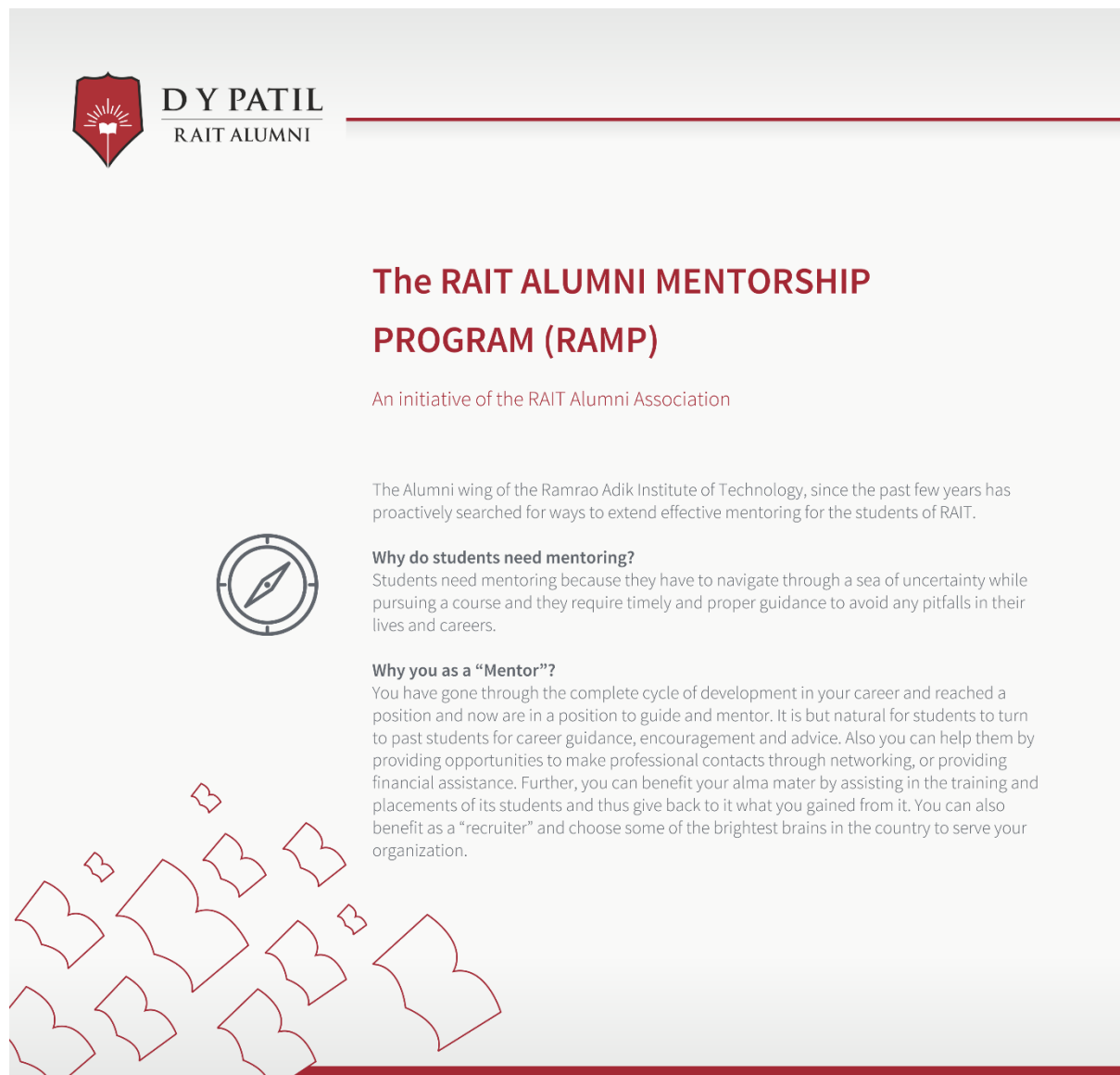



Re-launching of RAIT Alumni Mentorship Program (RAMP):

A brochure was presented to the alumni to provide them information about the various avenues available to alumni to mentor and assist the current students. These avenues could be in the form of providing scholarships, or holding workshops or by providing referrals to our students for placements.

All alumni were presented with T shirts as mementoes for their memorable evening spent in their RAIT. They were also regaled with a short movie on all the events held in the college. The movie was made by the college team TOUGHEGGS, part of KALARAAG.

The RAIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION had roped in 55 volunteers for the manning of the event and their rust brown RAA T shirts could be seen at the venue and the campus, directing the alumni, helping them register, showing them around the campus, supervising the parking and the hospitality areas.




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The RAIT ALUMNI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (RAMP)

An initiative of the RAIT Alumni Association

The Alumni wing of the Ramrao Adik Institute of Technology, since the past few years has proactively searched for ways to extend effective mentoring for the students of RAIT.

 **Why do students need mentoring?**
Students need mentoring because they have to navigate through a sea of uncertainty while pursuing a course and they require timely and proper guidance to avoid any pitfalls in their lives and careers.

