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INSIGHTS



MR. R SATHISH, MANAGER, PLACEMENT

Chennai's Global Capability Centers (GCCs) are witnessing rapid growth, with projections exceeding 450 by 2030. Favorable government policies, cost-effectiveness, and a skilled workforce have made the city a prime destination for global giants like AstraZeneca and Deloitte. Currently, Chennai accounts for 11% of India's GCC talent, employing over 150,000 professionals.

This growth also reflects in increasing office space absorption and rising hiring standards. With the GCC talent pool expected to expand to 320,000-370,000 by 2030, students and professionals have an excellent opportunity to be part of this thriving ecosystem. Now is the time to upskill, adapt, and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

Engineering students are in a prime position to explore entrepreneurship during their studies. This is a great time to launch startups and test innovative ideas that solve real-world problems. Participating in internships allows students to assess industry fit while gaining valuable experience and skills.

Networking at tech events is essential for building connections that can enhance future career opportunities. By combining technical expertise with entrepreneurial spirit, students can create impactful solutions and drive change.



DR. M S ALPHIN, ASSO. PROFESSOR & INCHARGE OF CDC



DR. NIZAMUDEEN ANVAR, MANAGER, TRAINING

Students of this generation feel overwhelmed with a lot of information. It is challenging for them to make choices and move in the right direction. Clarity in choice cannot be gained by blindly listening to others. Defining who we are and what we want is the need of the hour. Self-Discovery is the way to go.

SHARING INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCE HIGHER STUDIES

DHARSHAN ADDLA HARI – BME'23 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR

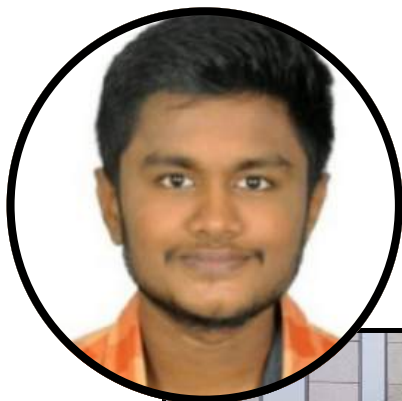
Studying abroad has been a challenging yet a very mature decision that I took during my life. The perspective that it gives when you live alone with new people around is huge. It completes us as a person; it shows what adult life is actually about. My life has been all about learning and adapting since the day I stepped abroad. Of course, SSN has been a life-changing part of my life which prepared me to face life and withstand the storms that life throws at us. Being the President of ABE during my final year, SSN gave me the opportunity to manage huge endeavors like Inventa and Instincts, which gave me the confidence to sustain myself and taught me that dedication is everything to success. Undergrad life is the best time where we can learn, enjoy, thrive, develop skills and make connections. Explore your interests, prepare for change and be ready to learn from everywhere. Make the best version of yourself in these four years, make a lot of friends and connect with experts from all fields; you'll never know who would be the gamechanger in your life. Participating in events at an organizing level helped me develop a lot of interpersonal skills so never miss an opportunity to attend events and talk to people.



After all, communication is everything in life! Studying abroad has its own challenges, but keep in mind that when you are firm with your goal, you will have the best experience through your decision. My best wishes to all students aiming to study abroad and I am confident that your decision will give you the life that you deserve!

PLACEMENTS

K.GOKULAKRISHNAN – ECE'24 DELL TECHNOLOGIES



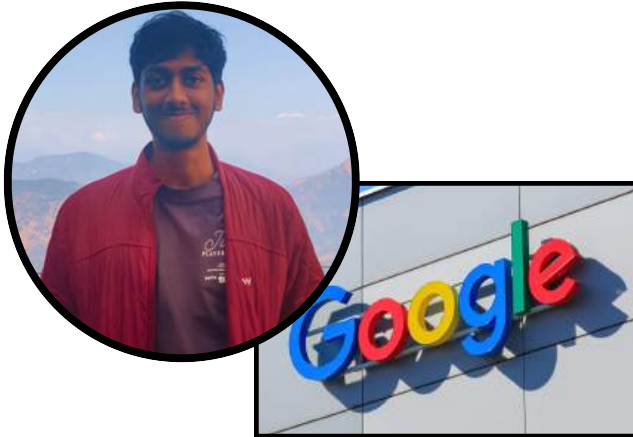
Looking back at my journey from SSN College of Engineering to securing a position as a Senior Specialist at Dell Technologies, I realize that every experience and exposure I gained played a crucial role in shaping my career.

The interviews I attended during placements were invaluable learning experiences. Before the placement season, I had not faced many failures, but during this time, I encountered multiple rejections. However, each interview taught me something new, helping me improve and grow. Eventually, I secured a position at a startup, where I had the opportunity to work on industry-oriented projects, including developing an energy dashboard for Google Hyderabad. This hands-on experience strengthened my problem-solving skills and boosted my confidence, ultimately paving the way for my placement at Dell Technologies.

To my juniors, Keep things simple and trust the process. Every experience, whether success or failure, contributes to your growth and will lead you toward success. Never hesitate to step out of your comfort zone, as the best learning happens when you challenge yourself. To all aspiring engineers—keep learning, keep innovating!!!

INTERNSHIPS

HARSHAVARDAN SUNDARESAN – ECE '26 GOOGLE



A few months ago, I received an off-campus internship offer from Google. Google values Competitive Programming (CP) greatly. The interviews I faced were entirely focused on my Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) skills.

Fortunately, I had started Competitive Programming early in my 2nd semester of college and had achieved the title of Candidate Master on Codeforces before the internship recruiting period began. This played a significant role in securing the offer, as coming from an ECE background, I had to prove my programming expertise.

My profile was heavily CP-oriented, with my achievements in Competitive Programming standing out more than my development experience. My continuous practice was helpful during the two interviews I faced, where I managed to solve the given problems with good explanations within the allotted time.

Currently, I am focused on maximizing my chances of receiving a Pre-Placement Offer (PPO) from Google. I am grateful to SSN for providing a supportive environment and extend my sincere thanks to its alumni—one of whom provided me with a referral, along with many others who generously shared valuable tips.

AMRIT KRISHNAN – CSE'26 GOLDMAN SACHS



The journey for the Summer Analyst role at Goldman Sachs started in August when the application forms were released and remained open until mid-September. We applied directly through their career portal. Unlike many companies, Goldman Sachs seemed to prioritize giving everyone a fair chance, as almost all applicants were invited to the first round. The entirety of the process involved having key 3 rounds:

Round 1: Aptitude Test

The first round was a 2-hour aptitude test with 70 questions. Scoring 50-55 correct answers, paired with a decent resume, seemed to be the benchmark to qualify for the next round.

Round 2: Technical Round

This was a challenging one hour-long test that included:

- 3 coding questions ranging from Easy to Hard level, similar to Leetcode problems.
- 10 MCQs on core CS topics
- A 200-word behavioural essay

To prepare for the coding section, I primarily solved DSA questions from the NeetCode 150, which helped me build a structured approach and a strong foundation to problem-solving.

Round 3: Interviews

The final stage consisted of three 30-minute interviews spread over two days.

The first 2 rounds were purely technical and tested me completely on my coding skills. I was asked to screen-share and code a problem given by them on spot. The questions for this round were predominantly Easy/Medium questions from Leetcode.

The 3rd round was a HR round where we were asked situation-based and general HR questions. This round also involved some discussion about my resume, projects and extra-curricular activities. Having a strong grasp of my resume and projects also played a crucial role in confidently navigating the round.

Subsequently, I received the acceptance email!

Interviewing with Goldman Sachs was a phenomenal experience. Before the technical rounds, they even organized sessions to clarify doubts and offer guidance. This was all possible due to constant support and guidance given by my college, professors and friends.

CDC EVENTS

LEADERSHIP TALK BY OUR ALUMNI CAREER CONNECT



It was a pleasure to listen to one of our distinguished alumni, who returned after 13 years to deliver an insightful lecture on career guidance and development to our SSN students.

