

# Guest Lecture by Aswini Bajaj

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## Topic – Understanding Careers and Courses Related to Finance

The Student Council of School of Commerce, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai, organized a guest lecture on the topic “Understanding Careers and Courses Related to Finance”. The lecture was addressed by Aswini Bajaj, a renowned guest lecturer and director of Learn Train and Lever Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Bajaj has pursued his undergraduate degree in B.com from St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata and has been certified in CA, CS, CFA, FRM, CAIA, CIPM, CCRA, CIIB, CIIRA and AIM. Currently, he is looking after his consulting firm and offers online and offline training sessions for the same.

To start with, he delivered a brief description about himself and an array of his qualifications and achievements. He then introduced the different courses and knowledge areas attached to the field of Finance. Through quick insights on possible courses (like, CA, CS, CFA, FRM, etc.) and career options (like, Investment Banking, Equity Search, Tax Consultant, etc.) in Finance, he explained the difference amongst two key courses and their difference with respect to other courses like MBA. In addition to that, he also informed the audience regarding the exam patterns of various competitive exams like CA, CS, FRM and CAT, to name a few.



Moving ahead, the session turned its focus upon the few keys to the road of success and how to become the “best out of all” in an ever-growing competitive world. As stated by Mr. Bajaj, value could be added to any given task only through directive knowledge and skill to complete it. Hence, he embedded the importance of being inquisitive and eager to learn in minds of students. Moreover, he also threw an introspective light upon the significance of maintaining the right balance between Intelligent Quotient (IQ) and Emotional Quotient (EQ), these being the pre-requisites for any corporate worker or an individual in general, while working.

Likewise, he spoke about the constant race to keep up with the social status-quo created through peer-pressure that leads to decreased efficiency due to an unfocused mind. In order to avoid this, he then recommended to adopt strategies of regular self-evaluation to aid continual improvement.

Furthermore, he also addressed the importance of being ethical. He established the fact that following ethics and maintaining a code of conduct plays a crucial role in shaping the long-run sustainability of a person, let alone an employee.



While Mr. Bajaj pointed at the short-sightedness in the mind-sets of emerging working population, i.e. more social-driven and less self-driven. He introduced his page “Invest in Yourself” and concluded the session by taking an example from Maslow’s Hierarchy of

Needs to explain that the drive to learn and passion to create a difference is what can lead to formation of a unique identity, which only can lead to the attainment of self-worth. Having been learned and achieved so much at a very young age, his words were very much relatable to the students.

Thus, the session ended with few questions on the part of students and Mr. Bajaj's gracious presence acted as an eye-opener to many of us!



The event ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Mukund Madhav Tripathi, who then felicitated Mr. Bajaj with a memento as a token of respect and appreciation.