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Branch: Mechanical

Company: Ashok Leyland

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

A: From the very beginning of my engineering carrier as a mechanical engineer I have dreamt to be a part of an automobile company and finally I got placed at Ashok Leyland. So, Yes!!

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

A: Initially I had a very less practice of aptitude problem hence faced a bit problem in clearing the written exams. Other than this I was not opting for any non- core or analytics company hence I have to focus on the detail study of my branch paper as per the requirement of the company.

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

A: I was rejected at BAJAJ and TATA HITACHI as I couldn't clear the written exams. I did not practice much aptitude questions, I think this is the primary reason.

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

A: There were two levels. First the written round where the paper was divided into 3 sections (Aptitude, Basic technical and Core technical). Next were the PI round for both technical and HR.

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

A: After getting rejected at few companies I started practicing aptitude problems and reading about the basics of all the chapters of my branch. It's not mandatory for anyone to study all your branch papers and score 100% in written exams. To crack the written test the most important point that one should follow is solve 90% of aptitude questions and 50% of our technical questions.

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

A: I used to ask all my peers and seniors regarding the GD topics they faced during their time. You can find recent topics in the internet, but what really matters is how you express yourselves. Your approach and communication skills are tested. Master the English language, read newspapers.

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

A: First of all I figured out my strengths and weaknesses. My strength was my summer project that I did during my training at Maruti Suzuki, Gurgaon. Secondly since it was an automobile company I have also prepared well with my basics of automobile engineering and IC Engines. I was having a little lack of confidence regarding attending the tricky HR questions, as mostly what you answer that will never be fully correct so I have prepared for answers that will at least impress the interviewer and give him an impression that this guy is willing to do the job and has a strong determination to learn and excel within the company.

Q: Any tips or suggestions for the juniors?

A: Practice aptitude questions during summer this will help u reach the interviewer where you can exhibit your skills. Stick to the basic fundamentals of whatever you study. Take your internship very seriously and don't just visit the company for a certificate. Before going to any

company interview first do your homework and learn about the job profile and the history of the company.

Taking into consideration the companies that are visiting our campus for mechanical engineering students, I would suggest you to be thorough with I.C. engines, Design and basics of automobile engineering. Prior to this you should focus on specific chapters as per the company profile, example: if it is a construction company study MOS. In general you should be clear about the basics of all the chapters so that at least you can play safe during PI round.

Extracurricular activities help you to speak promptly before the panel, devote yourself to some society to boost your communication and managerial/leadership skills.

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

A: For me it was not so hectic as I could not sit for many companies after an offer from L&T ECC. I never expected to sit for any other company so I started doing what I love, read more about automobiles. Fortunately this paid off when the TnP did allow me to appear for Ashok Leyland and I cracked it. Thanks to our PC for his effort.