Why you as a "Mentor"?
You have gone through the complete cycle of development in your career and reached a position and now are in a position to guide and mentor. It is but natural for students to turn to past students for career guidance, encouragement and advice. Also you can help them by providing opportunities to make professional contacts through networking, or providing financial assistance. Further, you can benefit your alma mater by assisting in the training and placements of its students and thus give back to it what you gained from it. You can also benefit as a "recruiter" and choose some of the brightest brains in the country to serve your organization.





The **RAIT Alumni Mentorship Program** is one such an initiative where our alumni can reach out to their alma mater and its students to build a mutually beneficial bond.

Under the RAMP initiative, you as alumni can choose to extend support and mentor the students through several **mentoring avenues** such as:

- a.) Mentoring through sharing of knowledge based resources which are as follows:
 - i) By conducting **workshops and seminars** for the graduate and undergraduate students in topics trending in the industry thereby facilitating their entry into world class organizations.
 - ii) By imparting hands on **training** in different areas of technology related fields in which you may possess expertise through your work experience in the industry, thus helping to enhance the existing skills of the students.
 - iii) By creating opportunities for our students to undertake **internship** programs in your firms or start-ups.
- b.) Mentoring through **referrals** for students to enable them to be placed in good organizations.
- c.) Mentoring in the form of **social responsibility**. This can be done by extending financial help through various supporting schemes initiated by the institution such as:
 - i) Students scholarship programs for four years that covers tuition fees.
 - Students Scholarship program for four years that covers academics and accommodation.
 - ii) The student saharak scheme wherein ten selected students are given assistance under earn while learn scheme
 - iii) Textbook endowment scheme for four years in which ten students can be benefited.
 - iv) Adoption of library with an endowment.
 - v) Adoption of classrooms, seminar halls and laboratories.

The alumni faculty team comprised of Mrs. Anupama S Shenoy, Mr. Pramod Kachare, Mr. Digambar Puri. They were helped by Mr. Rohan Shewale, of the alumni team. The team worked under the able leadership of Dr. Ramesh Vasappanavara, Principal RAIT, and Mr. Vrundhan Jadhav, Project Director, D. Y. Patil University.

The student committee comprised of Akhay Mullick, Sweta Godse, Mayank Ved, Neel Singh, Simran Gosai, Shweta Kamath, Darshan Nayak, Rahul Khairnar, Anusha Gupta, Vrunda Koyande.

Mrs. Anupama S. Shenoy,

Faculty-in Charge
RAA.

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RAIT Alumni Association had a clear goal of achieving what our institution envisaged and that is of connecting with all our alumni. Thus the RAMP flag was unfurled and abuzz was created to encourage mentoring activities by alumni.

We started our activities with Panel discussion on start-ups season 2 which was a huge success and received a wide response from the audience since it involved the trending topics of entrepreneurship and start-ups.

We had guest lectures and mentoring sessions by our alumni which is a good beginning for our RAMP initiative.

In the near future, we look forward to the alumni reunion likely to be held in late March.

2. EVENTS

2.1 Idea: The start-up code

To create something from nothing is a tremendous endeavour. Only a few have the enterprise to venture and become successful in the challenging task of establishing a start-up. To give a broad idea about start-ups, **RAIT Alumni Association (RAA)** conducted a panel discussion on '**Idea: The startup code**', on 18th March 2016.

The panellists invited for the event were:

Mr. Sameer Agarwal - Founder and CEO of ClassHopr

Mr. Navin Natraj - National –MGR strategic alliances at citrus payment solutions

Mr. Saurabh Karandikar – Creative consultant, User experience Analyst

Mr. Shakeef Khan - Founder at Yute.in

The panel discussion threw a lot of light on starting one's own start up, the user experience, execution of plans, networking, sponsorship and funding.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of Principal, Sir. Ramesh Vasappanavara , Registrar, Mr. Sunil Gaikwad , Head of various departments and Shri Vrundhav Jadhav, Project director of D.Y. Patil Group. About 120 enthusiastic students had registered for the programme. The response was overwhelming and participants asked pertinent questions.



2.2 Idea- the start-up code Season 2

RAIT always wants the best for its students! A panel discussion named "Idea- the start-up code Season 2" was held on 4th October 2017 by RAIT Alumni Association in collaboration with Motif to expose students to the field of *entrepreneurship*.



The discussion comprised of FAQs and doubts that were articulately answered by the esteemed panellists through examples from their journeys, the obstacles they had to face, how they overcame them, their source of inspiration, their role models and how they keep motivating themselves in this fast changing field. Panellists present were:

- 1) Ajay Parthasarathi: RAIT Alumnus, founder of Tortilla Studios
- 2) Nazim Sawant: Co - founder of IEC, India Entrepreneurship Club
- 3) Deepika Singh: Cloud Partner of Google and founder of AppAve
- 4) Sachin Sethia: Managing Director of Glazel Tech
- 5) Simon Philips: CEO Glazel Tech

The event gave students an insight into the world of start-ups and entrepreneurship.

