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CAREER GUIDANCE AND AWARENESS SESSION FOR STD. XI

Date of Programme : 08.08.2026
Conducted by : Mr. Nirmal Pradeep, Founder , Future Paradigm Education and Career Guidance Expert
Students of Class : Std. XI
Venue : A.V. Room

A Career Guidance and Awareness Session was organised by the School for the Students and Parents of the Computer Science Stream on **08.08.2026 (Saturday)** in the School Premises.

Mr. Nirmal Pradeep, Founder , Future Paradigm Education and Career Guidance Expert facilitated the session for around 50 attendees including the Senior Secondary teachers.

The Facilitator established that the Emerging Technologies have brought along with it the need for students to break the conventional and stereotypical mindset and look beyond the Core Disciplines. He also added that students should take the risk and experiment with Courses that align to the Present evolving Job Market and their own passion.

Mr Nirmal emphasised that both Parents and Students need to consider the uncharted territories and look at both ‘A Sustainable and Satisfying Career’.

He stressed on the important Steps that will equip them for the ever changing ‘Job Ecosystem’

The key areas being:

Emerging Careers: The job market is changing fast. New fields like AI & Machine Learning, Data Science, Cybersecurity, UX Design, Digital Marketing, Sustainability & Green Energy are growing. Students should look beyond traditional roles and **explore careers that will be in demand/ relevant by 2040.**

Evolving Work Landscape: Work is no longer just 9-to-5 office jobs. We now have remote work, freelance, gig economy, and startups. Employers value adaptability, tech skills, and problem-solving more than just degrees. Future jobs will need people who can **learn and unlearn quickly.**

Aligning Academics with Career Goals: Subjects chosen in Class XI & XII become the foundation for college and career. He wished them to align the stream with their goal. Example: Want to do Design? Focus on Arts + Portfolio. Want to do Data Science? Strong Maths is key. **Early planning avoids confusion later.**

Identifying Students’ Interests, Aptitude & Strengths: Success comes when passion meets ability. He suggested that they use aptitude tests, self-reflection, and feedback to understand what they enjoy and what they are good at. He advised them not to choose a career just because “everyone is doing it.” **“Choose what fits YOU”.**

Exploring Various Career Pathways after Class XII: After Class XII, the options are huge: Engineering, Medicine, Commerce, Law, Design, Media, Hotel Management, Defence, Vocational courses. Arts and Commerce students also have global opportunities.

The key is to research and keep options open.

Higher Education Opportunities: Liberal Arts : Liberal Arts is no longer “Plan B”. Courses in Psychology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Media, Design develop critical thinking and creativity. Top universities in India and abroad now offer interdisciplinary Liberal Arts degrees with great career scope.

Importance of Skill Development for Future Careers: Degrees get you an interview, skills get you the job. Future employers want communication, teamwork, coding, digital literacy, and critical thinking. Along with academics, **build skills through courses, internships, and projects.**

How to Make Informed Career Decisions: He encouraged students to deeply introspect before taking a call and advised them to stay clear from ‘peer pressure’. He said they must Research on careers, talk to mentors, attend webinars, do internships, and check future scope. Make a pros-cons list. **An informed decision today saves 4 years of regret tomorrow.**

Profile Building: Colleges and companies don’t just look at marks. They look at your profile, competitions, projects, volunteering, blogs, YouTube channel, coding portfolio, sports. Start building from Class XI. He added that any certification taken up should have credit points and not just a Certificate. **Every small activity adds value to your story.**

The interactive session helped students and parents gain greater clarity, and will go a long way in shaping a focused academic and career plan.

In the Q & A Session, Parents were eager to know more about Internships and how to strike a balance between Academics and working towards Profile Building. Teachers enquired about recognised courses which will help students in the long run. A Select few had a networking with Mr. Nirmal Pradeep post the session too.

Mr. Nirmal Pradeep, Founder, Future Paradigm Education and Career Guidance Expert facilitate the Career Guidance and Awareness Session for Students of Std. XI

