Interaction Programme at Bengaluru

Venue: **Premier Inn Hotel, Whitefields, Bengaluru, India**
Date & Time: **14.06.2014 at 6.30 PM**

An Interaction Programme with the Alumni of CSE, ISM Dhanbad, was organized by the Computer Science and Engineering Society (CSES) of the Department of the Computer Science & Engineering, ISM Dhanbad on 14 June 2014 at Premier Inn Hotel, Bengaluru. On behalf the department, Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar (Associate Professor & Head of the Department), Mr. Tarachand Amgoth (Assistant Professor) and 42 students of VII B.Tech (CSE) who are pursuing their internship at Bengaluru have participated in this programme. One of the objectives of the program was to strengthen the Alumni base of the Department and bring them under the umbrella of CSE Society (CSES). The society also believes that the Alumni can contribute to the Department significantly to fulfill its ambitions.
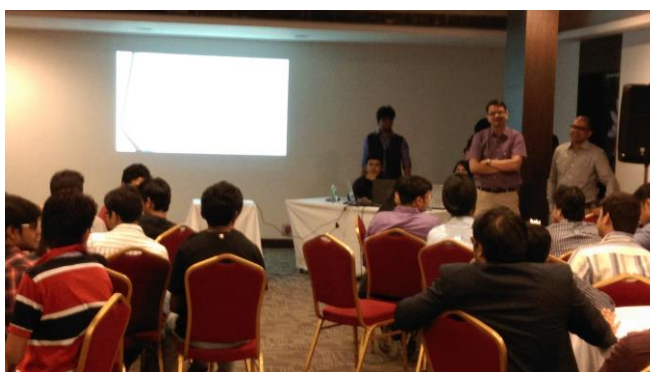

Alumni listening to Dr. Kumar's Presentation

Details of Interaction Programme:

* Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar, Head of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering welcomed all the Alumni who have attended the programme.
* He presented the current infrastructure and other facilities of the Department which includes laboratories, library and etc. (*The presentation slides are enclosed for giving the clear picture about the discussion made during the event*.)
* He stressed the need of strengthening the Alumni base of CSE and also stronger relationship with Alumni which is lacking till now. He also ascertained that maintaining such relationship foster the growth of every one.
* He quizzed what Alumni expect from the Department of CSE. Fewer replied, one has raises that the Department should flexible enough to provide recommendation letters to their students for abroad studies and off campus recruitments.

Mr. Amrit Kumar (2006 Batch) interacting with Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar during the presentation.

Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar and Mr. Tarachand Amgoth responding to the queries raised by the alumni.

There were some suggestions from the Alumni reacting to Dr. Kumar's questions, compiled into following points:

- Measures should be taken to improve the coding skills of the students. *(The department is trying to introduce a CODING CLUB in the department which will help the student to improve the coding skills. The department has started organizing coding competition in regular basis to encourage students for coding.)*
- Since 2 months internship is a very small period, the window of training period should be increased. *(According to the recent academic reforms introduced at ISM, the upcoming students will have the facility of opting for fast pace programme which will help the student to finish their course in three and half year and he/she can go for 6 month internship.)*
- Students should be exposed to the advantages of projects, leading to better PG education. They should be encouraged to publish research papers, and the department shall actively work towards helping them. Not only research papers, but patents should be pursued with as much fervor. *(ISM has introduced the project from very III semester and it is mandatory for every student to publish a paper or file patent during the course.)*
- Since Dhanbad is still a "not-readily reachable" place. Students should be sent to nearby metropolitan cities for better placements and exposure. *(ISM has sanctioned an extension center in Kolkata, which when completed would be used for the same.)*
- GPAs are better evaluated relatively, having absolute evaluation leads to lower GPAs. And one way or another, lower GPAs are unlikable and leads to disfavor among bigwigs of major firms. *(ISM has introduced Relative Grading System from 2013 batch and it will continue.)*

Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar has proposed to set up a Alumni Affair Team which comprise of following members

- HOD acting as President.
- One Alumni Representative acting to as Vice-President
- Two Faculty In-charge
- One student representative from each UG and PG.

* *An important suggestion came from Alumni that the number of Alumni Representatives needs __at least two__. Moreover, they can be called Alumni Representatives instead of Vice-President.*
* *Further, a point-of-contact (POC) for each batch of CSE-ISM was chosen voluntarily by alumni themselves. These POC are responsible to gather all the contact information related to his/her batch and to act as liaison between Alumni and Alumni Affair Team.*

The most important proposal came from Dr. Kumar is that __one Alumnus should adopt at least one student at the time of admission and groom them throughout their academic life at ISM in whichever way they deem necessary__. And he/she will act as Industry Mentor for the student to give complete exposure about the industry. The junior's successful post-ISM beginning must be responsibility of the respective Alum, be it placement or post-graduation. That's not to say that anyone will be held accountable.

Few suggestions came from Alumni on this matter:

- Alumni and students cannot be randomly paired, different people have different perspectives.
- An Alumnus working in the industry is better paired with a student looking for successful placement after graduation; similarly a student more interested in research should also be paired accordingly.
- *Counter to above two points* - A student entering a college doesn't have much idea regarding post-graduation life. Such an understanding develops during college years and hence in many ways than one, the respective alumnus/alumna could be the one shaping up the idea within the student.
- In addition to having an exclusive one-to-one correspondence between alumni and students. There should be a platform where any student can communicate with any Alumni and vice versa.
- Even with limited understanding of industry and post-graduation life, the students can still be allotted Alum based on common interests.
- Having a platform like this and an environment so productive won't just be fruitful for the students of CSE-ISM but also for our Alumni. In a more objective perspective, more contacts will help them just as they will help the department and the students.

Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar has requested alumni to become a member of CSE Society and help the department as one of the member. __The alumni accepted the proposal and they themselves decided the following membership subscription__:

- Rs. 1000/- (One Thousand) per Year
- Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) for Life Time

Some more suggestions pertaining to growth of the department as contributed by gathered alumni:

- Website should be improved; it should mirror the level of excellence that we crave on achieving.
- Lab assignment should be handed to professors.
- Coding culture should be introduced from 1st semester itself.

Other than that, the key suggestion from Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar and Alumni, it also observed that:

- Such a get-together or interaction programme serves in connecting alumni as well as planning and plotting a fruitful relationship. It should not be a one-time thing and more such get-together must be organized.
- **Since, it's fairly impossible for current students to put together such an event every time, the Alumni, in different cities, must volunteer for the same and keep the spirit alive for further generations of ISM-CSEians**.
- The Google and Facebook groups must be active. Dormancy will lead to loss of interest in both the parties.
- Students should be encouraged to stay in industry for a substantial time; they should not be volatile in changing their firms.

Opinion on this programme:

Alumni felt that, this is an excellent and heart touching event and opined such event should be organized at regular interval of time.

Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar and Mr. Tarachand Amgoth with the alumni (both UG and PG).

Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar and Mr. Tarachand Amgoth with the alumni and current VII Semester Students.

Finally, Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar and Mr. Tarachand Amgoth thanked one and all who have actively participated in this event. Hope it grows in times to come.

List of Alumni Attended the Interaction Programme:

Postgraduate (M.Tech)

Sl. No.	Batch	Name	Company Name
1	2011	Gaurav Kumar	Samsung R&D India (SRI), B'lore
2	2011	Priyam Jain	SRI, B'lore
3	2011	Shishir Shukla	SRI, B'lore
4	2011	Surajit Mandal	TCS, B'lore
5	2011	Tanmoy Pal	IPSOFT, B'lore

Undergraduate (B.Tech)

Sl. No.	Batch	Name	Company Name
1	2006	Amrit Kumar	Accenture Management Consulting, B'lore
2	2006	Manoj Rastogi	Tecno Tree Convergense Ltd., B'lore
3	2006	Sumit Kumar Gupta	FIS Global, B'lore
4	2007	Anurag Anand	CustomerxPs, B'lore
5	2007	Pawan Kumar Singhal	Target India Pvt. Ltd., B'lore
6	2008	Abhishek Seth	Synopsys, B'lore
7	2008	Bhanu Pratap Singh	Amazon, B'lore
8	2008	Dhirendra Kumar Singh	Walmart Labs, B'lore
9	2008	Mohit Ranjan	Flipkart.com
10	2008	Prashant Golash	Bloomreach, B'lore
11	2009	Ashish Kumar	SRI, B'lore
12	2009	Ankur Garg	Flipkart.com
13	2009	Avinash Kumar Debey	SRI, B'lore
14	2009	Banmeet Singh	SRI, B'lore
15	2009	Napendra Singh	Agreeya Mobility, B'lore
16	2009	Sagar Arora	National Instruments, B'lore
17	2009	Shobhit Srivastava	Intel Technology, B'lore
18	2010	Himanshu Jain	SRI, B'lore
19	2010	Nitin Soni	CISCO, B'lore
20	2010	Pratim Kumar Mallick	Outdu Media Tech Pvt. Ltd., B'lore
21	2010	Prince Gupta	CISCO, B'lore
22	2010	Rajesh Kumar K.	SRI, B'lore
23	2010	Ranjith Kumar Talanki	Sapient Consulting Pvt. Ltd., B'lore
24	2011	Amarjeet	SRI, B'lore
25	2011	Ankit Mishra	Flipkart.com

26	2011	Anshuma Shukla	SRI, B'lore
27	2011	Pankaj Kumar	SRI, B'lore
28	2011	Shivang Seth	Moveinsync Tech, B'lore
29	2011	Sourav Kumar Sharma	SRI, B'lore
30	2012	Ankit Kumar	Amazon, B'lore
31	2012	Arnab Dasgupta	DVC, Durgapur
32	2012	Aswin Datt	CISCO, B'lore
33	2012	Bonny Satbadre	Crisil Limited, Mumbai
34	2012	Parvez Ahmed	Microsoft, B'lore
35	2012	Piyush Banginwar	Zynga Game Network Inc., B'lore
36	2012	Prateek Saini	SRI, B'lore
37	2012	Praveen Parmar	SRI, B'lore
38	2012	Tejomai Kandru	SRI, B'lore
39	2012	Vipin Tom Varghese	Microsoft, Hyderabad
40	2013	Diwas Kumar	SRI, B'lore
41	2013	Mayank Saxena	Acceture, B'lore
42	2013	Nitesh Nawlani	Intel, B'lore
43	2013	Piyush Aggarwal	LG, B'lore
44	2013	Rajat Mahajan	Amazon, B'lore
45	2013	Shubham Jain	Yahoo, B'lore
46	2013	Soumitra Mishra	SRI, B'lore