

ALUMNI TALK

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REIMAGINE IT CLUB

**(A Student Club of Department Of Information
Technology)**

Date: 30 November 2024

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1. INTRODUCTION

- **Purpose of the program**

The online alumni talk featuring Mr. Shivam Kesharwani, a Senior Associate at Cognizant Worldwide Limited in the UK, aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional industry experience. The session provided a platform for students to gain insights into the corporate world, especially in the IT sector, from the perspective of a seasoned professional.

Key objectives of the talk included:

1. **Industry Insights:** Sharing valuable knowledge about the current trends, technologies, and practices in the IT industry, particularly in a global work environment.
2. **Career Guidance:** Offering guidance on career planning, skill development, and the transition from academia to the professional world.
3. **Global Exposure:** Providing an understanding of international work cultures, opportunities, and challenges based on Mr. Kesharwani's experience in the UK.
4. **Networking Opportunities:** Encouraging students to connect with alumni for mentorship and professional advice.
5. **Inspiration:** Motivating students to set and achieve ambitious career goals by learning from the journey of a successful alumnus.

- **Target Audience**

Undergraduate students, particularly those from the IT and Computer Science departments, and Individuals interested in pursuing careers in global IT organizations. Students seeking guidance on career planning, skill enhancement, and navigating the transition from academia to the corporate world.

- **Overview**

The alumni talk was an engaging and insightful online session led by Mr. Shivam Kesharwani, a Senior Associate at Cognizant Worldwide Limited, UK. This event was organized to connect current students with accomplished alumni to provide a real-world perspective on career growth, industry demands, and global opportunities. The session highlighted Mr. Kesharwani's professional journey, offering inspiration and actionable advice for students aiming to excel in the IT sector and beyond.

2. OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the Alumni Talk with Mr. Shivam Kesharwani:

- **Skill Development:**
 - To provide insights into the technical and soft skills necessary for a successful career in the IT industry.
 - To highlight the importance of certifications, upskilling, and continuous learning in a competitive environment.
- **Industry Awareness:**
 - To create awareness about current industry trends, technologies, and best practices in the global IT sector.
 - To discuss the expectations and challenges of working in multinational organizations like Cognizant.
- **Career Planning and Guidance:**
 - To offer strategies for effective career planning and transitioning from academia to the corporate world.
 - To guide students on building resumes, preparing for interviews, and excelling in international job markets.
- **Global Exposure:**
 - To provide an understanding of global work cultures, particularly in the UK, and how they differ from Indian work environments.
 - To encourage students to explore opportunities abroad and equip themselves with the skills to succeed globally.
- **Networking Opportunities:**
 - To foster connections between students and alumni for mentorship and professional advice.
 - To promote alumni engagement as a resource for continuous learning and career support.
- **Inspiration and Motivation:**
 - To inspire students with a success story of a distinguished alumnus who transitioned from academia to a thriving global career.
 - To motivate students to set ambitious goals and work systematically toward achieving them.

3. Details of the program

a. Program Schedule

- **Dates and Duration:** One day Alumni talk.
Date: 30th November 2024
Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
- **Venue:**
Online via Google Meet
Meeting Link:
<https://meet.google.com/uwx-geyj-bxj>
- **Agenda:**
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b. Participants

- **Number of Participants:** Over **100 students** from the IT department attended the session.
- **Selection Process:** All students were invited.

4. Key highlights

- **Major Activities:**
 - **Introduction to Cloud Computing:**
 - Mr. Shivam Kesharwani shared insights about the growing importance of cloud computing in the IT sector.
 - He discussed the fundamentals of cloud architecture and services like AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud.
 - The session emphasized the role of cloud computing in enabling scalability, cost-efficiency, and innovation in IT solutions.
 - **Skill Development Advice:**
 - Emphasis was placed on acquiring technical skills such as cloud computing, DevOps, and data analytics.
 - Soft skills like communication, teamwork, and adaptability were highlighted as essential for global roles.

➤ **Interactive Q&A Session:**

Students actively participated in a Q&A session where they asked about career planning, the future of cloud computing, and challenges in the IT industry.

- **Speakers/Facilitators:** Mr. Shivam Kesharwani, a Senior Associate at Cognizant Worldwide Limited in the UK.
- **Innovative Practices:** The session was supported by a Power point presentation through google meet by the speaker.

5. Outcomes

- **Achievements:** The session provided a platform for students to gain insights into the corporate world, especially in the IT sector, from the perspective of a seasoned professional.
- **Feedback:**

The session received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants:

- Many students appreciated the detailed insights into cloud computing and its career opportunities.
- A student remarked, *"It was inspiring to learn about the global work culture and how to prepare for international roles."*
- Faculty members praised the speaker for effectively bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world industry demands.
- Participants valued the interactive Q&A session, describing it as highly informative and tailored to their queries.
- **Impact:**
 - **Increased Awareness:**
 - The program enhanced students' understanding of cloud computing, its applications, and the certifications required to excel in this domain.
 - Students gained insights into the relevance of cloud technologies in the current IT landscape, aligning with industry trends.
 - **Skill Development:**
 - The talk highlighted key technical skills (e.g., cloud computing, DevOps) and soft skills (e.g., communication and adaptability) essential for professional growth.
 - Students were motivated to explore certifications like AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud, which were explicitly recommended by the speaker.
 - **Networking Opportunities:**
 - Students were encouraged to connect with the alumnus and seek mentorship for career advancement.
 - The event fostered stronger alumni-student relations, creating a resourceful network for professional guidance.

6. Challenges and Solutions

- **Challenges Faced:**
 - **Technical Issues:**
 - Some participants experienced connectivity problems during the online meet, leading to disruptions in audio and video quality.
 - **Engagement of Participants:**
 - Ensuring active participation and interaction from a large group of students in an online setting was challenging.
 - **Time Management:**
 - Managing the schedule to include the speaker's talk, Q&A, and concluding remarks within the allotted 90 minutes was a constraint.
- **Resolution Strategies:**
 - **Technical Backup:**
 - A pre-session technical check was conducted to ensure smooth operations, and participants were advised to join using stable internet connections.
 - Organizers were on standby to assist participants with connectivity issues during the event.
 - **Interactive Tools:**
 - The speaker and moderators used polls and interactive Q&A tools to maintain engagement throughout the session.
 - Questions were collected in advance to ensure relevant and active participation.
 - **Efficient Time Allocation:**
 - The schedule was planned meticulously, with a fixed timeline for the speaker's talk, Q&A session, and closing remarks.
 - A moderator ensured the discussion stayed on track and within time limits.

7. Conclusion

The alumni talk with Mr. Shivam Kesharwani was a **resounding success**, meeting its objectives and leaving a positive impact on the participants.

- The session enhanced students' knowledge of **cloud computing**, career opportunities, and global work cultures.
- It inspired students to pursue relevant certifications, develop critical skills, and explore international IT careers.
- The interactive format and real-world insights provided by the speaker aligned well with the event's goals of **skill development, industry awareness, and networking**.

Overall, the program successfully bridged the gap between academia and industry, empowering students to prepare for the competitive and evolving IT landscape.

8. Appendices

- **Photographs:**



• Feedback form/Analysis:

Feedback on Alumni Talk @30 Nov 2024

Name: _____

Year: _____

Course: _____

1. Was the topic of the Speaker relevant to your area of interest?

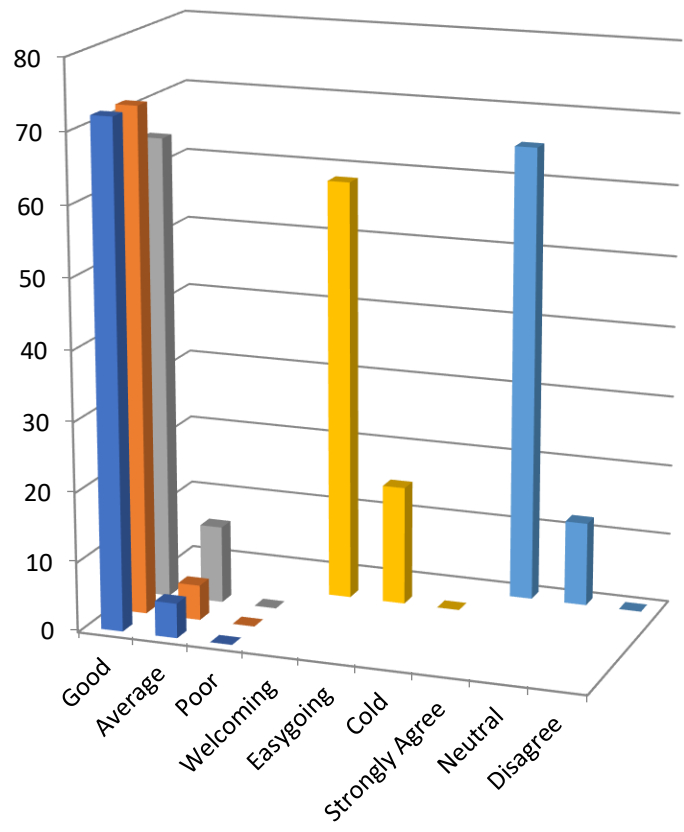
2. Was the information shared by Speaker useful and informative?

3. Did the speaker engage the audience (e.g. dialogue exchange, examples, queries in between)?

4. How do you rate the speakers professional rapport with Congregation?

5. Do you find the information and suggestions provided by speaker can help students to be successful in their career?

6. Any other comments: _____



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- Program Boucher and invitation:



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BY:

Mr. Shivam Kesharwani

Designation: Senior Associate
Company: Cognizant Worldwide
Limited
Location: United Kingdom

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From: Shivam Kesharwani <shivamkesharwani3@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 4:46 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation for Alumni Talk on 30/11/2024
To: Head IT <hodit@bbdnitm.ac.in>
Cc: Director BBDNITM <director@bbdnitm.ac.in>

I accept the invitation.

On Thu, 28 Nov 2024 at 11:15, Head IT <hodit@bbdnitm.ac.in> wrote:

Dear Shivam,
Please accept and acknowledge the invitation for Alumni Talk.

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