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*A Brief Report on Two days Training program
on*

*Let's communicate for GTU pass outs organized on 18th
and 19th November, 2013*

Introduction:

In a preliminary survey made by GTU Alumni Association, it came to the knowledge that few pass outs have not been employed and those who are already employed have not been employed appropriately. Though the pass outs possess requisite University education and a degree, they still need to be moulded for enhancing their employability. The Honourable Vice Chancellor of GTU had raised a concern on this issue and after careful consideration it was found necessary to design phase wise training program for all such graduates for imparting training in the areas of Spoken English, Personality development, Interview facing techniques, Soft skills development.

Anchoring and Welcome address:



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Accordingly, two days training program was conducted on Let's Communicate for GTU pass outs on 18th and 19th November, 2013. The two days training program commenced with the inaugural session. The entire program was anchored by Ms. Neha Mehta who welcomed the dignitaries on the dias, viz. Dr. K. N. Sheth, Dean, Mr. Ashish Soni, Motivator and Corporate Trainer and Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Honorable Vice Chancellor, GTU.

Dignitaries on the dias



Dignitaries off the dias





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Dr. K. N. Sheth in his opening address expressed a great pleasure in welcoming all the dignitaries on the dias and off the dias, the participants and chair the opening ceremony. Dr. K. N. Sheth, at the outset, stated that Dr. Akshay Aggarwal had foreseen the significance of this training program and inspired him to organize the same. Dr. Sheth further stated that our Vice Chancellor is a great visionary. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the trainer; Shri Ashish Soni who accepted our request to train the GTU pass outs free of cost, GTU appreciated his dedication. This program, as stated by Dr. Sheth, was jointly organized by GTU and GTU Alumni Association.

Dr. Sheth further apprised that the GTU Alumni Association has been established on 16th January 2013 (two days before the convocation -2013). This was established under the guidance of Dr. Akshay Aggarwal, there were series of meetings with the core members, Directors / Principals of the Affiliated Institutes. The agenda and minutes are available in the GTU Alumni Association Website. The URL of the GTU Alumni Association is www.gtuaa.in. The purpose and objectives of Alumni Association is available in the brochure. Dr. Sheth said that to be a member of GTUAA, the onetime subscription fees can be paid of Rs.200/- by demand draft and submit the prescribed form duly filled in to the Dean Alumni Association. He further stated that about one lac passed outs are already registered.



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Dr. Sheth then discussed about the first meet of GTU Alumni Association which was organized on 8th Feb. 2013 and he said that 8th February every year is proposed to be celebrated as foundation day of GTU Alumni Association. The registered office of the GTU Alumni association is GTU, Chandkhada Campus.

Dr. Sheth then informed about following Chapters established for GTUAA:

State Chapters:

- Rajkot Chapter
 - Coordinator: Prof. Lalit Chande
- Baroda Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Bhargav Pandya
- Surat Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Nirav Trivedi
- Himmatnagar Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Kuldip Joshi

Regional Chapters:

- Mumbai Chapter
 - Coordinator: Ms. Seema Nagrani
- Pune Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Marmik Shah
- Bangalore Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Sohil Patel

International Chapters:

- California Chapter



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- Coordinator: Ms. Dipa Shah
- New Jersey Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mrs. Bhumika Chaliawala
- Washington DC Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Bhadresh Mehta
- London Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Pankaj Shah
- Dubai Chapter
 - Coordinator: Mr. Jugal Bhagat

Dr. Sheth said that the opening ceremony of all the chapters will be 8th February 2014, i.e. on the foundation day of GTU AA and he requested the participants this association which has worldwide network.

Dr. K. N. Sheth ended his address by stating that he is quite confident that GTU pass outs will get appropriate employment and this training program will not end up as a “mere event”.

Address by Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal - Keynote Speaker:

Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal sincerely thanked Dr. Sheth and Shri Soni for organizing the training program for GTU pass outs. Dr. Aggarwal expressed his concern for the development of soft skills among the students of GTU. He stated that instructions have been given to all the institutes to conduct soft skill training program so that the graduates can get an appropriate job. Extensive efforts must be made to sharpen their IQ and enhance the presentation skills. University has made efforts to introduce subjects like communication skills and CPDP for nurturing the personality development of the students. He had stated that many institutes affiliated to GTU, the placement have been 100%. Dr. Aggarwal said that he was glad to learn that the passouts will be placed by the



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Trainer – Shri Ashish Soni after two days training. Honorable VC had suggested that such training programs be frequently conducted if placements are possible after such trainings.

Dr. V. M. Patel gave vote of thanks in the Inaugural session.

Technical Sessions by Shri Ashish Soni:

Shri Ashish Soni had conducted the Technical Sessions. He focused more on spoken English wherein he covered adjectives, adverbs, articles, nouns, verbs, prepositions, pronouns and tenses. He then conducted soft skill development session through video watching on goal setting, self confidence, positive thinking, moral values including HIV aspects and the impact of tobacco, smoking and liquor through documentary films.



In the personality development module, Shri Soni covered non-verbal communication, language proficiency, some aspects of outer and inner personality development. He had used visual audio presentation for this module.



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The last technical session conducted was on the interview techniques. Shri Soni discussed effective presentation skills during the interview, time management, art of conversation and salary negotiation skills.

Valedictory Session:

During the valedictory session, the feedback from the participants was found to be very positive and the entire training program was found to be very successful. Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, Registrar, GTU expressed his happiness on the feedback given by the passouts. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal Sir was found to be extremely happy on seeing the cheerful positive mind of the students. At the end, dignitaries on the dias and off the dias thought proper to organize such training program such other speakers as “ongoing process”. Dr. K. N. Sheth responded very positively saying that somewhere in the month of January, 2014, i.e. after the convocation such program can be organized through other renowned speakers who have already proved their expertise during the Personality Development and Professional Skills Enhancement Program which was held on 13th April, 2013 which was conducted by Board of College Development Council (CDC).





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The certificates were distributed by the dignitaries on the dias to the participants. Mr. Thomas Baby gave vote of thanks for the entire two days' program.

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