

REPORT

An Expert Session on

**MASTERING GROUP DISCUSSION & PERSONAL
INTERVIEW CRACKING SKILLS**

By

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Venue: Seminar Hall (2202/A), I.C. Department

Organized by: GEC Gandhinagar, Sector-28

Number of Participants: 50 students



GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE, GANDHINAGAR
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ORGANIZES

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Thu 28th

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11:30 AM onwards

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**Block 2, Seminar Hall
(2202/A)**

EXPERT

CONVENOR



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INTRODUCTION

As part of the placement preparation initiative, a session on “Mastering Group Discussion and Personal Interview Cracking Skills” was conducted for the students of Instrumentation and Control (IC) Department at GEC Gandhinagar. The session was aimed at equipping students with professional skills crucial for placement drives, focusing on effective participation in Group Discussions (GDs) and confidently handling Personal Interviews (PIs). These two aspects form a vital part of the recruitment process and mastering them ensures better career opportunities.

The resource person for the session was Mr. Utkarsh Upadhyay, a distinguished educator, corporate trainer, and curriculum developer with extensive experience in academic and professional training. His interactive presentation style and industry-oriented approach made the session impactful and engaging.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Mr. Utkarsh Upadhyay is a Professional Educator and Corporate Finance Trainer with more than seven years of experience in teaching and training. His areas of specialization include:

- Accounts and Advanced Financial Management for professional courses such as CA, CS, ACCA, US CMA, and CIMA.
- Development of skill-based and entrepreneurial learning modules.
- Personalized mentoring for students and job seekers.

He has also authored academic resources, conducted live revision sessions, and produced educational content on digital platforms. His teaching philosophy integrates structured content delivery with interactive discussions, ensuring holistic student development.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION

During the session, the trainer highlighted the importance of skills required to excel in GDs and PIs. Some of the key points covered included:

- Confidence Building – Overcoming nervousness and presenting with assurance.
- Effective Communication Skills – Practicing fluency, avoiding filler words, and developing persuasive arguments.
- Professional Dressing & Grooming – Creating a positive impression through attire and grooming.
- Personality Development – Body language, eye contact, gestures, and overall etiquette.

Session Photographs:





LEARNING OUTCOMES

The session had several important takeaways for the students:

1. Improved confidence in group discussions.
2. Enhanced clarity and articulation during interviews.
3. Awareness about body language and non-verbal communication.
4. Ability to structure answers effectively.
5. Better understanding of corporate expectations during recruitment.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Students appreciated the trainer's practical tips on communication, grooming, and confidence-building. They found the interactive activities and real-life examples very

engaging. The students after the session have requested to arrange for the mock session where they can practice on Group Discussion and personal interviews..

CONCLUSION

The session on “Mastering Group Discussion and Personal Interview Cracking Skills” proved to be a highly enriching experience for IC Department students. The guidance provided by Mr. Utkarsh Upadhyay equipped them with essential skills for placement readiness. Such initiatives ensure that students are not only academically competent but also professionally prepared for industry challenges.