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Report on Invited Talk by Dr. Vidhya Ashtekar: "My Story-Motivational Talk" to Post-Graduate Students

Date of Event: February 06, 2025

Speaker: Dr. Vidhya Astekar, Former R&D Head

Venue: Ranade Hall, GSS, Belagavi

On February 06, 2025, an engaging and insightful invited talk titled "My Motivational Talk" was delivered by Dr. Vidhya Ashtekar, Former R&D Head, to a group of Post graduate students. The talk focused on inspiring students to pursue their career aspirations with determination, innovation, and confidence, while sharing Dr. Ashtekar's personal experiences from her distinguished career in research and development. Dr. Ashtekar began by narrating her journey in the field of R&D, outlining the challenges she faced and the key decisions that shaped her career path. She emphasized the importance of continuous learning, resilience, and the ability to embrace failure as an opportunity for growth. Drawing from her years of experience, Dr. Ashtekar highlighted how perseverance and a strong work ethic are essential to achieving success, especially in the highly competitive and evolving field of research.

Key Highlights of the Talk:

1. **Personal Experience and Insights:** Dr. Ashtekar shared valuable lessons from her career, including how to navigate professional challenges and the significance of collaboration in research.
2. **Overcoming Obstacles:** Students were encouraged to view setbacks as learning experiences and to develop resilience in the face of adversity.
3. **Passion for Innovation:** Dr. Ashtekar stressed the importance of pursuing one's passions and staying curious, particularly in the fast-paced world of science and technology.
4. **Career Advice:** Practical tips were shared on how to manage time effectively, build a strong professional network, and seek mentorship in the journey toward career success.
5. **Interactive Q&A:** The session concluded with a Q&A where students asked questions on diverse topics such as career advancement, work-life balance, and the future of R&D.

Conclusion:

The talk by Dr. Vidhya Ashtekar was both motivating and insightful, providing graduate students with valuable guidance for their academic and professional careers. Her words inspired the students to stay focused, innovative, and passionate about their pursuits, while also encouraging them to embrace challenges as opportunities for personal and professional growth. The session left the students feeling empowered and equipped with the tools to navigate their future careers with confidence and purpose.

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