# BEST PRACTICE -1

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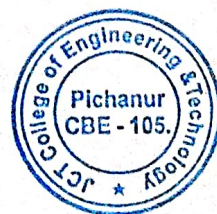
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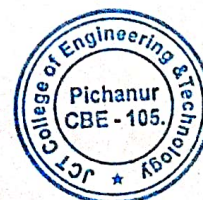
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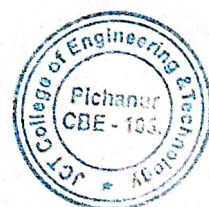PICHANUR, COIMBATORE - 641 105.

## The Practice:

- Regular meetings were held at both the beginning and end of each project, with the involvement of department Heads, to ensure alignment and guidance.

- At the end of each project cycle, a comprehensive review meeting was organized where department Heads presented the outcomes of projects undertaken by students across different courses in their respective programs. This meeting served as a platform to highlight the achievements and challenges faced during the projects.

- EL played a crucial role in helping students select appropriate projects, especially during their higher semesters (VII and VIII semesters). This process ensured that students worked on projects that were relevant to their academic and professional aspirations.

- As students engaged with EL, they developed essential skills in presentation, communication, and project delivery. They demonstrated improved abilities in conveying complex ideas effectively, which are critical for professional growth.

