

Report on Interactive Session on Educational Counseling & Career Development by Dr. Ariz Ahmad (IAS) Joint Secretary Government of India.

On Monday, September 23, 2024, Integral University hosted an inspiring interactive session focused on educational counseling and career development, led by Dr. Ariz Ahmad, a distinguished IAS officer and Joint Secretary to the Government of India. It aimed to motivate and guide first-year B. Tech students in Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering towards setting ambitious career goals. The event was coordinated by Dr. Ayan Khan(Associate Professor-Electronics &Communication) along with CCG&D.

The session commenced with an introduction by **Dr. Nilanjan Mukherji (Director CCG&D)**, who welcomed Dr. Ariz Ahmad and highlighted his extensive experience in the Indian Administrative Service since January 1995. Dr. Mukherji emphasized the importance of the session in shaping students' future endeavors.

Dr. Ariz began by sharing insights about his background from Andhra Pradesh, illustrating his journey and experiences within the IAS. His narrative provided students with a relatable perspective, showcasing the diverse opportunities available in India.

The central theme of the session was "Early Goal Setting: Dream Big in the Nation Building of Our Beloved Country - India." Dr. Ariz aimed to:

- **Ignite Ambition**: Encourage students to aspire for careers in various fields such as IAS, IPS, judiciary, academia, innovation, entrepreneurship, and civil society.
- Set Early Goals: Highlight the importance of setting ambitious career goals during the initial years of college.
- **Guide and Support**: Provide practical advice and strategies for achieving their chosen career paths.

Dr. Ariz engaged the students in various activities designed to foster self-discovery. He emphasized the impact of education on personal and professional development. Key points included:

• Understanding Goals: Dr. Ariz differentiated between educational goals and career goals, emphasizing their importance in shaping a successful future.

- **Personal Development**: He encouraged students to actively participate in extracurricular activities, read newspapers, join student clubs, and engage in internships to build a well-rounded personality.
- **Simplicity**: He underscored the virtues of simplicity, endurance, and emotional resilience, reassuring students that fear of failure should not put off them from pursuing their dreams.

The session concluded with a motivational call to action for students to embrace their aspirations and work diligently towards their goals.

As a token of appreciation, **Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Haris Siddiqui (Registrar)** and **Dr. Nilanjan Mukherji** presented a memento to **Dr. Ariz Ahmad**, thanking him for his motivational insights and kind words. The session was well-received, leaving a lasting impact on the students, who felt inspired to dream big and set meaningful career objectives early in their academic journey.

Glimpses of the Session -



Dr. Nilanjan Mukherji (Director CCG&D) giving a welcome speech to introduce Dr. Ariz Ahmad (IAS)



Dr. Ariz Ahmad conducting session on Educational Counseling & Career Development.