

# **Gandhinagar Institute of Technology**

A Report on

"Alumni Talk Series - Abhivyakti"
Webinar conducted by Mr. Jay Thacker
(An overview on MS Project - A project management
Software)

(29th August 2020, Saturday)

#### Alumni Talk at a Glance:

Date: 29-08-2020, Time: 11:00 AM, Platform: Google Meet

Invited Alumnus: Mr. Jay Thacker,

Master in Advanced Construction Management,

National Institute of Construction Management and Research, Pune.

- Passout Year: 2014-18 CL dept.
- Host: Prof Vineeta Nishad & Moderator: Prof Pooja Patanwal
- Around 40 participants attended the alumni talk including students, faculties and alumni and learned about the practical concepts on construction site in CL domain.

### **Objective of the event:**

The objective of the Alumni Talk Series - 'Abhivyakti' is to organize interactions on a digital platform among current students and alumni on career opportunities and emerging trends of industry in different domains. The experiences and knowledge of alumni who have excelled in performance in their respective fields can motivate and guide the current students of GIT.

### **Brief Profile of the speaker:**

Mr. Jay Thacker has pursued his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from GIT in 2014. He worked as a trainee in Hightech Projects Pvt Ltd., Ahmedabad from April 2019 to June 2019. He completed his M.tech in PGP ACM (Advanced Construction Management) from National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMR), Pune. He has secured his place at Oberoi Realty in Mumbai.

#### **Activities during the event:**

Under the banner of Gandhinagar Institute of Technology Alumni Association (GITAA), GIT invited his Alumnus Mr. Jay Thacker of batch 2014-2018 from Civil Engineering department for an expert session on "An overview on MS Project - A project management Software". He has just joined Oberoi Realty in Mumbai.

The expert session was held on 29-08-2020 during 11:00 to 12:45 pm on Google Meet platform. Prof Pooja Patanwal gave an introductory speech about the speaker of the session Mr. Jay Thacker. Around 40 students, alumni and faculties participated in this expert talk on An overview on MS Project - A project management Software. Alumni Mr. Jay Thacker inspired the students with the story of his journey in Civil Engineering field. He explained about the opportunities for a CL engineer in the fields of construction design, about software which can be utilized in construction. He gave various insights about MSP, how it can assist project manager in construction management. He also explained in details about private sector opportunities in

terms of business. He gave a detailed explanation by preparing a new project schedule and inputting various values like calendar, budget of project, quantities of materials for construction, holidays during working periods, working hours means starting of shift and ending of shift of different kind of labours, starting date and end date of project. He discussed about consequences what happens if project is delayed by any reason, which person is responsible for it and how to mitigate in future for same type of projects. Jay gave various tips regarding multitasking during a job as project manager, how to split tasks and how to monitor them.

He guided the students about the necessary skill sets to be developed for becoming industry ready like various construction management CPM and PERT methods and use of Software like-AutoCAD, Revit, Revit Structure, and Staad pro etc. He gave example of current issue Covid19 due to which many issues are arising in construction and how to manage labours, materials incoming and various tasks on construction site. He solved many queries of the students regarding career choices and job opportunities in CL domain. He also gave few tips regarding interview process. The session was concluded with vote of thanks given by faculties of the CL department.

#### **Outcomes of the event:**

The Alumni Talk has facilitated interactions of students with alumni for career development & skills needed for grasping better job opportunities. The students were very enthusiastic to learn about present industry scenario in Civil Engineering field along with soft-wares which are being used for construction purpose.

### **Feedback from students:**

Students need webinars on software like this, methods and processes/ New technologies used on field. It was very good webinar.

- Manthan Dhavne

8<sup>th</sup> sem CL (160120106018)

Keep coming with webinars on construction management or Project management.

- Dhruvil Devani

8<sup>th</sup> sem (16012010017)

#### Feedback from faculty:

The session was wonderful and interactive. More similar topics should be covered to help our final year students.

- Prof. Jignesh Vaniya

Asst. Prof. CL Department

# Feedback from Alumni Expert:

I am thankful to GIT for inviting me to share my experiences and meet my faculties again. I hope that students will get inspired from my journey and become more focused towards their career goal. It was such a good interaction with the young engineers. I would be very happy to help the students in future also.

