

# Department of Management Studies

INDUSTRY INSTITUTE CONCLAVE 2024 as part of SPHINX'24

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### “College to Career: Is There a Missing Link?”

Date	:	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>
Timing	:	<b>11:00 AM to 12:30 PM</b>
Duration	:	1.5 hours
Panelists	:	4
Number of participants	:	74
Venue	:	Neeti Sabhagar

#### CONCEPT:

The discussion aimed to identify gaps between college education and job requirements, gain practical insights from industry experiences, and explore career-building strategies like mentorship and networking. Objectives included engaging the audience, encouraging industry-academic collaboration, and fostering connections among professionals and students.

#### Minute-to-minute of event:

- **11:00 – 11:15** | Opening Remarks and Introduction of Panelists
- **11:15 - 12:10** | Discussion about the topic “College to Career: Is There Missing Link?”
- **12:10 - 12:15** | Quiz
- **12:15 - 12:25** | Audience Q&A
- **12:25 - 12:30** | Closing Remarks and Token of Appreciation

#### EXECUTION:

##### Opening Remarks:

The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the hosts, Rydham and Indu. They set the stage for a thought-provoking discussion by highlighting the challenges and opportunities that students face in transitioning from academia to the professional world.

### **Panel Introduction:**

The moderators introduced the distinguished panellists:

1. Pinky Maheshwari (founder of Surprise Someone)
2. Vikram Sharma (Motivational Speaker and founder of Mystic Brains)
3. Vinod Garg (Chairman and Managing Director of Pro Mac Pvt Ltd.)
4. Saksham Gupta (Deputy Director of Dr B Lal Clinical Laboratory)

### **Panel Discussion:**

The panel discussion delved into various aspects of the college-to-career transition:

- **Academic Relevance:** The panel discussed the importance of aligning academic curricula with industry needs and fostering practical skills.
- **The Role of Mentorship:** The panellists emphasized the value of mentorship in guiding students and providing career advice.
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** The panel explored the opportunities and challenges of entrepreneurship, particularly in today's dynamic business landscape.
- **Soft Skills and Professional Development:** The importance of developing soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving was highlighted.
- **The Impact of Technology:** The panellists discussed the impact of emerging technologies on the job market and the need for continuous learning.

### **Audience Interaction:**

The discussion was followed by an interactive Q&A session, where the audience had the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the panellists.

### **Closing Remarks:**

The event concluded with a summary of the key points discussed and a call to action for students to actively seek opportunities, network with professionals, and continuously upskill themselves. The moderators thanked the panellists for their insightful contributions and the audience for their participation.

## GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT

