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Bhavans Campus, Old D N Nagar, Munshi Nagar, Andheri West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400058

Event Summary Report

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Program /Activity Name: Panel Discussion on Startup Vs Job Vs Higher Studies

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Venue: Sardar Patel Institute of Technology , Bhavans Campus, Andheri West, Mumbai

Date: 28th August 2019

The first month of college and a myriad of opportunities to explore for the freshers. Jobs or a startup? Masters? Or MBA? E-cell in coordination with the Institute Innovation Council brought a solution to this dilemma by organizing the Alumni Panel Discussion on 28th August. The panel consisted of alumni from different walks of life who recounted their experience in the college as well as their journey post engineering.

Mohit Joshi, former E-Cell chairperson and currently working as a Financial Analyst at JPMC also interning at E&Y's Government Advisory vertical. **Vinit Jain**, currently pursuing his MBA at SPJIMR and the founder of Voilà! Digi, a music label and digital distribution services company. **Prutha Atre**, Director of VPS Techhub and also the outreach manager for SPTBI, also a part of the core team at Indian Academy of Venture Capitalist. **Gurudatt Rao**, an SPCE alumnus. He holds a Masters (MS) in Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) from Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, USA. He also holds an M. Tech in Materials Science (MSE) from IIT Bombay and has incorporated his own company, Zargun Electronics & Science. **Darshan Savalia**, an entrepreneur and the co-founder of Skinzy, a startup successfully incubated in SP-TBI.

After a brief presentation, the panelists responded to audience questions and shed light upon a



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unique perspective. The students felt enlightened and were motivated to improve their skills and experiment with various opportunities the college culture provides. While Mohit Joshi provided his insights on the corporate world, Vinit Jain and Gurudatt Rao talked about why they felt the need of going for a postgraduate degree. Prutha Atre and Darshan Savalia encouraged students to empower creativity and innovation to create engaging products for the world.

“The panel discussion was extremely insightful and helped the freshers to discover and learn more about all the possible options after engineering. The turnout was amazing and organizing this event was an enriching experience!” quoted Sarah Hawa, Chairperson, E-Cell

Prof. Dhananjay Kalbande, Head of IIC, Chair, E-Cell, Dean IR, and Head of the Computer Department of S.P.I.T. and the founder of Skinzy, addressed the gathering. Prof. Kaisar Katchi, IIC and E-Cell Faculty Co-Ordinator presented the vote of thanks and a token of thanks to each of the panelists. He along with Dr. Dhananjay Kalbande were felicitated for being amazing mentors to the students and being the key factor in E-Cell's success.

“It reminded me of the time when I was sitting in the audience with the same questions and confusion. It felt good to be able to be of help to the newbies. And yes, it made feel old!” reminisced Prutha Atre, one of the panelists.



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Panel Discussion on Job vs Higher Studies vs Entrepreneurship held on 28th August 2019
Panelists: Mr. Darshan Savalia, Mr. Gurudatt Rao, Ms. Prutha Atre and Mr. Vinit Jain.
Outcome: Students felt enlightened and had a better understanding of the possible options after engineering.

 

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