lakshmanan** for coordinating and supporting the event. The session concluded with renewed enthusiasm among students, eager to explore new academic horizons inspired by their accomplished alumnus.