

15th September, 2012

Career Management Training Programme

on

"Campus to Corporate - C₂C" @

Agriculture Polytechnic, Vyara-Tapi

This is the time, where the students of professional programmes at various places are preparing themselves to prove their mettle and grab a lucrative offer from the prospective employer. Yes, this being the Placement Season, at all institutes, the students are wondering about career related issues like giving final touch to their resumes, rehearsing the likely questions of the interviews and learning the fundas of projecting professional body language etc. **And, the things are not as simple as they appear to be!!!** Being a tremulous and hopeful hunter in the job jungle, at times one may feel totally inadequate to showcase the professional capabilities in the written form (CV / Resume), which will create his/her impression in the mind of the interviewer even before he/she walks in for the interview. And even after getting an interview call from the prospective employer, one may feel unprepared and nervous.

So, realizing the need to have a structured training programme focusing on all these aspects and with the noble objective of equipping our NAU students for grabbing lucrative career options, our **Uni. Placement Cell** recently conducted the 1st ever C₂C programme - **Full Day Career Management Training Programme on "Campus to Corporate - C₂C"** at the Agri Polytechnic, Vyara-Tapi on 15th September, 2012. This programme was designed and conducted by the **Uni. Placement Coordinator & Asst. professor in HRM @ AABMI - Mr. Mehul G. Thakkar** - a renowned State, National & International Awards Winner Trainer.

This hitherto programme got to a flying start sharp at 9:10 am, with the motivating welcome speech of **Dr. M. S. Dudhat Sir - the action oriented Principal of the Agri Polytechnic**, who



took the lead to organize the 1st ever C₂C for his students; requested the participants to get ready and take maximum advantage of such initiatives. He thanked honorable Dr.



A. R. Pathak Sir - the Vice Chancellor and Dr. V. C. Raj Sir - the DSW, who could not make out to the venue due to clashing schedules of Inter-collegiate Sports Competitions @ NAU, Navsari; but who ensured successful organization and accomplishment of such a wonderful programme.

After a very short and smart inaugural ceremony, Mr. Mehul G. Thakkar took charge of the proceedings. In the beginning itself, he clarified with the participants regarding their comfort zone with respect to language of the programme; and based on their request, **he conducted the whole programme in the sweetest language on the earth – Gujarati.**

After a very enjoyable ice breaking session for half-an-hour, during the pre-lunch session, he explained the participants regarding the need and relevance of career management in the present era, what and why of professional success and the high-felt importance of inculcating positive outlook.



Then, he clarified the difference between Bio-Data, Resume, CV and Professional Brief/Profile. Then, he elaborated on various sections of a professional resume, formats, things to be avoided and eye catching layout of a resume. He also elaborated on the need of writing a professional cover letter and how to submit your resume. Through intensive training session, he stimulated the students' thought processes and cues to make them look at their skills and capabilities in an entirely new light; so that they can win the race in this cut-to-throat competitive job market conditions.

In the post-lunch session, starting with several energizers to keep it live-vibrant, he focused on "Winning the Interview". He analyzed several real life interview videos and explained the participants about the likely questions, ideal answers, the dynamics of projecting professional body language, power dressing for success and such other issues.



During the 8 Hours Marathon Session, through a stimulating presentation, various psychological games, role playing and powerful motivational videos, he assisted the participants to accept themselves as they are and help explore the tremendous potentials within, and made them

realize that career goals are not achieved overnight and they need to take on some sort of self responsibility also.

The 80+ students could feel the real life interview situations and experienced the tension and real environment. Encouraging fact was that the students also asked several questions and clarified their doubts before they jump into a real life interview to win the race of their career.



The mesmerizing effect of this powerful programme could be seen from the fact that the 80+ participants including staff members applauded the trainer with a spontaneous standing ovation.



In the concluding remarks, **Dr. M. S. Dudhat** inspired the participants through his words of wisdom and advised the students to digest the training inputs and shine out with flying colors of success. He also informed the students about the forward looking steps of NAU for facilitating their career growth and requested the trainer to have such warm affection in future also; which was positively acknowledged by the trainer. The formal sense of gratitude was delivered by Dr. Kedar Kushawaha Sir in his unique style.

Personally, as a Trainer-Facilitator, I am highly impressed with the enthusiasm, presence of mind, passionate determination for knowing something new of these students. It would not be out of context if I put on record, to congratulate, the excellent inputs through quality interactions during the session from some students - **Girish Sabhaya, Abhishek Chauhan, Ritul Talati, Dipika Patel, Ravina Tandel, Pulakit Daki, Jigar Patel** and many others...

Along with this, the training hall arrangements, hospitality (awesome delicious food @ Vraj Bhoomi Hotel, Vyara), coordination and continuous back up support from all the staff members, especially excellent efforts from the **Agriculture Officer Mr. Tejas Ahir**; all were worth appreciating.

I must thank **Dr. C. V. Savalia Sir** for sending **Mr. Dipakkumar - Ph. D. Student** and **Mr. Yadav - PG Student** from our **Vanbandhu College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry**, who accompanied me enthusiastically throughout the day.

A big thank you to Dr. V. C. Raj Sir - the honorable DSW, who by taking care of minute details, made sure that this programme turns out to be a grand success. And, **above all, thanks a million to honorable Vice Chancellor - Dr. A. R. Pathak Sir** for showing his continued support to all the activities of Uni. Placement Cell, *beyond 'lip service'*.

Next C₂C is scheduled on 18th September, 2012 @ NMCA, NAU, Navsari....