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A Report on Interaction with Alumni

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Alumni

Er. Aishwerya Kapoor

On

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The Computer Engineering Department of SCET has organized a session on “**Soft skills and personality development**” for BE pre-final year and final year students on **19th September, 2020** under the banner of “**Share What I Gain**” initiated by **SCET Alumni Association**. **More than 80 students** of the **Computer Engineering Department** along with **7 faculty members** attended this session.

The talk started with a formal introduction of the alumni student by **Prof. Bintu Kadhiwala**.

About the Alumni :

The brief profile of **Er. Aishwerya Kapoor** is as follows:

Education :

- **Sarvajanik College of Engineering & Technology**
Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) - Computer Engineering
Batch - 2014 – 2018
- **Simon Fraser University**
Master's degree - Big Data Specialisation
Batch - 2019 – 2020 (pursuing)

Current Position :

- Data Engineer (Intern) at Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)

Area of Interest :

- Big Data Analysis
- Machine Learning
- Visual Analytics

Work Experience :

- **Student Ambassador (Aug 2016 - Jan 2017) (6 months)**
Company Name - Internshala
Work Done - represented Internshala in the college and understood how it all comes together for a cause.
- **Intern (Jan 2017 - Feb 2018) (1 year 2 Months)**
Company Name - Khabri Audio Pvt. Ltd.

Location - Gurgaon, Haryana.

Work Done - worked as content curator and voice artist

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant (Jan 2020- Apr 2020) (4 months)**

University Name - Simon Fraser University

Location - Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Work Done - TA for course CMPT 373 Software Development Methods.

- **Data Engineer intern (May 2020 - present)**

Company Name - Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)

Location - North Vancouver , British Columbia , Canada

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant (Sept 2020 - present)**

University Name - Simon Fraser University

Location - Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

Work Done - TA for course CMPT 320 Social Implications

Objectives of the talk :

- To discuss how soft skills can be developed.
- To make students understand the importance of soft skills.
- To make students aware about the myths and the reality about soft skills pertaining to engineers and application of the same in a Technical environment.
- To understand human behaviour.
- To guide students on how to know one's personality.

Highlights of the interaction :

Er. Aishwerya Kapoor started the talk by introducing herself as **SCET alumni** and by presenting her gratitude towards SCET college and faculty members as an undergraduate student of the institute. She then said about the pandemic and how it affected the work culture globally. Next she shared with us her journey to SFU University which is located in the beautiful city of VanCouver and about her job role in ICBC.

She then started with the agenda importance of **Soft Skills and Personality Development** as it is the most neglected and undermined by engineering students. She

Started with **Kakcharov's hierarchy** of skills that explains us understanding human behaviour which actually aids soft skill development wherein she gave students the example of making an excellent final year project but not able to present it efficiently and many more work places, real life scenarios as examples.

