

## **L. D. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AHMEDABAD**

### **A REPORT ON FINISHING SCHOOL PROGRAM (JULY 2019)**

Finishing School is an initiative launched in March 2017 by the Education Department - GoG with an aim to increase the employability quotient of the students. It was observed that students, though intelligent and technically sound, are unable to impress the industry when they come for recruitment. The main objective of the program is to prepare the students to face the challenges of the placement process and also equip them with skills required once they enter the corporate world.

Master Trainers who have a vast experience of the corporate environment impart training to the final year students focusing on:

- Communication - Presentation skills, Email writing, CV writing, telephonic / skype interviews, Attitudes and behavior, Corporate culture and Etiquette
- Life skills - Time and Stress management, Goal Setting, Negotiations and many more skill sets required in day to day operations.

An eighty hour module is designed at the end of which the student receives a certificate from the Education Department - GoG.

In July 2019, more than 120 final year students trained under the guidance of Master Trainers:

Mr. Shorab Negi, Ms. Megha Antani, Mr. Sudeep Mario Fernandes and Ms. Mayeling Bilpodiwala.





An improvement in the overall personality of the students can be observed. By the end of the program, most of the students presented themselves more confidently and were able to express/ share their views openly. They were able to place their thoughts in a logical and coherent manner which helps a lot in the Group discussions to make an impact without being overbearing. Students learnt to write a resume instead of merely a statement of facts. The mock interview sessions were one of the most popular segments. It helped the students prepare answers to commonly asked questions in a more engaging manner by citing real life examples. The language module helped in improving the grammar and vocabulary of the students and therefore helped them with their communication skills.

They learnt how to project themselves as a brand through their attire, body language, communication and presentation. As each group had students from diverse disciplines, they formed new friendships, learnt how to help each other to achieve their goals, negotiate, de-stress, look at the larger picture and many other insights which are generally required to deal with life situations. Students were encouraged to evolve themselves from being burdened with a problem to engaging with the problem and become problem solvers. The trainers successfully introduced a shift in their attitude through the life skills module.

We are grateful to all the trainers to have helped the students learn so much in so short a span through games, activities, short films, exercises, etc. The fun filled learning environment has truly left the students with lasting memories.

We thank the Team at Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat for their support and the Education Department for floating the program.

Lastly, we would like to appreciate the student coordinators who have played a pivotal role in successfully conducting the program:

- Saini Nikita Babulal (Enrollment No. 170283109029)
- Dhruv Pareashbhai Rathod (Enrollment No. 160280117046)
- Dalwaniya Siddharth Pravinbhai (Enrollment No. 160280109020)

They have been associated since the beginning of this semester for registration of students, coordination and communication with the students, arrangement of logistics, etc.

It is always a delight to work with such enthusiastic and talented students. We wish you all the very best for your future endeavors.

Faculty Coordinator Team

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