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DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES

Under the Aegis of DBT Star Status

Edu-link series: Lecture 4

What Next?

"True guidance is like a small torch in a dark forest. It doesn't show everything once, but gives enough light for the next step to be safe."

- *Swami Vivekananda*

The Department of Life Sciences, K. C. College, under the aegis of DBT Star Status organized a lecture on career opportunities in the field of Life Sciences and research, on January 23, 2021. It was the 4th lecture in the Edu-Link Series (2020 - 21), organized for students of S.Y.B.Sc. and T. Y. B.Sc. Life Sciences. Mr. Sohel Bilal Gazi, Executive – Quality Control, Reliance Life Science Pvt Ltd. was the resource person for the session.

Edu-link lecture series is an initiative of the Department of Life Sciences, under the aegis of DBT Star Status, for its young and enthusiastic students to gain guidance from their illustrious seniors from different fields who have made a mark for themselves. In the 4th lecture for Edu-link series 2020 – 2021, the students of S.Y.B.Sc. and T.Y.B.Sc. Life Sciences had the opportunity to meet a former student of the college and Department of Biotechnology, Mr. Sohel Gazi.

The session began with the wise words of our Head of Department Dr. Sagarika Damle emphasizing on the importance of interdisciplinary approach to learning and how it contributes to the overall development of a student. Vice Principal Dr. Tejashree Shanbhag introduced the audience to the inquisitive, enthusiastic and hardworking student behind the impressive resume of our resource person Mr. Gazi, following which a formal introduction was given to the students.

Mr. Gazi started the session by recounting his foray into the field of Biotechnology in his first year at K.C.College and how being a part of the college's Science Honours Program proved to be a life changing experience for him. Emphasizing on the importance of SHP and the difference it

creates in a student's life, sir said, that SHP teaches us different life skills and the importance of perseverance and hard work. Sir explained how SHP facilitates for a broad spectrum of growth and development for students.

Quelling the unwarranted doubts of student's sir explained that the field of Microbiology, Life Sciences and Biotechnology is vast with many opportunities to tap on; the only requirements are enthusiasm and excitement with clear basic knowledge of the subject. Mr. Gazi went on to explain to the students about his work and the kind of experience he has gathered over the years, from his SHP project to his current work as Senior Executive – Quality Control. Sir talked about his incredible journey over the years and gave students an important word of advice, “the journey is more interesting and important than the destination”. Needless to say the talk had students interested from the get go.

Sir explained the importance of having experience with different instruments and gave information about the different places we can visit to gain hands-on instrumental experience. Mr. Gazi talked about the different career opportunities for students once they finish their education. However sir also mentioned that giving up your passion in pursuit of job opportunities is never a wise decision. The most important take home message for the students from this webinar was to follow their interests and never give up on what excites us truly only for the sake of job opportunities. The webinar was followed by a question and answer session where all the doubts of students were solved efficiently by the resource person and ended with a formal vote of thanks.

The talk by Mr. Gazi was insightful and informative. The session was peppered with numerous anecdotes from the speaker's own experiences as a student and a young job aspirant, with words of wisdom and knowledge waiting at every corner. The webinar was successful in in answering the most trending question in the minds of the students, ‘What Next?’.

Feedback: The feedback received from the students indicates that many of the students felt that the resource person had sound knowledge of the topic and could communicate with them effectively. The participants gained resource material from this webinar and received answers for their questions, which clearly shows that the resource person could reach out and help many of the participants to solve their queries and quell any unwarranted doubts regarding their future. The webinar was well organized and the information delivered was detailed yet easy to understand. It also helped to increase their scientific knowledge and resource person was very clear and explained the topic well and clear.

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