

Report on Panel Discussion: AI & Campus Placements

The Central Training and Placement Cell of Sandip Foundation & Sandip University organized a panel discussion on "AI & Campus Placements: Creating Better Career Pathways for Students" on 19 June 2026. The session brought together distinguished industry leaders and Training & Placement Officers to discuss the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence on recruitment practices and campus placements. The discussion provided valuable insights into emerging hiring trends, AI-driven recruitment processes, and collaborative strategies to enhance students' employability and career readiness in the evolving corporate landscape.

Name of the Event: "AI & Campus Placements: Creating Better Career Pathways for Students"

Date & Day : 19th June 2026 (Friday)

Time : 10:00 Am

Organized By : Central Training & Placement Cell Sandip Foundation & Sandip University

Venue : SIPS Seminar Hall, Sandip Foundation, Nashik

1. Introduction

The Central Training & Placement Department of Sandip Foundation and Sandip University organized an insightful **Panel Discussion on "AI & Campus Placements: Creating Better Career Pathways for Students"** to explore the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence on campus recruitment and career development. The session brought together industry experts and Training & Placement Officers to discuss emerging recruitment trends, AI-driven hiring practices, and strategies for preparing students to meet evolving industry expectations.

2. Objectives of the Program

The primary objectives of the session were to:

- Bridge the gap between academia and industry
- Provide practical insights into the corporate world
- Inspire management students through real-life experiences
- Enhance awareness about product leadership, innovation, and career growth

3. Panel Composition

The panel discussion featured distinguished speakers from industry and academia:

- **Mr. Swapnil Gondkar**, Founder & CEO, ITVedant Education Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Rahul Jha**, Paytm (Online Participation)
- **Prof. Dhanraj Deshpande**, TPO, Sapat College
- **Prof. Gokul Mahajan**, TPO, Shatabdi Institute of Engineering, Nashik

The discussion was hosted and moderated by **Prof. Amit Manapure, CTPO – Sandip Foundation & Sandip University**.

The program was organized under the guidance of:

- **Convener:** Prof. (Dr.) Prasad P. Kulkarni, CTPO Head
- **Coordinator:** Prof. Amit Manapure, CTPO
- **Committee Members:** Prof. Pankaj Shirsath, Prof. Sandeep Aher, Prof. Sibun Raj Rout, Prof. Vivek Visapute, Mr. Sagar Suresh Wagh (CTO), and Mr. Dipak Bhangale (Technical Assistant).

4. Program Highlights

- The session commenced with a welcome address and introduction of the distinguished panellists.
- Industry experts discussed the increasing adoption of Artificial Intelligence in recruitment, talent acquisition, and skill assessment.
- The panel emphasized the importance of upskilling students in data intelligence, problem-solving, and AI-enabled technologies to remain competitive in the job market.
- Academic experts highlighted the role of Training & Placement Cells in leveraging AI and data analytics to improve placement strategies and student preparedness.
- The discussion concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, allowing participants to exchange ideas and best practices for strengthening campus placements.

5. Outcomes of the Session

- Participants gained valuable insights into AI-driven recruitment and evolving hiring practices.
- Enhanced understanding of industry expectations and future-ready employability skills.
- Strengthened collaboration among Training & Placement Officers from various institutions across the Nashik region.
- Encouraged institutions to adopt innovative, technology-enabled approaches for student training and placement.
- Inspired participants to integrate AI-based tools and industry collaboration into campus placement activities.

6. Conclusion

The panel discussion on **"AI & Campus Placements: Creating Better Career Pathways for Students"** proved to be highly informative and relevant in today's rapidly evolving employment landscape. The session provided valuable perspectives on the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in recruitment and highlighted the need for continuous upskilling, industry collaboration, and technology-driven placement

strategies. Overall, the discussion strengthened the commitment of educational institutions towards preparing students for successful careers in an AI-enabled corporate environment.

