

A Report on the Expert Talk:

“Career Guidance and International Internship Opportunity”

Introduction

The expert talk session on "Career Guidance and International Internship Opportunity" was conducted by **Dr. S.S. Inamdar** at Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology on 18th February 2025, Tuesday from 9.30 AM onwards. The event was organized by Dr. Meena Rao, Convener Placements, MSIT

With over **37 years of experience in education**, Dr. Inamdar has mentored **40,000+ students**, guided **70+ Ph.D. scholars**, and played a significant role in **global collaborations**, securing over **₹25 crores in grants** and creating **900+ fellowships**. His vast experience and achievements made this session an insightful and enriching opportunity for students.



Some of his major contributions include:

- Organizing 50+ international conferences and collaborations with IBM, Reliance, and Zensar.
- Counseling 60,000+ students on career planning and skill development.
- Establishing Vishwaniketan, a center for Project-Based Learning and technology commercialization.
- Traveling to 28+ countries, delivering lectures at global universities.



Key Takeaways from the Session

The session covered crucial aspects of career planning, education, and international opportunities. Some of the key insights shared by Dr. Inamdar include:

Career and Education

- Career is not just about getting a job; it is about pursuing passion and finding purpose.
- One should never say no to any opportunity that comes their way.
- India relies heavily on foreign technology.
- The Indian education system is theoretical, whereas graduation should transition into technology development.

Project-Based Learning

- Dr. Inamdar emphasized the need to shift from theoretical learning to Project-Based Learning (PBL).
- He introduced the Vishwaniketan platform (<https://www.vishwaniketan.com>) as a model for integrating hands-on learning.
- PBL helps students develop:
 1. Focus
 2. Technical skills
 3. Intuitive learning
 4. Life skills
 5. Innovation
 6. Capacity to identify and solve problems

Exploring Diverse Career Paths

- Dr. Inamdar shared that 1.6 lakh Computer Science graduates enter the job market each year, yet many end up in marketing roles due to job shortages.
- He encouraged students to explore different sectors and develop multi-disciplinary skills.

Personal and Professional Growth



- Students should articulate their ambitions clearly, answering “**Why did you choose your course?**” and “**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**”
- He shared an experience in Denmark, where a student identified Europe’s weakness in IC production and planned to gain expertise in IC labs to address this gap.
- Encouraged students to participate in international programs and take advantage of global learning opportunities.

International Internship Opportunities

Dr. Inamdar provided valuable insights into **international internships**, explaining:

- No strict eligibility criteria – any student can apply.
- The program provides real-world exposure, global networking, and hands-on learning.
- A PowerPoint presentation and a video were shown, detailing fee structures, application procedures, and benefits of the program.
- He gave students a chance to ask questions, ensuring all queries were addressed.

Conclusion

Dr. Inamdar's session was **engaging, thought-provoking, and highly beneficial** for students. His insights on **career planning, global opportunities, and Project-Based Learning** inspired students to think beyond traditional education and focus on **innovation and skill development**. The session ended with an interactive Q&A segment, leaving students motivated to explore diverse career avenues and **seize every opportunity that comes their way**.