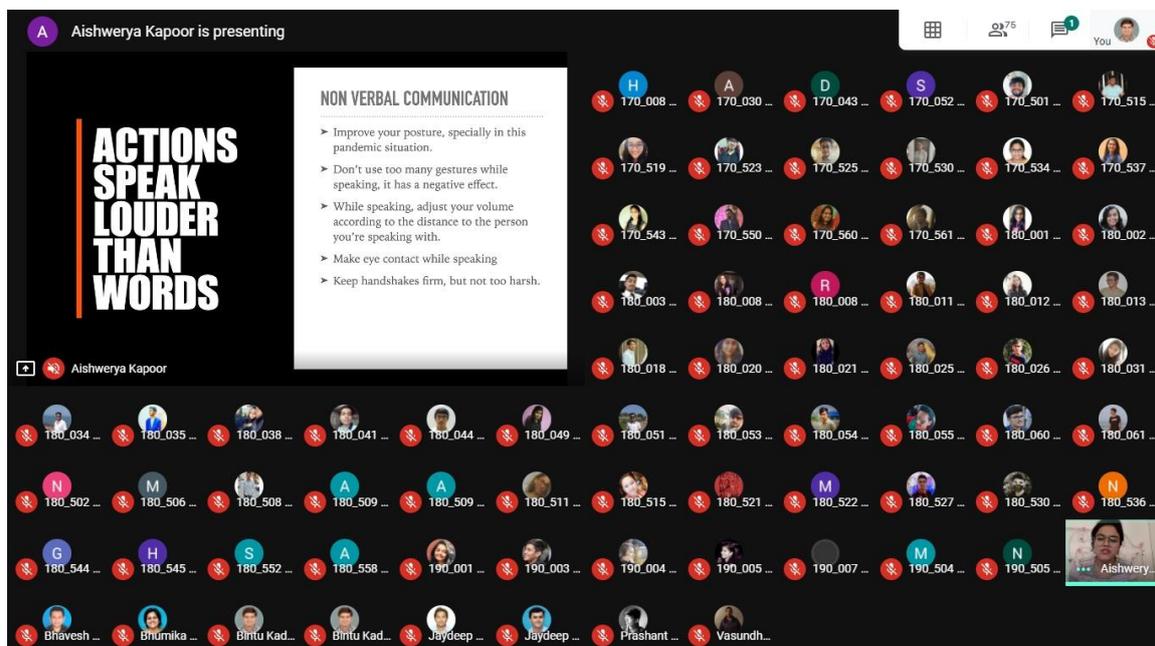
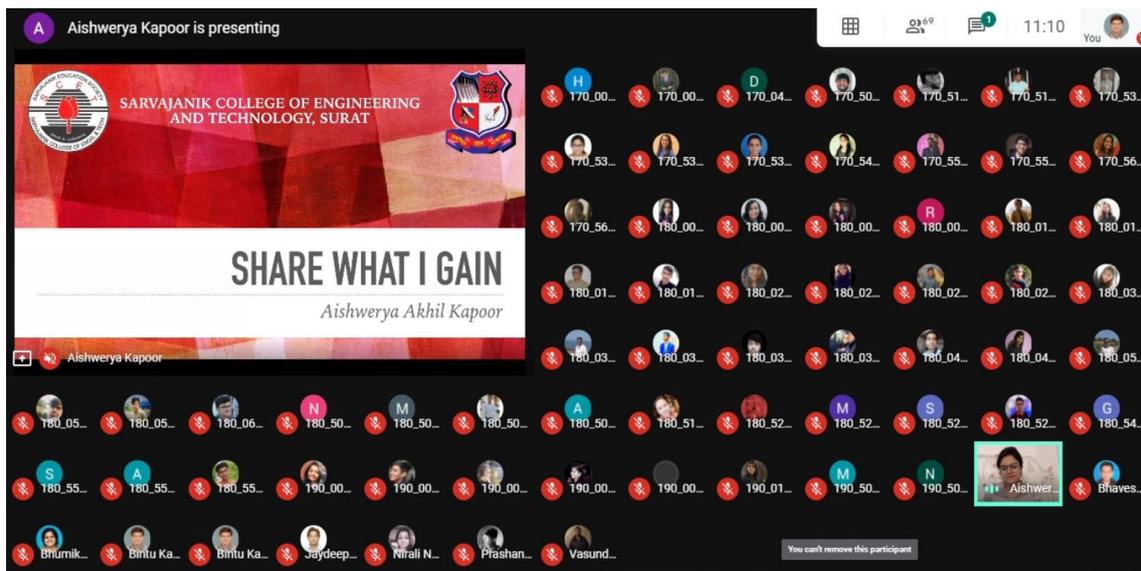
After that, she discussed the important soft skills like **effective communication, time management, and stress management**. She talked in detail about each of these skills and the parameters to be taken care of in each of these. She mainly spoke about **Active listening. Assertiveness, Articulation, Networking (Linkedin is not enough!), Non-verbal communication** wherein she focused on the part that **“Actions speak louder than words”**. Later, in time management, she gave students an effective tool to exploit productivity not only at the workplace, but even in the daily lifestyle known as **Stephen Covey's time management matrix**.

Talking about Stress management, she advised students to maintain a healthy lifestyle, be empathetic, explained to students the conflict resolution flowchart, importance of teamwork, be open-minded (accept criticism with a fresh set of eyes), how to be creative, and guide to self realisation.

She then engaged everyone with an activity called **“MYERS-BRIGGS QUESTIONNAIRE”** where all the attendees were told to give themselves an answer for each question displayed based on their personality and later by those answers all could figure out their personality type. She recommended that first year students should start working on their soft skills and that English as a language has a huge importance in recruitment, at the workplace and to stay and communicate and that watching web-content in English can help one improve it in terms of usage and pronunciation.

She stressed on the fact that participating in co-curricular activities is also important and that students should know how to balance between both curricular and co-curricular activities. As a whole, **she discussed how soft skills development can entirely change one's perspective and personality**.

Glimpse of the interaction :



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