Counselling and Guidance Cell & Happy Thinking Laboratory in association with Department of Geography

organize a workshop on

BUILDING COMPETITIVE COMPETENCIES

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Date/ Time 21/10/2024 @ 12:30



Venue Department of Geography

Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow



Chief Guest & Key Speaker :

Prof. Arvind Mohan Dean, Faculty of Arts Lucknow University

Convener Dr. Vaishali Saxena, Director, Counselling and Guidance Cell Convener Prof. Durgesh Srivastava HOD, Department of Geography Convener Prof. M. Priyadarshini, Director, Happy Thinking Laboratory Report on the Event Organized by the Counselling and Guidance Cell and Happy Thinking Laboratory of the University of Lucknow

Topic: Building Competitive Competency Date: 21st October 2024 Venue: Department of Geography, University of Lucknow

On 21st October 2024, the **Counselling and Guidance Cell** and the **Happy Thinking Laboratory** of the University of Lucknow, in collaboration with the **Department of Geography**, organized an insightful event centered around the theme **"Building Competitive Competency."** The event was aimed at empowering students with the skills and mindset needed to excel in the increasingly competitive academic and professional landscapes. The program was graced by distinguished speakers, including Professor Arvind Mohan, Dean of the Faculty at the University of Lucknow, who served as the Chief Guest, and **Professor M. Priyadarshini**, Director of the Happy Thinking Laboratory, who shared valuable insights as a guest speaker. The session was conducted under the able guidance of **Dr. Vaishali Saxena**, Director of the Counselling and Guidance Cell, and was attended by students, faculty members, and staff from various departments across the university.

The event commenced with an opening address by **Dr. Vaishali Saxena**, who extended a warm welcome to the participants. She set the tone for the day by emphasizing the significance of building competitive competency, particularly in today's fast-paced world. Dr. Saxena highlighted that success in both academic and professional spheres is no longer solely reliant on rote learning or technical skills. Rather, it requires a combination of critical thinking, emotional intelligence, adaptability, and resilience. She discussed how students can leverage the resources available at the university, particularly the Counselling and Guidance Cell, to enhance their soft skills and foster a mindset geared toward growth and excellence. Dr. Saxena encouraged the attendees to embrace challenges and develop a holistic approach to building competency.

The keynote address was delivered by **Professor Arvind Mohan**, Dean of the Faculty of the University of Lucknow, who offered his valuable perspectives on the changing nature of competition and its implications for students. Professor Mohan stressed the importance of collaboration, both within and outside academic circles, as a key driver of success. He spoke about the evolving demands of the global job market and how students must continuously upskill themselves to remain relevant. Professor Mohan underscored that competitive competency is not just about academic excellence but also about cultivating a mindset of lifelong learning, innovation, and collaboration. His speech resonated with the students, inspiring them to broaden their horizons and actively engage in both academic and extra-curricular activities.

The next speaker, **Professor M. Priyadarshini**, Director of the Happy Thinking Laboratory, addressed the significance of mental well-being in achieving competitive competency. She highlighted the connection between emotional health and academic performance, pointing out that stress, anxiety, and other emotional barriers can hinder a student's ability to perform at their

best. Professor Priyadarshini shared practical strategies for maintaining a positive mindset, managing stress, and enhancing overall emotional resilience. She emphasized that a healthy mind is critical for unlocking one's potential, and therefore, students should prioritize mental health as part of their journey toward success.

Throughout the session, participants were encouraged to engage actively, ask questions, and reflect on their personal experiences and challenges related to competition. The event was structured as an interactive platform, providing students with opportunities to learn not only from the speakers but also from their peers. The discussions ranged from time management techniques to strategies for emotional regulation, with a focus on practical, actionable takeaways.

At the end of the session, **Professor M. Priyadarshini** delivered the **vote of thanks**, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, Professor Arvind Mohan, and all the esteemed speakers for their valuable contributions. She also extended her appreciation to **Dr. Vaishali Saxena** for her continued leadership and vision in organizing such important events. Professor Priyadarshini thanked the participants for their active engagement and insightful questions, highlighting the importance of collaboration in building competitive competency. She concluded by encouraging students to apply the knowledge and strategies shared during the session in their personal and academic lives, emphasizing the need to continue growing both intellectually and emotionally to succeed in today's competitive world.

In conclusion, the event was a resounding success, providing students with valuable insights into building competitive competency in a holistic manner. The collaborative effort between the Counselling and Guidance Cell, the Happy Thinking Laboratory, and the Department of Geography, combined with the expertise of the speakers, ensured that students left the event feeling empowered and motivated. The key takeaways from the event reinforced the idea that building competitive competency requires more than just academic achievements—it requires a balanced approach that nurtures both the mind and the spirit.







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