D. Karthik (2008-12), who transitioned from an undergraduate in the Mechanical Engineering department to IIMA and now serves as **Sr. Vice President at Goldman Sachs**, has had an inspiring journey.

A lone ranger and a trailblazer in a nutshell. Three key takeaways from his speech were:

- Punctuality is fundamental to growth.
- Communication skills determine your outcomes in professional life.
- Upskilling must be a constant practice for sustaining oneself.

On behalf of the SSN institution, I extend our heartfelt thanks to Karthik for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend quality time with his alma mater!



JAPANESE BASED COMPANY COGNAVI FOR DISCUSSION

The CDC recently hosted the Cognavi team along with Ms. Noriko, Japan, who introduced their AI-based interview preparation tool. This tool provides personalized feedback and simulates real interview scenarios to help users improve their skills. Key features include AI scoring and industry-specific practice questions. The session highlighted the transformative potential of AI in career development. The CDC looks forward to finding the usefulness in Realtime.



AWARENESS ON CERTIFICATIONS BY SALESFORCE



Smartbridge in partnering with sales force is hosted an awareness session on certifications for SSN students, highlighting their importance and benefits. Certifications validate your skills, enhance job prospects, and demonstrate a commitment to professional growth. The session will guide students on selecting and preparing for the right certifications. Various programs across different domains will be showcased, along with funding options. Don't miss this chance to boost your career with Smartbridge's certification programs!

STRATEGIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL PRE-PLACEMENT TALK ON CAMPUS



Strategic Research Institute (SRI) hosted a pre-placement talk at our campus, providing students with an invaluable opportunity to learn about career prospects. SRI is renowned for its cutting-edge research and innovation across various sectors, including technology and healthcare. During the session, representatives discussed the company's culture, job roles, and the skills they seek in potential candidates. This event was crucial for students looking to align their academic knowledge with industry expectations. Students engaged directly with SRI and explored exciting career opportunities!

HASHEDIN BY DELOITTE TEST



Deloitte recently held a campus selection drive featuring a test assessment for roles like Analyst Trainee, evaluating skills in language, aptitude, computer fundamentals, and coding.

EXCLUSIVE ONLINE TRAINING SESSION ON AI PC

On January 10th, 2025, an exclusive 150-minute online training session on AI PC was conducted, covering topics such as the challenges of cloud-based AI, the importance of AI PC, and the triad of AI engines. The session also explored industry adoption, hands-on setup, and enhancing AI PC with OpenVINO plug-ins. A total of 72 students from CSE and IT, 3rd and 4th years, attended this informative event.

CDC TEAM FOR VIRTUSA CAMPUS COLLABORATION



Mr. Krishnan and Mr. Padmalosan from the CDC team attended the Virusa Campus Collaboration Program, engaging with students to discuss industry trends and career opportunities. This event aimed to strengthen ties between academia and industry, providing valuable insights into the skills needed for success in the tech field. Their participation highlighted the importance of collaboration in preparing students for future challenges in the workforce.

TECHNICAL COMPETITION ACHEIVEMENT

ANISH L S, III YEAR IT STUDENT, WINS BEST PAPER AWARD AT VSPICE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Anish L S, a third-year IT student, showcased his research prowess at the International Conference VSPICE held at Nitte, and emerged victorious with the Best Paper Award.



His paper, titled **"IoT-Based Virtual Reality Comforting Movement Design for Healing Rehabilitation,"** explored the innovative use of virtual reality in rehabilitation.

The paper was co-authored by **M S Alphin, Jithu Morrison S, Devadarshan, and Janakiraman**. This achievement highlights the students' dedication to cutting-edge research and their ability to produce impactful work in the field of technology. Congratulations to Anish and his co-authors!

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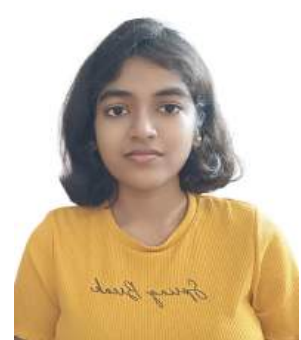
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