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Alumni Coffee Chat Series

*Mr. Rahul Kumar,
Alumnus (2008 ICFAI Tech Hyderabad)
Early Career Coach S&P Global
(Hyderabad)*

*Date: November 21, 2025 (Friday)
Venue: RIMS Laboratory, ICFAI Tech*

*Organized by: Alumni Relations Cell
(ARC)*



Introduction



The Alumni Relations Cell (ARC) organized an interactive interview session with Mr. Rahul Kumar, an alumnus of IcfaiTech (Batch 2004-2008), currently serving as Early Careers Coach at S&P Global, Hyderabad. The purpose of the session was to provide students with insights into career development, corporate culture, technical preparedness, and personal growth strategies based on real-world experiences.

The session was coordinated and initiated by Mr. Paramveer Singh, who formally welcomed the guest and facilitated the Q&A throughout the interaction.

Overview of the Interaction



Our Host had the opportunity to directly engage with the speaker while presenting the lab facilities, including RIMS Lab resources and 3D printed models. The discussion covered a mix of career guidance, industry expectations, technical readiness, and personal development topics.

Guest Profile - Mr. Rahul Kumar

- Alumni - ICFAI Tech (2004-2008), Computer Science
- Started career as a trainer; later worked as Education Program Manager for 5 years
- AI Certification
- Transitioned back into IT industry

- Currently associated with S&P Global, working on commodity price analysis, graduate engagement, and early career development
- 8+ years of corporate experience
- Previously received opportunities from Google and Accenture

Highlights of the Conversation

5.1 College Experiences & Memories

Mr. Rahul shared campus memories from his time at the old ICFAI location – including small batch sizes, personalized schedules, strong academic discipline, and 90% average attendance.

- CGPA: 7.7
- Strict disciplinary policies
- 40-45 exams in a semester
- Strong faculty-student bonding
- Emphasis on foundational subjects (Math, DSA, etc.)

He openly discussed both positive experiences and regrets – particularly the importance of networking, which he realized only later in his career.

5.2 Interview & Placement Experiences

He shared his firsthand experience of selection processes at top companies:

- Google:
 - 10–11 rounds of interviews
 - Highly dynamic and welcoming environment
 - Strong culture of self-learning
- Accenture:
 - Structured and standardized interview process
 - Clear expectations and evaluation criteria
 - Offered valuable exposure to corporate workflow

5.3 Advice for Students

He emphasized several key recommendations:

For Freshers:

- Start coding and technical skill-building from the 1st year
- Master foundations of CS
- Engage in practical experiential learning

For Final Year Students:

- Build a strong resume
- Highlight impactful projects
- Prepare thoroughly for interviews
- Demonstrate clarity in:
 - Who you are
 - What you know
 - What you built / contributed

Skills Employers Look For:

- Core technical fundamentals
- Communication ability
- Problem solving approach
- Real application of knowledge
- Growth mindset

5.4 Corporate Culture & Personal Management

Mr. Rahul spoke deeply about:

- Coping with stress
- Planning fallback options
- Understanding what is controllable
- Balancing personal and professional life
- Making time for hobbies & passions
- Mindset maturity in dealing with uncertainties

Key Takeaways for Students

- Foundational knowledge is essential; everything in IT stems from core CS concepts
- Practical exposure through real projects matters more than theoretical claims
- Networking opens doors
- Corporate success is shaped equally by technical skills and power skills
- Interviews are increasingly behavioral + technical
- Preparedness beats luck

Conclusion

The interaction with Mr. Rahul Kumar provided students with a grounded, experience-based understanding of career preparation, technical growth, and corporate adaptability. The session ended with expressions of gratitude, concluding remarks, and appreciation for the alumnus's contribution to student guidance and mentorship.

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