2.3. Guest lecture by Rissy Chitteth and Ratna Shukla

A mentorship programme was conducted on 18th January 2018 by RAA under the RAIT Alumni Mentorship Programme (RAMP). Mrs. Anupama Shenoy, Faculty Co coordinator of RAA committee briefed the students about the RAMP programme. Mr. Darshan Nayak, PRO of RAA gave an introduction about the guest speakers. Ms. Ratna Shukla and Ms. Rissy Chitteth were invited as guest speakers to mentor the students. They described their journeys from alma mater to the corporate life with real world advice.

Ms. Ratna Shukla completed her BE in Information Technology in the year 2012. While in college, she was part of CSI and Wall committee. She got recruited in JP Morgan through campus selection. In her talk, she focused on the placement procedure of JP Morgan and provided useful tips to the students for planning their schedule wisely. She gave an insight into the work culture of the technical corporate world and shared her experience.

For placement process, she stressed on the importance of having a sound knowledge about the basic technical concepts. She suggested different practice books and online platforms for honing these skills. She told to always time yourself during tests.

She emphasized on communication skills and how important it is to convince and convey your ideas to the interviewer and to not have a mental block for interviews. The interviewer in the technical round looks for your approach and analysis towards a certain situation so the key is to be calm and patient. She also told that in HR interview they try to find out how you'll be able to fit in a team and at the work culture, so you need to be yourself. In terms of bridging the gap from college to corporate she suggested internet to be a very good example. All the branches merge in the corporate world so the basic skills and ideas need to be imbibed in everyone. She urged on always being open to new ideas and be humble and inquisitive. About the work life she advised to build a support system and to have camaraderie with the team. She told to always believe in yourself and continue doing the hard work in spite of difficult times. She put stress on mastering one skill as it'll help during job switching and to always have a backup plan. She also said that rehearsing the projects and being presentable is important during meetings and building networking skills helps in connectivity.



Ms. Rissy Chitteth completed her BE in Information Technology in the year 2012 and was recruited in JP Morgan through campus selection. While in college she was part of various committees like Kalaraag, CSI-RAIT. She said that this helped her in shaping her personality. She worked for 2 years in JP Morgan and is currently working at the 'Teach for India (TFI)' fellowship programme. For placement preparation, she advised to start for aptitude tests from 3rd year itself. She suggested some good online platforms and coaching classes for placement process and for competitive examinations. She shared her experience about the placement procedure and also gave tips to pass through each rounds. Sharing her work experience at JP Morgan, she said she learnt a lot of things in the 1st 3 months but the monotony got

her. During her engineering, she had volunteered for TOI's 'Teach India' and was always inclined towards social service and public speaking. Hence, she joined TFI for her creativity and inclination.

She talked about how TFI has helped her grow as a person and made her more confident and purposeful every day. In her talk, she gave details about the 2 year fellowship programme and also about volunteering for teaching underprivileged children. Their motto is "To build a movement of leaders who will eliminate educational inequity". She urged students to do something for the society by joining this programme or volunteering at the Social Wing committee.

She told to follow your dreams but to always have a backup plan. She said that in life we've to take risks and that will make us grow independent and stronger. She advised to spend salary wisely and not to get into loans and debts at an early stage. She asked to strike a balance between the both.

She advised to look for good experience and to keep exploring. She said to always have humility and keep learning more. She shared more about the TFI programme and briefed students about the various avenues where they can volunteer and get certificates for helping children with special needs and educating them. Both the speakers answered the various doubts and queries of the students by providing useful solutions. The event was concluded by a vote of thanks by Mrs. Anupama Shenoy and Mr. Darshan Nayak, PRO of RAA committee.

2. 4. Guest lecture by Sourodeep Bag

Looking at the recent prominence of data analysts and scientists in the industry, the Computer Dept. invited their distinguished alumnus Mr. Sourodeep Bag, Data Scientist Manager at Miami, Florida, U.S.A. to address the students on 12th January 2018.



Mr. Sourodeep Bag completed his BE in Computers in 2012. He worked at Nomura for 4 years and completed his masters in Information Systems in 2017 from the renowned Carnegie Mellon University. He has 1.5 years of data science experience in the industry. In his talk he focused on the responsibilities of a Data Scientist manager in the industry. He mentioned about the various data sets that the data analysts have to work upon and how important it is to have a deep knowledge about them.

He explained them using real life examples. He also clarified the various jargons used in this field. He spoke on how communication skill plays an important role in placing your ideas and opinions in a simple, understandable language. He stressed on the need for inquisitive people with sound knowledge of statistics, computers, data acquisition. He suggested platforms such as the Zaccarathon for competitive coding. Mr. Sourodeep Bag then answered the various queries of the students. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Anupama Shenoy, Faculty Co ordinator of

RAA. We thank Mr. Sourodeep Bag for mentoring the students of RAIT under the RAMP (RAIT Alumni Mentorship Programme).