

A brief report on Expert talk-cum-Alumni Interaction organized by the Department of Pharmacy, Integral University, Lucknow

An Expert talk cum Alumni interaction was organized by Department of Pharmacy, Integral University, Lucknow on 28th March 2022 for the pre-final and final year students of Pharm.D., B. Pharm.& M.Pharm programmes. The guest speaker on this occasion was **Ms Sana Rizvi**, an alumnus of B.Pharm. 2011 batch who is presently working as a Territory Manager (Delhi & U.P.) in Abbott India dealing with sophisticated Medical Devices for cardiac surgery

The Programme was hosted by second year students, **Farheen Fatima** and **Laiba Jamal Qazi**, who welcomed the guest, faculty members and students. Program started with welcome of the guest speaker with presentation of a bouquet, followed by introductory remarks by **Prof. Syed Misbahul Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy**, who welcomed guest and elaborated on the need of such interactive sessions and how alumni can work with the University to support future generations of students.

It was an event in which the pre-final and final year students of Pharm.D., B. Pharm.& M.Pharm benefited from the experience of department's alumni who has her mark in the pharmaceutical marketing as well as in the sales of medical devices sectors at national level. Ms Sana Rizvi briefly covered the topic '**Tips and tricks for Freshers from medical industry aspects**' keeping it interactive from the start. She motivated the students and explained the strategies to apply at various levels of jobs in India and abroad. She shared vital information about various kinds of medical instruments, their grades and how training happens in the industry. She also discussed in detail the requirements to be fulfilled by freshers in order to secure their first job, in campus selection as well as in the other modes. She emphasized that freshers need to focus on soft skills like communication, body language, problem solving skills, basic software applications like MS Excel and MS PowerPoint as these are the minimum expected skills for any job. She emphasized that the basics of subjects shall have its importance and students should be mastering their subjects well. Students participated with enthusiasm, were interactive and answered questions by the speaker as well as got answers for their queries during the session.

There after **Dr. Tarique Mahmood, Head, Department of Pharmacy** presented concluding remarks and mentioned the importance of reach out to alumni and their interaction with current students and advised the students to adhere to the worthy suggestions given by the learned and accomplished speaker.

Program concluded with presentation of vote of thanks by **Ranjan Kumar, Assistant Professor and Member, Placement committee, Department of Pharmacy**, who thanked the speaker for sparing valuable time to mentor our students, sought cooperation for placement of our students in industry. He also thanked Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy to giving importance to the event and

Head, Department of Pharmacy for reaching out the speaker and inviting her, thanked student volunteers who managed the programme and the support staff for actively helping out in the smooth conduct of the same.

Program followed with Presentation of memento to the distinguished speaker by Head, Department of Pharmacy, a time where speaker became nostalgic and mentioned that she felt honoured to be invited by her alma mater for such a session and being felicitated by her teacher. The program was well attended by 131 students, who participate with enthusiasm and interacted with the speaker.

Ms Rizvi then visited office of the Alumni Association, Integral University accompanied by Dr. Tarique Mahmood and Mr. Ranjan Kumar where she was presented with certificate and memorabilia by **Dr. Salman Khan, President, Alumni Association of Integral University**, In an informal interaction she shared her positive experience of the University and mentioned that she was delighted to see the progress that University has made in the years after she has left the campus.





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