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Activity report

“Alumni meet and Handover Takeover”

The Speaker :

Mr. Vedang Patel
(co-founder of Souled Store)

17th October 2023

Venue: SPJIMR AUDITORIUM

Organized by:-

SAE Collegiate club SPCE

Under Department Of Mechanical Engineering & IQAC

In collaboration with



IIIE Mumbai Chapter



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Venue: SPJIMR Auditorium

Time: 4 pm onwards

No. of participants: 280+ registrations

About the event

The Alumni Speaks event organized by the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter is a much-anticipated gathering that brings together current students and graduates from our esteemed institution. This year, we had the privilege of hosting **Mr. Vedang Patel** as our esteemed guest speaker. Mr Patel is not only an alumnus of SPCE, having graduated in the year 2011, but also the Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Souled Store, Pvt. Ltd. , a well-known brand in the world of pop culture merchandise.



Mr Vedang Patel, co-founder The Souled Store

What makes Mr Patel's journey truly inspiring is his multi-faceted involvement with SPCE. Not only was he a dedicated student during his time at SPCE, but he also played a pivotal role as the first driver of SPCE RACING Electric, the Formula Student team of SPCE. His experiences and achievements have served as a shining example for all of us, showcasing how the knowledge and skills gained here can propel individuals to great heights in their career. The hosts, Ms Rushika Pagare and Mr Advay Kadayam, played pivotal roles in ensuring the event's success.



Mr. Patel with SPCE RACING student team

Inauguration Ceremony

The event commenced with a ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge, by the esteemed chief guest and speaker, Mr Vedang Patel. The

dignitaries present included the Head of the Department, Dr RS Maurya, the Faculty Advisor, Dr Santosh Rane, the Principal, Dr MM Murudi, the ex-chairperson of IIIE, Ms Sadhvi Chaubey, and the current chairperson, Mr Kaif Badshah. The atmosphere resonated with reverence as the gathering invoked the blessings of Saraswati through the rendition of Saraswati Vandana sung by the members of Spandan.



Lightning of lamp by the chief guest and faculty members

Address by the Guest of Honor

The hosts set the tone for the event by expressing their enthusiasm and gratitude for the presence of the esteemed guests. They highlighted the significance of the Alumni Speaks event, emphasizing its role in bridging the gap between academia and industry. Each dignitary gave a short but impactful speech, offering valuable insights into their respective journeys and imparting lessons learned along the

way. They collectively wished the students the best of luck in their future endeavours, setting a positive and optimistic atmosphere. In his time on the podium, Mr Patel told the enthusiastic audience about how his journey began as a finance executive after graduating from SPCE. However, his passion for entrepreneurship led him down a different path. He shared anecdotes of his transition from being a visiting faculty member to the birth of his start-up in Bandra, which eventually burgeoned into one of India's foremost pop culture brands, The Souled Store.



Speeches by the dignitaries

As a gesture of appreciation, each dignitary was felicitated with a potted money plant. The symbolism behind this thoughtful gift lies in the belief that money plants are associated with prosperity, good luck, and positive energy. It was a symbolic way of wishing success and growth to the dignitaries and, by extension, to the students. The greenery of the money plant symbolized the flourishing careers and bright futures that the students aspire to achieve.



Felicitation by potted money plant

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Mr Vedang Patel was presented with a memento as a token of appreciation. The memento served as a tangible reminder and as an acknowledgment of Mr Patel's contributions to the business world.



Felicitation of Mr Patel with memento

Launch of Magazine

The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the first-ever IIIE SPCE Student Chapter magazine. It was a moment of immense pride for the student chapter, showcasing their collective efforts in creating a platform to share knowledge, experiences, and insights. The magazine promised to be a valuable resource for the entire SPCE community.



Magazine reveal by the dignitaries

Spandan Performance

Following the magazine reveal, the event took a musical turn as Spandan, the musical club of SPCE, took the stage. Their performance was nothing short of mesmerizing. Spandan's musical prowess showcased the immense talent that thrives within the college, earning them thunderous applause and appreciation. The enchanting performance by Spandan was a memorable evening that left a lasting impression on all who attended. It not only celebrated the success of an illustrious alumnus but also making it an event to be cherished and remembered.