- Project evaluation was based on several key factors, including the work completed, the quality of the project presentation, and the final project documentation (project book). Each of these components was assessed thoroughly, with appropriate weightage given to each aspect in the final evaluation.
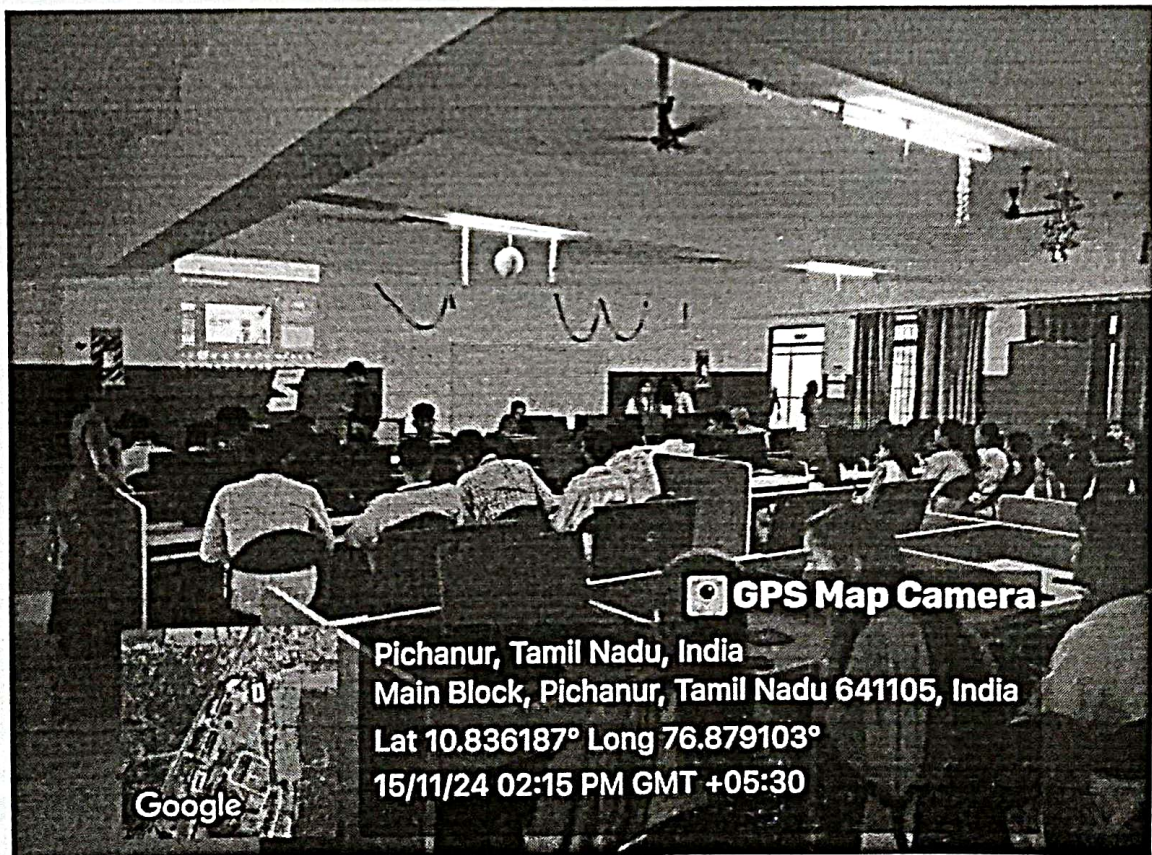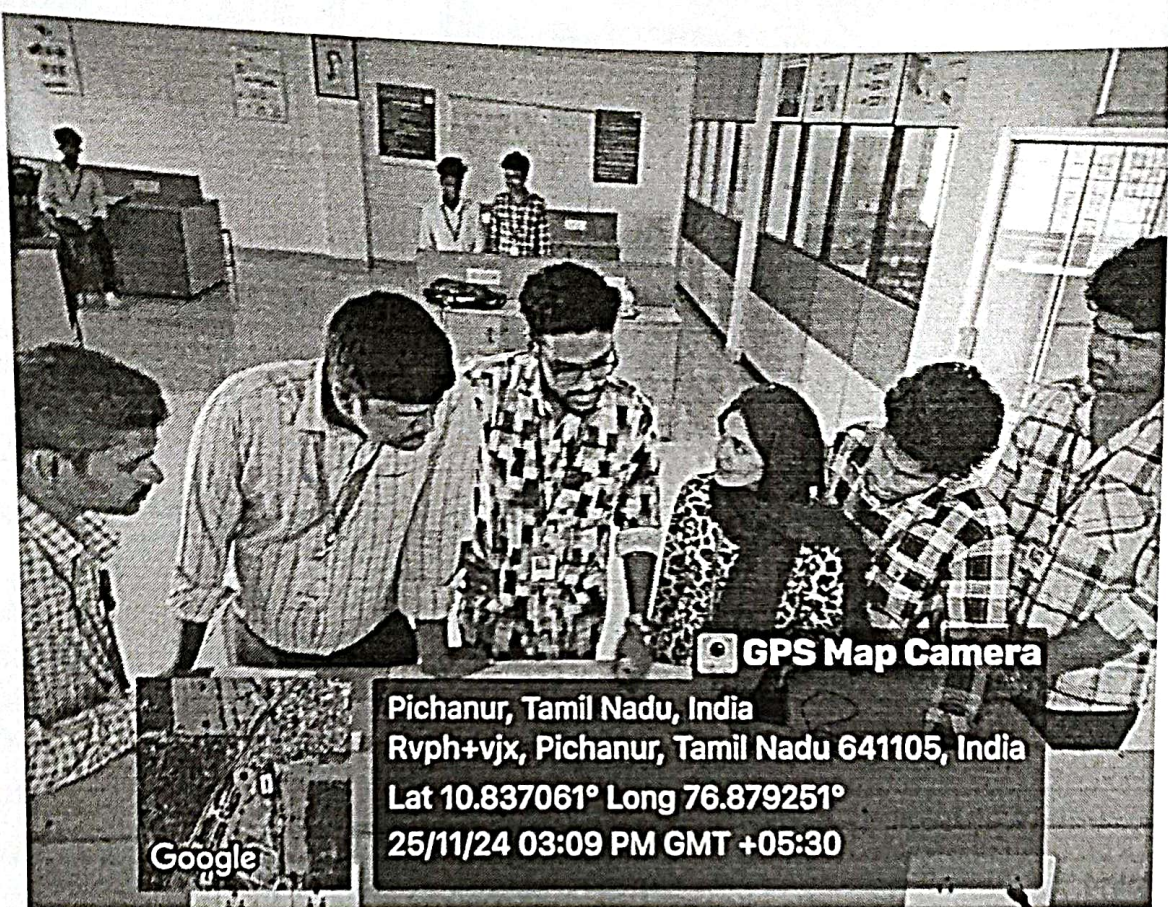
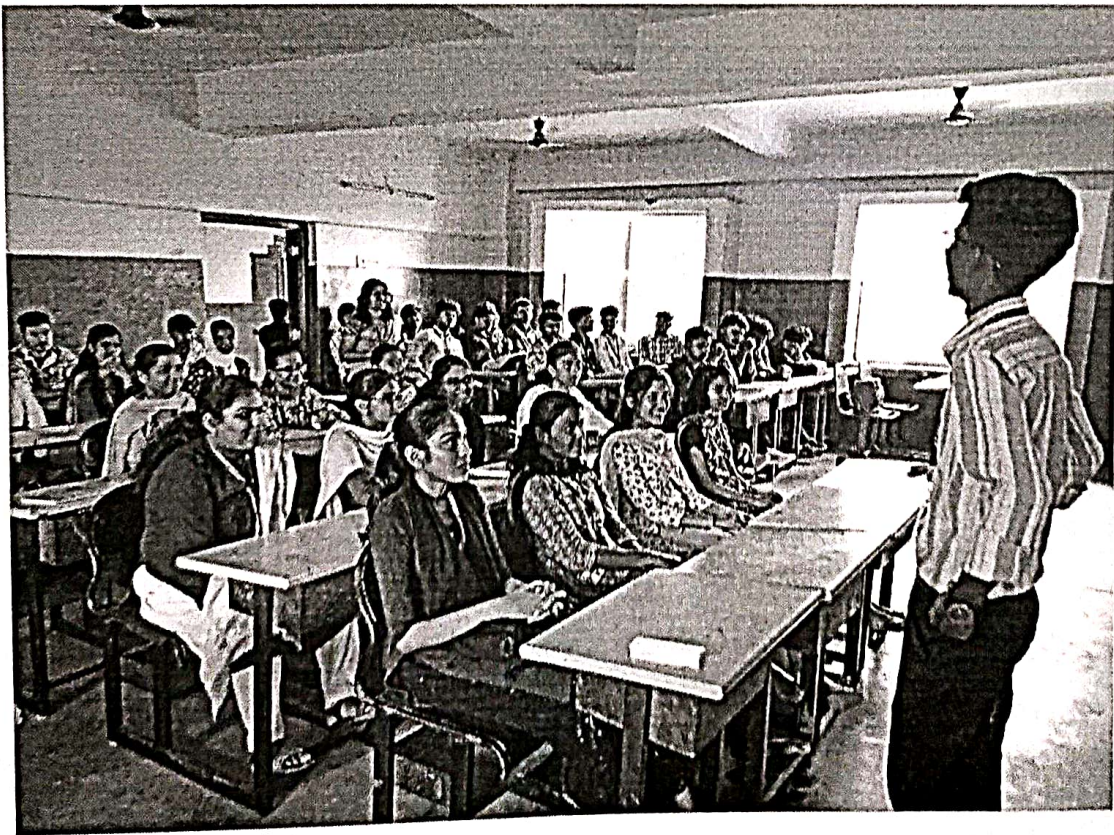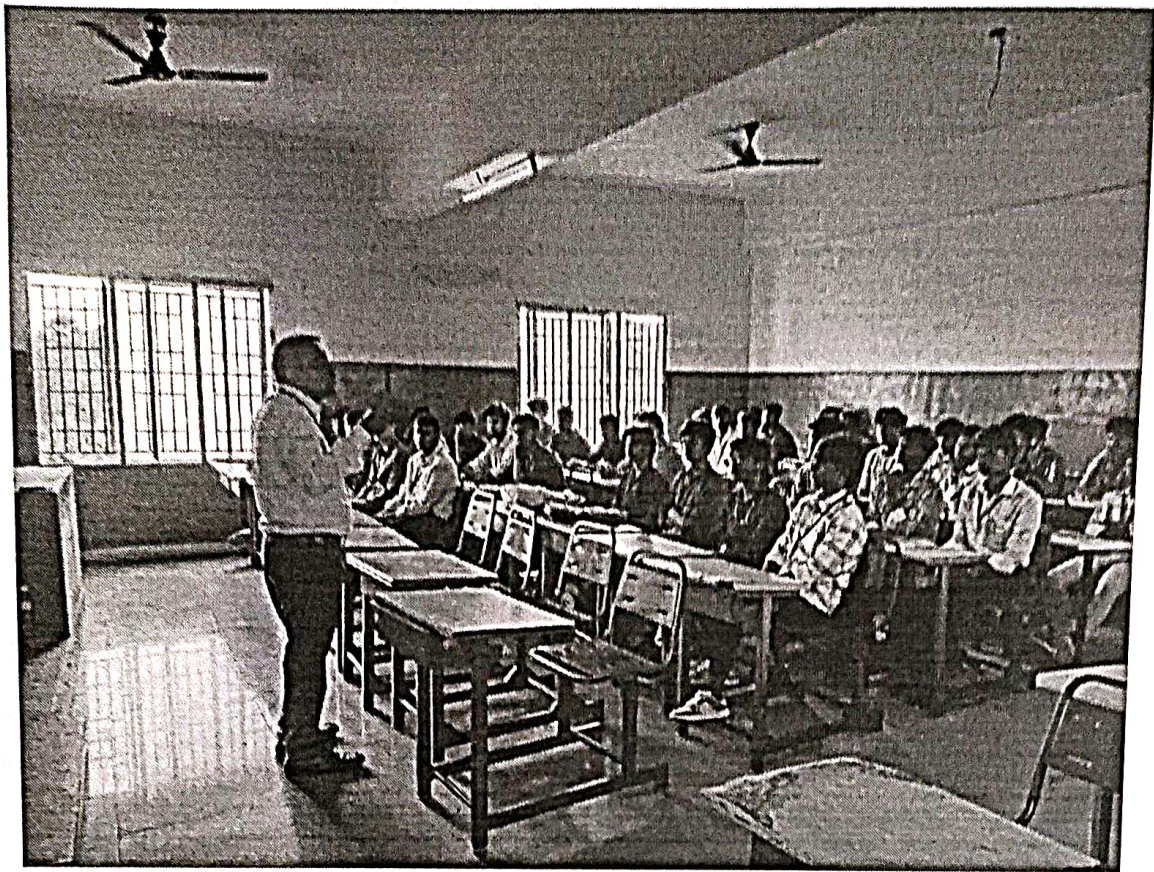## Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- **Time Management:** A key challenge faced by students was managing their time effectively throughout the duration of the project. Balancing academic responsibilities with project work was often difficult, leading to delays or incomplete tasks.

