



Training and Placement Cell, HBTU Kanpur

Placement Insights



Personal Information

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Any other things you will like to tell us about yourself (Optional)

I am a Computer Science undergraduate with strong interest in problem solving, data structures, and system design. I consistently focused on improving my DSA, core CS fundamentals, and coding consistency throughout my preparation journey.

Companies & Profiles that you were shortlisted for

1) Google – SDE

2) Amazon – SDE

Short-Listed Placement Details

Company: Google

Placement Profile: SDE

Selection Process and Insights

- The selection process consisted of multiple elimination rounds.
- It started with an Online Assessment focusing on Data Structures and Algorithms.
- Candidates clearing the OA were shortlisted for technical interviews, followed by an HR round.
- Google mainly evaluates:
- Problem-solving ability
- Clear thinking and approach
- Code quality and optimization
- Communication skills
- Consistency and clarity of thought mattered more than memorizing solutions.

Preparation Strategy

- I followed a structured and consistent preparation strategy:
- Solved DSA problems daily on LeetCode and Codeforces
- Focused on core topics: Arrays, Strings, Trees, Graphs, DP
- Revised Operating Systems, DBMS, CN, OOPs

- Practiced writing clean and optimized code
- Mock interviews helped improve confidence and communication
- Resources used:
- LeetCode
- GeeksforGeeks
- Cracking the Coding Interview
- Google Interview Experience blogs

Advice for Juniors

Do:

- Start DSA early and stay consistent
- Focus on understanding concepts, not just solutions
- Practice explaining your approach clearly
- Revise core CS subjects regularly
- Believe in yourself and stay patient

Don't:

- Don't ignore fundamentals for shortcuts
- Don't panic during interviews
- Don't rely only on luck
- Don't stop practicing after rejections

Note:

I, the undersigned, give my consent for publication of my placement experience.

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