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Nature of Event (Workshop, Guest Lecture, Add-on Course, Seminar, etc.)	Invited lecture
Name of Department	Biotechnology
Faculty In-Charge	Ms. Jocelyn Fernandes, Ms. Anjelica Matias, Mr. Vishal U. Mardolkar, Ms. Swaroopa Naik.
Stratum of Event (College, State, Regional, National)	College
Title of Event	Career guidance session
Date of Event	3 rd February 2024
Venue	Classroom 402, Department of Biotechnology, PG Block
Objective/ Scope of Event	Session aimed to provide insights into the practical and technical aspects of the field, highlight the importance of setting and achieving career goals, and showcase the successful journeys of alumni who have excelled in various sectors within Biotechnology.
Particulars of Event	<p>On 3rd February 2024, the department organized a "Career Guidance Session" for the students of Department of Biotechnology. The session aimed to provide insights and guidance on career paths and opportunities in the field of biotechnology. The event featured Mr. Asbern Dsilva, a Junior Research Fellow (JRF) at BITS Pilani KK, Goa Campus, as the resource person. The event commenced with Ms. Anjelica Matias welcoming the resource person and the audience. Following the welcome, Ms. Ananya, student of F.Y. Biotechnology introduced the guest speaker Mr. Asbern Dsilva, followed by presenting a potted plant. Mr. Dsilva began his talk by sharing his early educational journey in biotechnology. He discussed the challenges and opportunities he encountered while pursuing his degree, emphasizing the importance of a solid foundational knowledge and practical skills in the field. He also recounted his experience working in the industry, highlighting the practical and technical aspects of the field, giving students a realistic view of what to expect in a professional environment. One of the most inspiring parts of Mr. Asbern 's talk was his transition from being an industrial employee to a researcher. He explained the reasons behind his career change, including his desire to contribute to scientific research and innovation. His story served as a motivating example for students considering a shift from industry to academia. Mr. Asbern also shared his current research work on halophilic bacteria, discussing the significance of this research in the broader context of</p>

	biotechnology and its potential applications. He also encouraged students to explore various research opportunities in their areas of interest.
Outcome of Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students were inspired by the personal success stories and career trajectories, motivating them to pursue their goals with determination. 2. Students became more aware of the diverse career opportunities in Biotechnology, including research, technical roles, and industry positions. 3. Students received valuable advice on how to navigate their career paths, including the importance of gaining practical experience and technical skills.
Feedback	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students appreciated the relatable and practical advice shared by the alumni. 2. Many students expressed a newfound clarity on the potential career paths available to them after graduation. 3. Appreciated the opportunity to hear from successful alumni who provided real-world insights and advice. 4. Students suggested organizing similar sessions more frequently to keep them informed about career opportunities and trends in the Biotechnology field.

Total No. of Participants	55

Photographs