Spandan performance

After the performance, the hosts of the event called upon Ms Sadhvi Chaubey, the former Chairperson of the IIIIE SPCE Student Chapter, to share her experiences and journey through IIIIE and SPCE. Ms Sadhvi Chaubey, who graduated just last year, gave an inspiring speech about her time in the institute, highlighting the opportunities and growth she experienced during her tenure.

Her speech added a personal touch to the event, resonating with the current students who could relate to her recent experiences.



Ms Sadhvi Chaubey

Interview with Mr Vedang Patel

Following Ms Chaubey's opening remarks, the spotlight shifted to the stage as the hosts invited Vedang Patel for a live interview. The master of ceremonies for the evening, Mr Kaif Badshah, the current Chairperson of the IIIIE SPCE Student Chapter, took charge of this conversation. It was evident that Mr Badshah and his team had done their homework, as they delved into Vedang's background and achievements, ensuring a well-informed and engaging interaction.



Interview with Mr Patel

As the interview progressed, Mr Kaif Badshah introduced a fun and engaging rapid-fire round. Questions like "Marvel or DC" elicited laughs and cheers from the audience. Vedang's candid responses provided a glimpse into his personality and preferences.

The event's most interactive segment was the Question and Answer session. Attendees were eager to learn from Vedang's experiences and seek advice for their own journeys. Vedang graciously answered each question. He emphasized the importance of learning from failures and constantly innovating in the ever-changing business landscape.

One of the questions posed to Vedang Patel revolved around the challenges he faced during the early stages of The Souled Store. He shared how building a brand from the ground up demanded immense hard work, dedication, and patience. Vedang's journey was marked by numerous obstacles and uncertainties, but his unwavering determination was the driving force behind his success.

Handover Takeover Ceremony

The most awaited event was the "Handover Takeover Ceremony," where the responsibilities of the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter were officially passed on to the newly appointed committee. This ceremony was a profound moment of continuity and renewal, showcasing the collaborative spirit that defines the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter.

Ms Sadhvi Chaubey, the former chairperson of IIIE SPCE, took the stage to introduce the new committee of the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter. Ms Chaubey's address was a moment of pride for the entire student body as she recognized the contributions of the outgoing committee members and the hard work they had put into making the chapter a thriving platform for students.

The outgoing committee members were then presented with certificates in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter. This ceremony not only acknowledged their dedication but also served as a symbol

of gratitude for their tireless efforts in organizing events, workshops, and other initiatives throughout their tenure.



Glimpses of Handover Takeover ceremony

The faculty advisor of the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter, Dr Santosh Rane, gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to Mr Vedang Patel for taking the time to share his knowledge and experiences with the students. Dr Santosh Rane emphasized the importance of such interactions and encouraged students to stay connected with alumni and the industry, as these connections can be instrumental in shaping their careers.

At the conclusion of the event, the IIIE SPCE Student Committee seized the opportunity to capture a memorable moment with Mr Patel by taking a group photo. This photo serves as a lasting memento of the occasion and symbolizes the strong bond between the alumni and the current student body.



III E SPCE Student Chapter Committee with the chief guest, Mr. Vedang Patel

Conclusion

Vedang's story resonated with many attendees who were inspired by his transformation from an engineer to an entrepreneur. His experiences highlighted the importance of pursuing one's passion and staying true to one's vision.

The "Alumni Speaks" event organized by the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter was not just an opportunity to listen to a successful alumnus; it was a platform for students to gain valuable insights into the real world and the potential for personal growth.

In conclusion, the event was a resounding success, thanks to the collaboration of the IIIE SPCE Student Chapter, the IIC, the SAE India Western Section, and The Souled Store. Pvt. Ltd. Vedang Patel's journey from a mechanical engineer to the co-founder of The Souled Store served as a beacon of inspiration for all attendees, reminding them that passion and persistence can lead to extraordinary success. The event will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the students of SPCE, motivating them to pursue their dreams and make their mark in the world.

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