- **Assessment Methodology:** The current assessment methodology needed improvement to ensure a more comprehensive and detailed evaluation of the projects. There was a need to assess not only the final product but also the process, creativity, and innovation involved in the project.

- **Monitoring and Alignment:** There was a need to strengthen the monitoring process to ensure that projects remained aligned with the syllabus and met the required academic standards. Regular check-ins and more structured oversight could help in addressing this gap.

- **Project Scheduling:** Effective project scheduling remained a challenge. Better planning and scheduling were necessary to avoid delays and ensure that students could complete their projects within the allocated time frame. This could be addressed by providing more structured timelines and deadlines to guide the students through the project phases..

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<div align="center">**BEST PRACTICE -2**</div>

<div align="center">**Title of the Practice: SKILL DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT**</div>

**Objective:**

The primary objective of this practice is to enhance the employability of students by providing them with essential skills required in the modern job market. By focusing on skill development, this i-Genuine communication program ensures that students acquire the technical, soft, and communication skills necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing professional environment.

**Context:**

In today's competitive job market, possessing the right skills is critical for securing employment and thriving in a professional setting. The institution acknowledges the importance of skill enhancement to prepare students for real-world challenges. The i-Genuine communication training programs offered equip students with practical knowledge that complements their academic learning, ensuring they are ready for various job roles across industries.

**The Practice:**

JCTET implements a comprehensive skill development (i-Genuine communication) program aimed at enhancing students' employability. This includes a range of training initiatives, workshops, and practical sessions that focus on both technical and non-technical skills.

1. **Soft Skills Training:**

    Students undergo training in essential soft skills such as effective communication, interpersonal skills, presentation skills, and problem-solving. These skills are fundamental to navigating professional environments successfully.

2. **Technical Skills Development:**

    As technology plays a crucial role in most job sectors, students are trained in relevant technical skills, including programming, aptitude, and domain-specific technical knowledge. External agencies are often engaged to provide specialized technical training.

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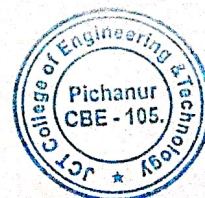
3. **Career Counselling and Guidance:**

The Training and Placement Cell offers career counselling programs to help students explore various career paths. It guides them in making informed decisions based on their strengths, interests, and market trends.
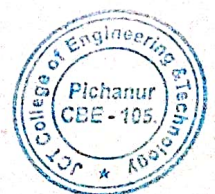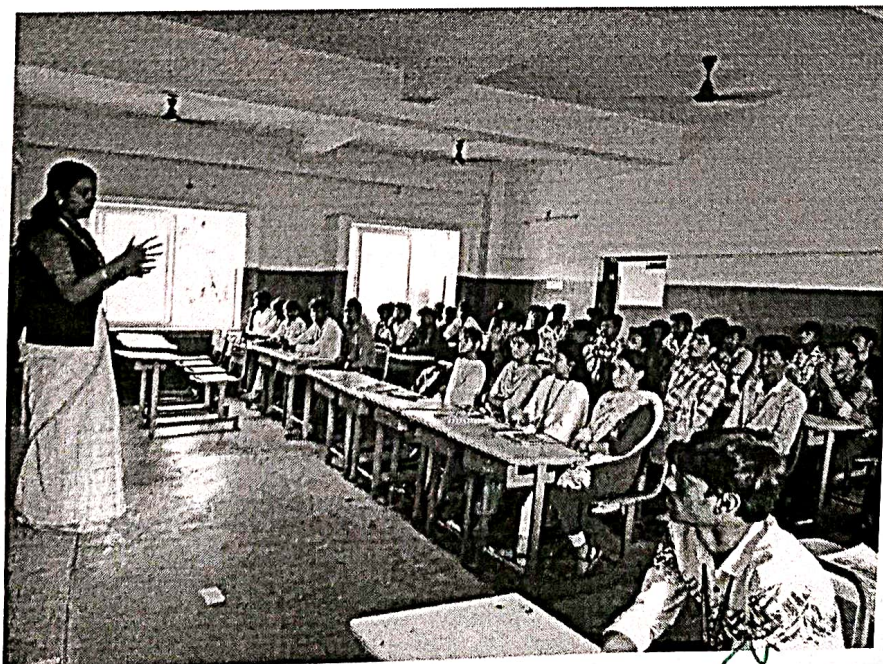
4. **Industry Exposure:**

