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Date:- 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Report on Alumni talk/Connect Back to Campus Program– 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Name of the Event: Connect Back to Campus

Date of the Event: 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Time: 3 pm onwards

Venue/ Location: Library Hall, DYPBBI

Total number of student attendees: 107

Total number of Faculty attendees: 03

Total number of Attendees: 110

**Objectives:**

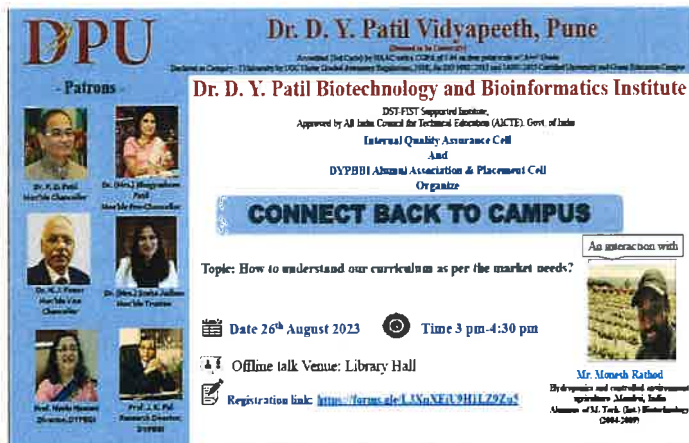
1. To build long term relation with all the ex-students and the present students of Institute
2. To cater the professional needs of students by sharing their knowledge and expertise.

Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute, Pune hosted its first offline Alumni talk through the platform of “Connect Back to Campus” activity on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 between 3 pm to 5:00 pm. The main focus of the program was to expose the current students of the Institute towards getting practical knowledge and guidance in their professional journey. Mr. Monesh Rathod, who is one of the distinguished Alumnus of M. Tech. Biotechnology (2004-2009) and currently an entrepreneur, was invited as the guest speaker.

The session began with the introduction of the guest speaker by Dr. Ashwini Puntambekar, Member, Alumni and Placement Committee, DYPBBI. Dr. Neelu Nawani, Director, DYPBBI, gave her valuable insights about the Aptitude building Program and encouraged the students to participate in these activities. This program establishes a scientific connect and also enhances the overall development of students as multi-faceted professionals. She also asked the students to interact and collaborate with the Alumni. Mr. Monesh began the talk by sharing some of his student life experiences with the present students.

He asked the students about the different courses they learn in their curriculum and elaborated on the market needs of some of the subjects like: Fermentation technology in manufacturing of dyes, Animal tissue culture in

lab grown meat and plant tissue culture wherein fruits like strawberries and blueberries have a high market potential. He also explained the role of Bioinformatics in research, roles of subjects like enzymology and microbiology and environmental sciences in career building. Therefore one must have strong and clear visualization of basics of any subject. Mr. Monesh also added on his experiences and the challenges faced by him for establishing his own startup. He highlighted on the expectations of different companies from biotechnologists of today. He ended the talk by thanking the Institute for giving him this opportunity. Around 110 attendees including the staff and students of DYPBBI participated in the event. The program was coordinated by Dr. Ashwini Puntambekar.



Flyer for the Program



Mr. Monesh addressing the audience



Dr. Neelu Nawani addressing the students



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**Outcome:**

The session created a valuable platform for the students to connecting with the Alumnus and also exploring the various opportunities.

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Event Organizer

Dr. Soumya Basu  
In-charge Alumni and Placement  
Committee

Prof. Neelu Nawani  
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