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A report on Career Counselling Program – 2023

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CAREER COUNSELLING PROGRAM - 2023

REPORT

A career counselling program was conducted on the 6th and 19th of August 2023 in the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science at the University of Mysore. The program spanned two days and aimed to provide students with insights and guidance on various aspects of career development in Library and Information Science (LIS).

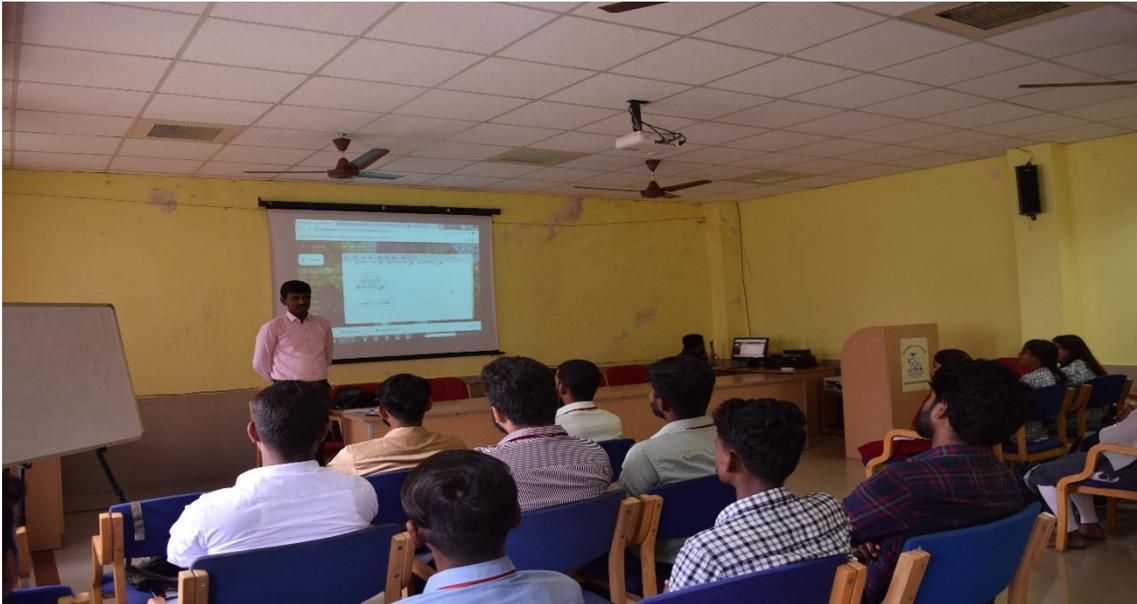
First Day: 6th August, 2023

On the first day of the program, a total of 25 students attended a three-hour session. During the commencement of the session on 6th of August, Dr. N. S. Harinarayana, Chairman, Department of Studies in Library and Information Science introduced the resource persons, Mr. Durgappa and Mr. Beeresh, to the students.



Dr. N. S. Harinarayana introducing the resource persons

Following the introduction, the floor was handed over to Mr. Durgappa, who initiated the discussions.



Mr. Durgappa interacting with participants

The session delved into various aspects of professional development, covering:

- Strategies for building a professional resume
- Effective verbal and written communication with employers
- Techniques to boost confidence during interviews
- Approaches to addressing interviewers' questions
- Familiarization with technological tools essential for LIS professionals, including Koha ILMS, Dspace Institutional Repository, Remote Access Platforms, and Plagiarism Checkers.
- Furthermore, an in-depth discussion was held on 50 anticipated interview questions and their corresponding answers. Topics ranged from self-introduction to subjects covered during the MLISc program, such as Library Management Practices, Cataloguing Standards, Library Classification, Basics of Computer Applications, Library Networking, Electronic Resources, Online Databases, MS Office, and Acquisition Procedures.

Notably, Mr. Beeresh conducted a partial session on strategies for cracking competitive exams, including resource selection, effective study techniques, and exam strategies.



Mr. Beeresh briefing strategies for cracking competitive exams

During the above sessions, students actively engaged with both the resource persons, exhibiting a high level of interaction and enthusiasm.

Second Day: August 19, 2023

The second day of the program mainly focused on practical interview experience through mock interviews. During this session, 21 students participated.

Dr. N. S. Harinarayana introduced the resource persons, Mr. Durgappa, and Dr. Pramodini, to the students. The mock interviews were conducted by a panel comprising Mr. Durgappa and Dr. Pramodini.



Dr. N. S. Harinarayana introducing the resource persons

Each candidate was allotted a 10-minute time slot for their mock interview. Following each interview, Dr. Pramodini provided individual feedback to the students, highlighting their strengths and areas need to be improved.



Mock Interview



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Notably, more than half of the students were well-prepared for the interviews. Remaining students demonstrated an average to below average performance during the mock interviews.

Concluding Session:

Same day post lunch at 3:00 PM, a concluding session was organized. Dr. Niveditha B. compered the proceedings and Research Fellow Ms. Chikku Balachandran commenced the session with an inaugural song.

Dr. Adithya Kumari H. extended a warm welcome the Chief Guest and participants.

Mr. Durgappa provided an overview of the two-day program, summarizing its key highlights.



Mr. Durgappa sharing overview of the program

Students shared their feedback about the event, expressing their gratitude for the insights gained during these two days' program.



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Dr. Amrutesh, the Chief Guest, highlighted the crucial role of Libraries and Librarians in facilitating resources and their significant contributions to Library users which enhances research endeavours.



Dr. Amrutesh addressing the participants

Dr. N. S. Harinarayana delivered a presidential speech which was motivational and inspiring to students. He wished them success in their future careers.



Dr. N. S. Harinarayana addressing the participants

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sunil Kumar M.

In a nutshell, the two-day career counselling program provided students with invaluable insights and guidance. The engaging discussions, interactive sessions and mock interviews collectively contributed to the

enhancement of students' skills and confidence. Perhaps this initiative helped students as they are preparing to embark on their professional journeys. The collective feedback received from the students attested the effectiveness and success of program.