

Report: Workshop on Interview Preparation, Guidelines, and Practice

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The Centre for Career Guidance and Development (CCG&D) in association with the **Faculty of Pharmacy**, Integral University, organized a workshop on October 12th, which was aimed at final year students pursuing **B.Pharm, M.Pharm, and Pharma.D**. The session was conducted by **Mr. Gyani Pularu**, a **former General Manager at Pfizer India**, focusing on interview preparation, guidelines, and practical insights into succeeding in the pharmaceutical industry. A total of **118 students** attended the workshop.

The workshop aimed to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to prepare effectively for job interviews. It focused on boosting students' confidence and improving their interview performance through valuable insights and practical tips. The workshop covered a wide array of crucial topics:

- Initial Preparation Steps before an Interview
- Overcoming Nervousness and Anxiety during Interviews
- Common Interview Questions and Effective Responses
- Avoiding Common Interview Mistakes

Mr. Gyani Pularu's extensive industry experience and insights greatly enriched the learning experience for the participants. He emphasized the importance of listing strengths, areas of improvement, recent achievements, and a thorough review of one's resume as initial preparation steps before attending an interview. Techniques to manage nervousness before and during an interview were discussed, providing students with practical strategies to handle anxiety effectively. He also discussed common interview questions and mistakes. He elaborated the need for thorough preparation and avoidance of common blunders such as inappropriate attire, lack of preparation, negative attitude, and poor articulation.

The workshop was efficiently coordinated by **Dr. Kuldeep Singh**, Faculty of Pharmacy, **Dr. Sufia Rehman**, CCG&D and **Ms. Huma Iqbal**, CCG&D ensuring a seamless and productive event for the participants. The workshop enhanced interview preparedness of the participants. Students learned strategies to handle nervousness and maintain composure during interviews, contributing to enhanced

confidence and better performance. Mr. Pularu's practical insights into common interview questions and mistakes provided students with a valuable understanding of interview dynamics, enhancing their chances of success. The workshop undoubtedly contributed to improving the students' confidence, knowledge, and employability, preparing them for successful careers in the pharmaceutical industry.

Glimpses of the session:



Mr. Gyani Pularu, Former GM, Pfizer India, making a presentation



Students attending the session