- Mr. Jay Thacker

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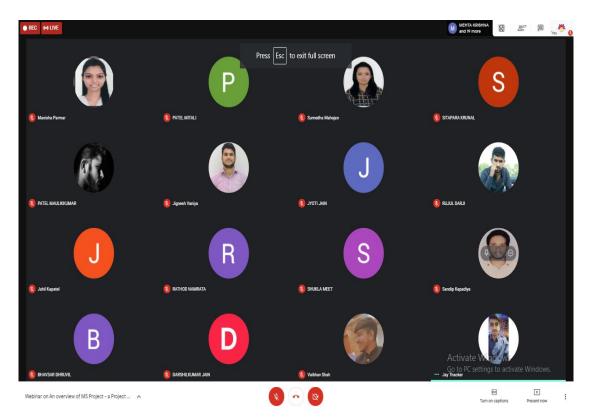
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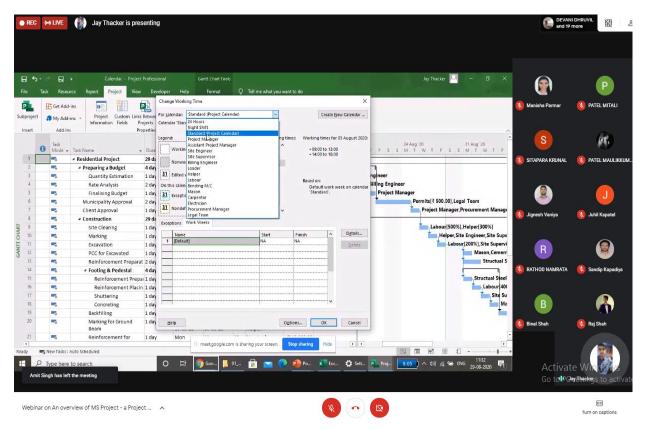
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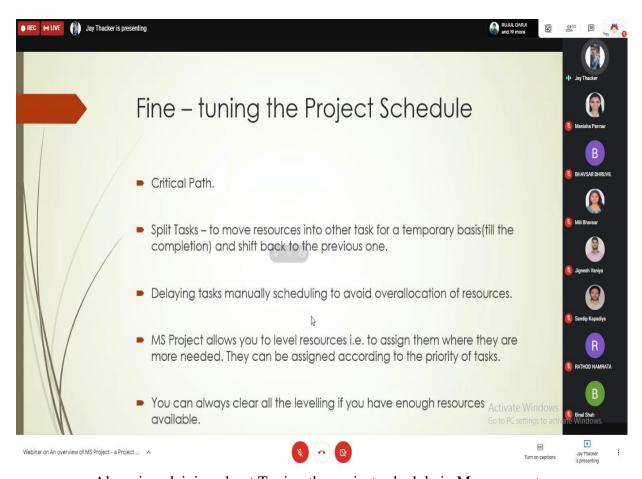
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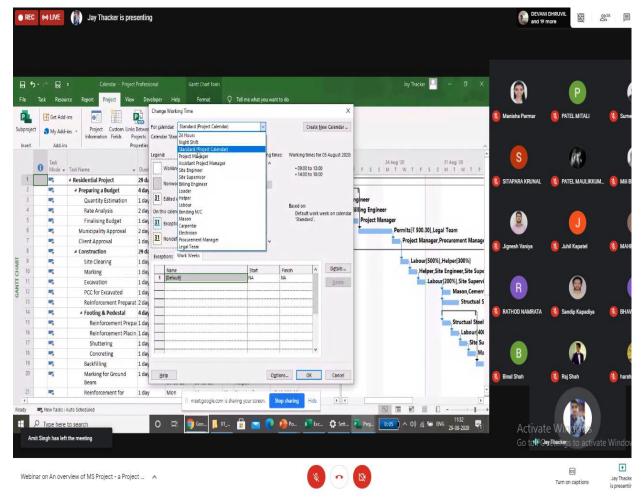
Alumni Expert talking about his professional journey



Alumni explaining about procedure to follow on software



Alumni explaining about Tuning the project schedule in Management



Alumni interacting with the audience and solving their queries