## **Event Report**

Organised by: JU E-Cell, IIC

Title of the Session: Following an unconventional career path through innovation

Date and Time of Organization: 4:00 - 6:30 pm, 23.02.23

Venue: Jadavpur Campus, Mechanical Engineering Building, Seminar Hall

#### **Brief Intro of Program:**

For students interested in pursuing an unconventional career path such as entrepreneurship and innovation, it's important to understand the dynamics of the field. The innovative environment is often one of intense competition, and there are strict criteria for achieving success. It is essential to have the right mindset and direction in order to make meaningful contributions to the field. Additionally, a support network of peers and mentors can be invaluable in helping to navigate the non-traditional career path. To gain a better understanding of this path and its potential opportunities, attending sessions can be a great way to get informed and gain clarity in one's goals. It could be the perfect way to kick-start a successful career in academia.

Speaker: Sri Spandan Chowdhury

Faculty Coordinator in Charge: Prof Pranibesh Mandal

#### **Detailed Report:**

The session on following an unconventional career path through entrepreneurship and innovation focused on the benefits, challenges, and practical advice for navigating such a path. It aimed to provide attendees with an understanding of how they can make a successful transition to an unconventional career, while helping them to recognize the unique opportunities available to them.

First, the session discussed the common benefits of an unconventional path, such as gaining visibility and establishing unique connections with faculty, administrators, and other professionals. Attendees was made aware of the diverse communities they may encounter, and the chance to take part in research that is not strictly bound by traditional guidelines.

The session moved to a discussion of the potential challenges to following an unconventional path, including a lack of support from some institutions, financial insecurity, and difficulty gaining recognition for accomplishments. Special attention was given to the uniqueness of each individual's path, and how to use that as a strength.

Finally, the session provided attendees with specific tools and advice for navigating their non-traditional innovative career paths. These included resources for finding mentors, networking with peers, and developing good relationships with faculty members. Practical advice on budgeting and managing time was discussed, along with guidelines for managing the emotional and professional stress of an unconventional academic journey.

An unconventional career path in academia can be both an exciting and rewarding experience, and the goal of this session was to provide attendees with the knowledge and encouragement they need to successfully launch and manage their own unique path.

#### Pictures of the Event:







### **Attendance Sheet:**

# 'FOLLOWING AN UNCONVENTIONAL CAREER PATH' Organized by: Department of Mechanical Engineering & IIC JU Venue: Seminar Room, Mechanical Engineering Department Date: 23rd FEB, 2023 Speaker: Mr. SPANDAN CHOWDHURY

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