Pre-placement session for final year and pre-final year was conducted by T&P cell on 16th July 2018 from 9 am till 6 pm. The sessions were organised for guiding the students for upcoming career opportunities. It involved various illuminating sessions which informed students about the change in life from campus to corporate world, plethora of opportunities that are open to them and to make the best of these opportunities.

There were 5 sessions back to back dealing with different aspects of career:-

- **Session 1: Campus to Corporate (C2C)**
  This session was conducted by Maj Gen Shyam Shrivastava, MANIT alumnus and managing director of NISHHAM academy, on the topic – Campus to Corporate (C2C). He briefed the students about the necessary skill set to crack different examinations and interview, along with developing the strategy to read HR’s mind. He spoke eloquently about the requisites of a job and expectations of an organisation from a desired candidate.

- **Session 2: Strategy to prepare for placement**
  This session was taken by Mr. Piyush Joshi, Senior Manager, Academics & Training at one of the most reputed academies, Nishham Academy. He has had a tremendous career journey so far. He did his B. Tech /M. Tech (Honours) and has 10+ years of experience in training and mentoring 15000+ students for worldwide dignified qualifying exams like CAT/XAT/SNAP/GRE/GMAT. He has qualified CAT/XAT 3 times with an average score of 99.8 percentile. Moreover, he has also qualified GRE with a perfect score of 340/340 and GMAT with a score of 780/800.

  With an objective to guide and mentor students Mr. Piyush Joshi engaged students so well with his bold and friendly behaviour. This not only made students listen interestingly but also created an imprint on their minds on how to strategize and effectively implement things for bumper results. His sole focus was on building a sense of practical knowledge in the placement and competitive exams. He mentioned on how having a good attitude, aptitude and technical skills can do wonders with your career.

  Focusing onto companies’ interest more in an average student rather than a student with extraordinary technical skillset or aptitude knowledge, he made students realize
that how good orientation of themselves could improve their pathways into jobs as well as competitive examinations.

With the basic agenda on "what should be one’s strategy while preparing for Placement and various competitive examinations?"
Explaining on "how" to study or learn things effectively was his sole motive. Guiding on how a good time management plus accuracy skill could prove beneficial was also told.

Giving a detailed analysis on how to get yourself ready to sit for placements he explained the importance of knowing "job description" profile that is most suitable as well as company's profile. Having knowledge about the basic Services, Products range, abroad on-sight projects etc. is important. Also on how knowing "which company you are searching for?" plays a great role. Regarding on how to get yourself prepare for written exams may it be placement or a competitive one, it becomes important to have a hold on quantitative aptitude, English, vocabulary and general studies. Each aspect was explained in great detail along with proper names of trending and most trusted books to study from.

- **Session 3: Scope of higher foreign education**
The third session was headed by Mr. Pranay Rawat (Managing Director of Edu Nirvana Group)
The session was very interesting and gave the opportunity to understand different Career options for higher studies abroad. He also talked about foreign University shortlisting based on various parameters. The session was promising enough for students who want to pursue master's degree from abroad in future. It was very enriching experience for students as he cleared the common myths about studying and living abroad. He guided students on how to build their profile for foreign university, what points should be taken care of to build a strong profile and get admission in top Universities and how to get 100% scholarships and financial aid. He also guided students about the preparation for different exams like GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS and the duration it takes to prepare for the same exams as well as to prepare for the documents needed in the process of application. The session was a huge success as the audience actively participated throughout the session and cleared their doubts and queries as well.

- **Session 4- Scope of foreign jobs**
It was taken by executive of Migration Pathway Mr. Raghuveer. He enlightened students about the ease of planning career in foreign countries. The session dealt with every aspect of settlement in foreign countries starting from visa to job. He gave advice and guidance on most relevant training and academic courses available in Australia.

- **Session 5- Resume Formulation**
A skill development organisation, Focus Academy for Career Enhancement (FACE) primarily focusing on the employability skills of students and entry level recruits of the corporate.

The session was conducted by Mr. Umang Pathak with more than 5 years of experience in mentoring and guiding students. It was an interactive and informative session on how to perform smartly in GD, PI and making resume for companies.

A resume serves as a summary of one’s skills, experience and accomplishment. It is a brief introduction and represents one as a potential employee. An effective resume is a vehicle to crack the interview.

Following points were discussed in the orientation:

A resume is a marketing brochure/advertisement highlighting one’s qualifications and accomplishments which is easy to read and appealing to eye.

While preparing a resume, one should be consistent in language and form and try to keep it short and simple. Phrases should be preferred over complete sentences while making a resume.

Reverse Chronological:

This style is the most commonly used and accepted. It works well when one plans to stay in the same career field. It represents the work experience in reverse order, beginning with the recent qualification to high school achievements.

Keywords:

Keywords are specific to a profession, job function or industry. They include both action verbs and nouns. These keywords allow one to demonstrate that one can achieve results through strong performance, using core skills and competencies.

- Session 6: Group Discussions and personal interviews
Starting with conducting a group discussion, on spot, giving easy yet hard to think topic, he created a live environment. These events also made students realise the mistakes that one may do, when into any speaking round like group discussion or a personal interview. Basics of a GD like who an initiator, team member, team builder, team leader, concluder is, were discussed. Also, how they need to conduct in an effective way was told. GD being a rejection round, the tactics to make grip into safer sides were wonderfully explained. How and what skills like confidence, listener, leadership, time management should be mastered were told.
An interactive session on having a healthy personal interview was conducted. Covering very minute details like what to wear, how to act, and most importantly how to present oneself as a perfect job aspirant were discussed. Students found answers to general yet difficult questions like "tell us about yourself?", "What are your strengths and weaknesses?", "What has been your biggest achievement till date?" etc.
The session greatly explained the important role of a good attitude in job selection process. Experience of Mr. Umang made the session so realistic that students were really impressed by the session.
Following are a few glimpses of the session: