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School of Engineering

Seminar Report

"Career Beyond Borders – Opportunity in Overseas Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship"

Date& Time :29 September 2026 & 2.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m.

Venue: Seminar Hall, School of Engineering

Audience: IV-Year Students

Introduction

Avinashilingam Centre for International Education and School of Engineering, Avinashilingam Institute, organized an informative seminar titled **"Career Beyond Borders – Opportunity in Overseas Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship."** The session was conducted with the objective of creating awareness among students about the opportunities available beyond India, particularly in the areas of overseas higher education, employment and entrepreneurship. The resource person for the programme was **Mr. Manikandan Nagarajan**, Founder & CEO, Aham Global Business Pvt. Ltd. Immigration Expert, Business Consultant - Overseas shared valuable insights and practical guidance regarding pursuing higher education and developing a career in foreign countries.

The session mainly focused on the importance of preparing students for international opportunities. The speaker explained that going abroad is not simply about obtaining admission to a foreign university. Students must understand the education system, culture, communication style, professional environment, financial requirements and expectations of the country they wish to move to. Proper preparation and skill development are therefore essential for achieving success in an international environment.

Importance of Communication Skills

One of the important topics discussed during the programme was the importance of communication skills. Communication plays a major role in education, employment and everyday life, especially when a student plans to study or work in another country. Good academic knowledge alone may not be sufficient. The person should be able to communicate ideas clearly and confidently.

The resource person emphasized that students should continuously improve communication skills. Students should develop confidence while communicating with teachers, classmates, interviewers and professionals. Effective communication also help students participate in group discussions, attend interviews, give presentations and interact with people from different countries.

Skill Development According to Industry Requirements

Another major point discussed in the programme was the need to upgrade technical and professional skills according to the requirements of companies and industries. The

speaker explained that academic qualifications are important, but companies also look for practical knowledge and additional skills.

Students planning to study or work abroad should identify the skills required in their chosen field and develop them before applying for opportunities. Technical skills, problem-solving ability, teamwork, communication, adaptability and professional behaviour are some of the important qualities required in the international job market.

The session motivated students to understand the changing requirements of industries and continuously update their knowledge. Rather than depending only on marks or degrees, students should develop a combination of academic knowledge, technical skills, communication skills and practical experience.

Overseas Education Opportunities

The main focus of the programme was higher education opportunities in foreign countries. The resource person explained that several countries provide opportunities for international students to pursue undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes. Countries such as Finland, Germany, Belgium and other European countries were discussed as possible destinations for higher education.

Students were encouraged to understand the admission requirements of different universities and countries before applying. Academic performance, particularly CGPA, can play an important role in determining eligibility for different educational opportunities and scholarships. The speaker highlighted that students with a good academic record may have opportunities for scholarships and recommendations depending on the university, country, programme and eligibility criteria.

The session also highlighted the importance of researching universities carefully rather than selecting a university only based on its popularity. Students should consider the course curriculum, eligibility requirements, scholarship opportunities, tuition fees, living expenses, career opportunities and the overall education system of the country.

Understanding Foreign Education and Culture

The resource person explained that students planning to migrate overseas should understand and adapt to the culture and educational practices of the destination country. The education system in foreign countries may differ considerably from the system followed in India.

Students may experience differences in teaching methods, classroom participation, assignments, evaluation methods, communication styles and interaction between students and faculty members. Therefore, students should be prepared to take responsibility for their learning and actively participate in academic activities.

Cultural adaptation is also important. Students may interact with people from different nationalities, languages and cultural backgrounds. Understanding and respecting cultural differences can help students adjust to a new environment. The speaker emphasized that students should be open-minded, adaptable and willing to learn about the lifestyle and social practices of the country they are planning to move to.

Challenges of Studying Abroad

The session also highlighted several challenges that students may face while studying in a foreign country. These may include language and communication difficulties, cultural differences, financial pressure, adapting to a new education system, homesickness and managing daily responsibilities independently.

Students may initially find it difficult to adjust to a different lifestyle and academic environment. However, proper preparation can make the transition easier. Developing communication skills, understanding the culture before travelling, managing finances effectively and becoming independent can help students overcome these challenges.

The speaker encouraged students to consider both the opportunities and challenges before planning to move abroad. Studying overseas requires responsibility, preparation, adaptability and a willingness to learn.

Opportunities Beyond Education

Although the programme primarily focused on higher education, the title of the programme also highlighted employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. The skills gained through international education can support students in developing their careers globally.

Students can explore international employment opportunities after completing their education, depending on their qualifications, skills and the employment regulations of the destination country. Similarly, students with innovative ideas and entrepreneurial skills may explore opportunities to develop businesses and professional networks internationally.

The overall message was that students should prepare themselves not only for obtaining a degree but also for developing a long-term career.







Snapshot of Dignitaries and Students attending the seminar

Conclusion

The “Career Beyond Borders – Opportunity in Overseas Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship” programme was an informative and useful session for students interested in building an international career. The resource person, **Mr**. **Manikandan Nagarajan**, provided valuable guidance about the importance of communication, skill development, overseas education, cultural adaptation, financial planning and the challenges associated with studying abroad.

Overall, the programme motivated the students to explore international opportunities with proper preparation and awareness. It provided a broader perspective on how students can upgrade their skills and prepare themselves for higher education and future career opportunities beyond India.