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Q: Are you satisfied with the company you are placed in or you expected a better company?

A: Chemical being an underrated (although prosperous) department in NIT, so being the placements, I couldn't have expected a better offer.

Q: Were there any challenges that you faced in the beginning of the placement season?

A: The feeling that you are going to compete with hundreds of people who are at the best equal to you (or more talented than you) gives the feeling of a nail-biting, nerve racking race, and with each failure you grow more desperate.

Q: Were you rejected by any other company? If yes, what could be the possible reasons?

A: Yes, I was rejected quite a few times, once in GD, twice in PI. The reason was that I was not clear what the interviewers expected from me. Moreover in Futures First I was rejected because I am not that a math-geek that they were looking for. However in J K Paper, although my PI went well, I wasn't selected because of the competition, and clearly they wanted someone with a more sound chemical knowledge. So, more or less, you can't possibly know with certainty whether you are going to be selected or not. All you can do is, give it your best.

Q: How many levels were there in the selections procedure of this company?

A: There were three rounds, first one being the written round consisting of 50 technical questions and 50 English questions. They were fairly easy. The

next round was a Group Discussion, with 10 people in a group with the topic, "Twenty 20 is killing Indian cricketing skills". The last one was the Personal Interview round, which had both technical and HR aspects.

Q: What preparations did you make to get through the written rounds?

A: I had a rough idea of technical knowledge, plus English was quite elementary. So no preparations required.

Q: What preparations did you make to get through the GD rounds?

A: The main aspect of a GD is to either start it, or conclude it. This is from personal experience of successes and failures and they see the confidence in which you present your points. I had started the GD this time and I was also asked a question post GD related to one of the participant's views. So being alert and aware throughout the GD helps a lot.

Q: What preparations did you make to get through the Interview rounds?

A: Since I had a lot of extra-acads in my resume, I worked on them, preparing myself to speak fluently about every one of those and possibly connecting them with the roles and responsibilities in the job. The interviewer clearly gave a lot of importance to communication skills, so I made sure I was clear and crisp in my expressions. There were a few technical questions and I was able to answer all of them, as they were all basic chemical engineering stuff and few questions related to my project and internships.

Q: Any tips or suggestions for the juniors?

A: Yes! Start preparing and focusing on your expressive and communicative skills, as it will not only boost your personality during GD/PI but also help you in the long run. Don't just cram to become a 9 pointer, but try to be

excellent in all that you do. Make sure you are involved in a variety of activities so that your resume boasts of diversity.

And yes, whenever asked at the end of a PI, "Do you have any questions for us?" make sure you prepare a sturdy question that impresses the panel. I had prepared 2 questions before I entered the interview room and when posed with the questions, we had a discussion for about 10 minutes by which the interviewers were visibly impressed, because I showed interest in their company, and that creates a positive impact. Be confident even when you don't know the answer to a question, because nobody can get it all perfect!

Q: Can you briefly explain your overall experience of the placement season?

A: Overall it was a very challenging, yet enriching experience. The placement scenario was a "survival of the fittest" contest, so the key lies in not being disheartened even after multiple failures, and keep trying until you finally hit the mark. There ought to be some company which would prefer you over others, and with that spirit, one should be prepared, for the good, and the worse.