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#### **Notice**

This is to inform all the students of +2, +3. P.G., B.Ed. that, the Career Counseling Cell in collaboration with Department of Commerce will organize a seminar on "Career opportunity in Banking Sectors" on 9th December 2024, Monday at 10 A. M at B.Ed. Conference Hall, in association with institute of Professional Banking, Sundargarh. So, all the interested students/staff. are requested to present for the same.

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# CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAM ORGANIZED BY CAREER COUNSELING CELL IN ASSOCIATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Date: 9th December 2024

**Location:** Government College Sundargarh

Chief Guests: Sri Birendra Kumar Patel (Principal, Government College Sundargarh) and

Dr. Debadatta Sahu (Centre Director, IOPB)

#### **Introduction and Inauguration of the Program**

On 9th December 2024, the Department of Commerce at Government College Sundargarh successfully organized a **Career Counseling Program** for the students of the college. The purpose of this program was to help students gain a better understanding of potential career opportunities, the skills required to succeed in various fields, and how to plan their career paths effectively.

The event was initiated by Dr. Bhupesh Patel (Assistant OIC, Career Counseling Cell, Govt. College, Sundargarh) the organizer of the program, who welcomed all the students, faculty members, and esteemed guests. The program began with a formal inauguration, where Dr. Patel emphasized the significance of career counseling for students, especially in a rapidly evolving job market. He highlighted how crucial it was for students to align their skills with the requirements of various industries, thus ensuring long-term career growth and success.

#### Opening Remarks by the Principal, Sri Birendra Kumar Patel

Following Dr. Patel's introductory remarks, **Sri Birendra Kumar Patel**, the Principal of Government College Sundargarh, took the stage. Sri Patel is known for his constant support for student welfare and career development programs. In his speech, he expressed his pleasure at seeing such an event organized for the benefit of the students. He stressed the importance of planning one's career at an early stage of life and advised students to always remain open to learning and adapting in this competitive world.



Sri Patel pointed out that the modern job market is vast and diverse, with opportunities in every sector, but students need to be proactive and continuously update their skills. He also mentioned the importance of networking and staying informed about emerging industries like technology, finance, and sustainable practices.

Sri Patel concluded by assuring the students that the Government College Sundargarh is committed to providing more such programs and workshops to help them navigate their career journeys successfully. His words were truly motivational and set a positive tone for the rest of the event.

#### Keynote Address by Dr. Debadatta Sahu

Next, the session moved to the highly anticipated keynote address by **Dr. Debadatta Sahu**, the Centre Coordinator of the Institute of Professional Banking (IOPB). Dr. Sahu is a renowned expert in the banking sector and has been instrumental in guiding young professionals toward successful careers in banking and finance.



Dr. Sahu began his address by talking about the evolving banking sector, which, according to him, is one of the most promising career fields today. He shared insights into the current trends in banking, particularly the growing role of technology in the sector. With the rise of digital banking, fintech, and artificial intelligence, Dr. Sahu highlighted the importance of developing skills such as data analysis, digital marketing, and cybersecurity.

He motivated students to explore career opportunities in banking, both in the public and private sectors, as well as in emerging fields like mobile banking and blockchain technology. Dr. Sahu stressed that the banking sector offers a variety of roles ranging from customer service to management, and even positions in the digital transformation of banking operations.



Furthermore, Dr. Sahu shared his own journey and the challenges he faced in his career, emphasizing the importance of hard work, persistence, and continual self-improvement. He encouraged students to attend internships, participate in job shadowing, and, most importantly, never be afraid to ask questions and seek advice from mentors.



Dr. Sahu's talk was highly motivating, offering students a clear path toward building their future in the banking sector and beyond. His deep knowledge and experience were apparent in the way he connected with the students, inspiring them to think about the future and take practical steps today.

#### **Interactive Session and Student Participation**

After Dr. Sahu's enlightening address, the event transitioned into an interactive session where students were invited to ask questions and engage with the speakers. This session allowed the students to gain more clarity on specific aspects of career planning and seek personal advice from the experts.



Students were eager to learn about various career paths within the commerce field, including roles in finance, marketing, human resources, and entrepreneurship. Some students raised questions about the qualifications and skills required for working in the banking sector, while others were curious about how to balance academic work with career planning.

Both Dr. Sahu and Sri Patel answered the questions with great insight, and their responses helped students gain a clearer understanding of how to pursue their dreams. Dr. Sahu took the opportunity to encourage students to pursue certifications in banking and finance and to stay up to date with the latest technological innovations in the field. Sri Patel echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the value of interdisciplinary skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.

#### **Breakout Sessions on Career Planning and Skill Development**

The afternoon session of the event focused on practical workshops aimed at developing students' career planning and skill development. Students were divided into smaller groups, and each group participated in a breakout session led by faculty members and industry professionals. These sessions covered a range of topics, including:

- 1. **Resume Building and Job Application Process:** A session on how to create an effective resume and cover letter, with tips on making a strong impression during job interviews.
- 2. **Skills for Success in Banking and Finance:** Focused on the technical and soft skills necessary to thrive in the banking sector, including analytical thinking, customer relations, and teamwork.
- 3. **Exploring Entrepreneurship:** A session dedicated to students interested in starting their own businesses, covering topics such as market research, funding, and business planning.

These breakout sessions were highly beneficial for students, as they provided practical knowledge and actionable steps for career development.

#### **Valedictory Address and Closing Remarks**

As the event drew to a close, Dr. Bhupesh Patel returned to the stage to deliver the valedictory address. He thanked the chief guests, speakers, and all the participants for making the event a success. He expressed his hope that the insights shared during the program would inspire students to take concrete steps toward building a fulfilling career.

Dr. Patel reminded the students that career success is not just about securing a job but about finding a path that aligns with their passions and values. He urged students to maintain a growth mindset and to embrace opportunities that come their way.

#### **Vote of Thanks**

Finally, the event concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** delivered by one of the faculty members of the Department of Commerce. In his speech, he thanked the Principal, the Chief Guests, Dr. Debadatta Sahu, the speakers, the students, and everyone who contributed to the event's success.



The Vote of Thanks highlighted the importance of events like these in guiding students toward their professional goals and thanked the organizers for their hard work in putting the event together. Special thanks were also given to Dr. Bhupesh Patel for his vision and dedication to the success of the program. The speaker concluded by wishing all students the best in their career journeys and encouraged them to apply the knowledge they had gained during the program.

#### **Conclusion**

The **Career Counseling Program** organized by the Department of Commerce at Government College Sundargarh on December 9th, 2024, was an overwhelming success. The event provided students with valuable insights into various career opportunities, particularly in the banking sector, and equipped them with practical tools to plan their future. The guidance and motivation from industry experts like Dr. Debadatta Sahu were inspiring, and the interactive sessions allowed students to address their concerns directly with experienced professionals.

This event not only helped students clarify their career goals but also empowered them to take the necessary steps toward achieving those goals. It was a true testament to the commitment of the Department of Commerce to support and guide students in their career pursuits.

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