7. Acknowledgment

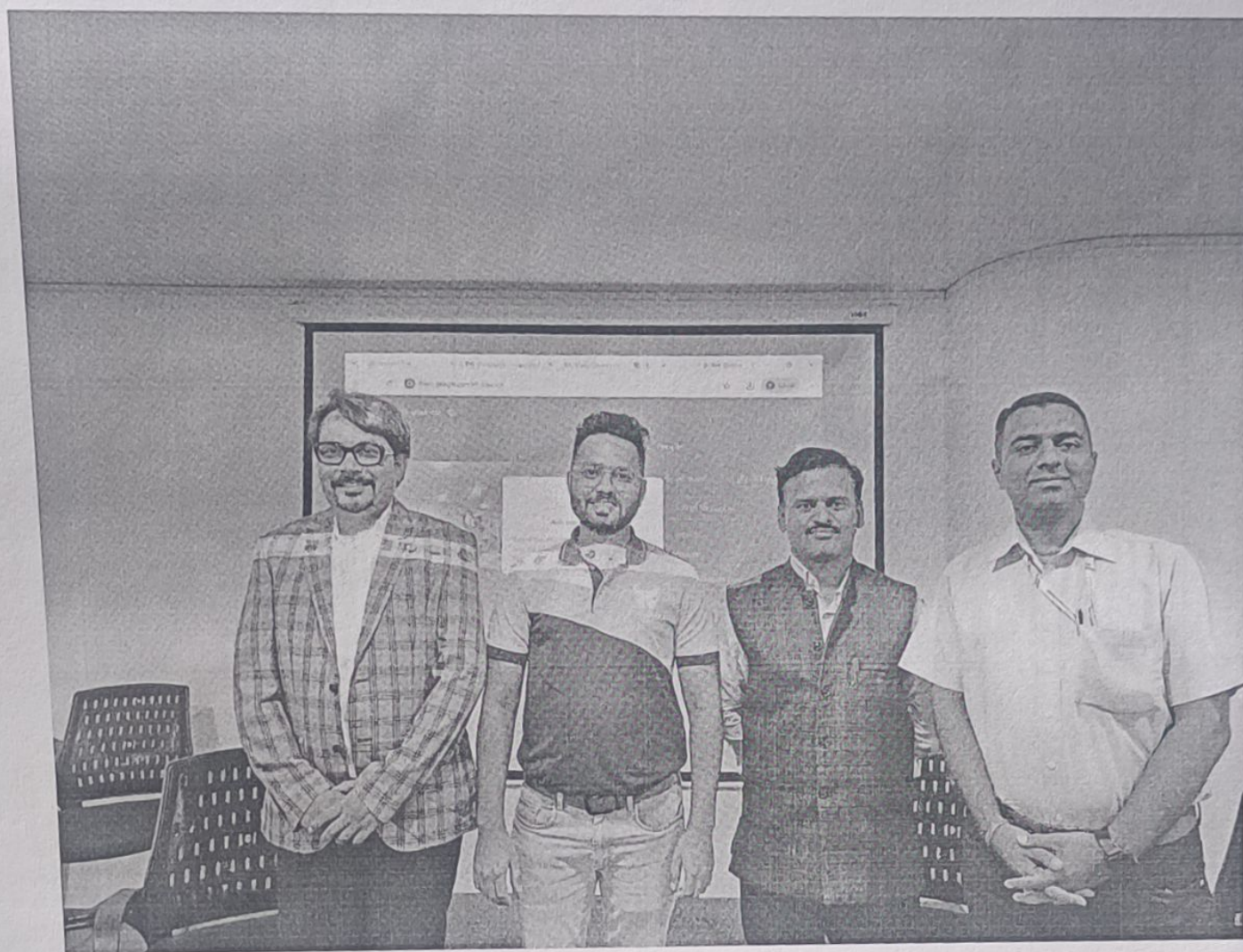
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Inauguration of the Panel Discussion on "AI & Campus Placements: Creating Better Career Pathways for Students" organized by the Central Training & Placement Cell.



Distinguished panellists sharing their insights on the impact of Artificial Intelligence in campus recruitment and career development.



Group photograph of the panellists, organizers and participants



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