Through partnerships with industry experts and external organizations, students get opportunities to attend weekend training sessions, workshops, and seminars, gaining insights into industry practices and emerging trends.

## Evidence of Success:

The effectiveness of this practice is reflected in the high placement rates of students. Over the past five years, 60-70% of students have secured jobs in renowned companies. Moreover, the utilization of online learning platforms such as NPTEL and Coursera has allowed students to enhance their skills and knowledge, leading to better job prospects.

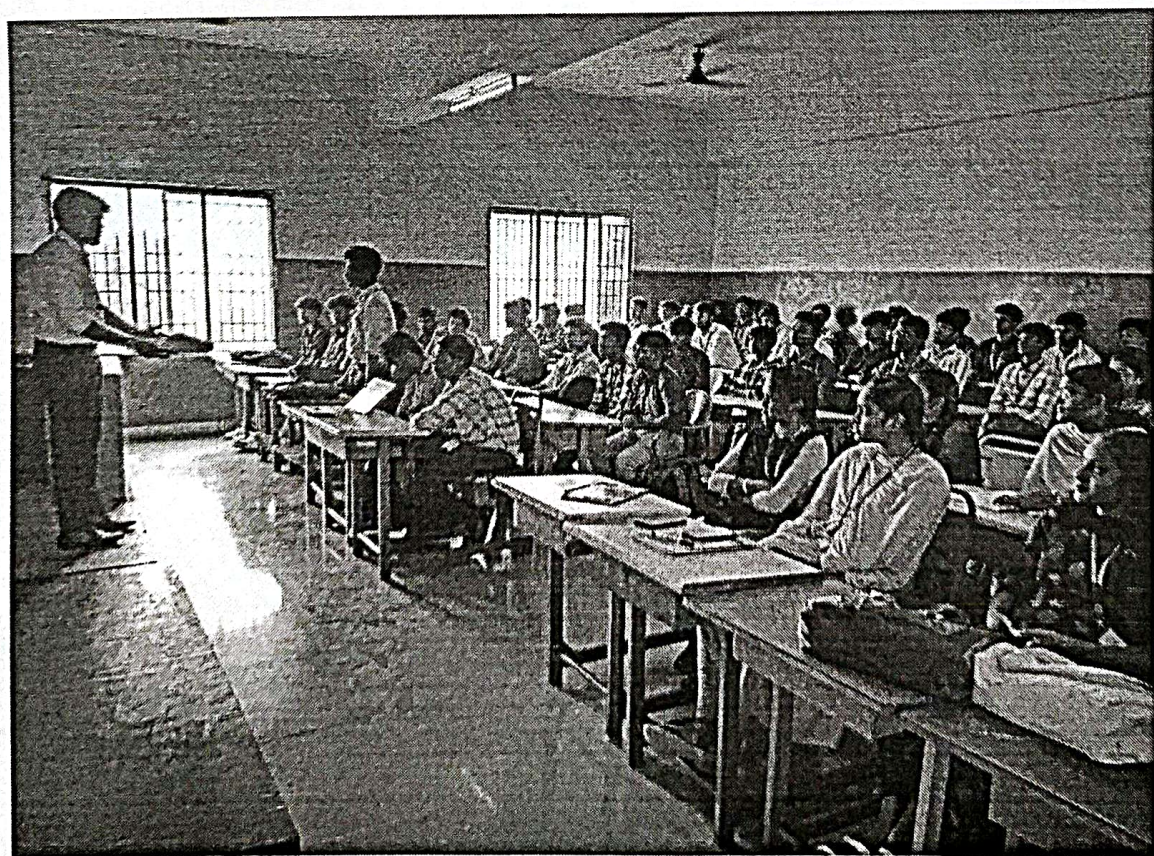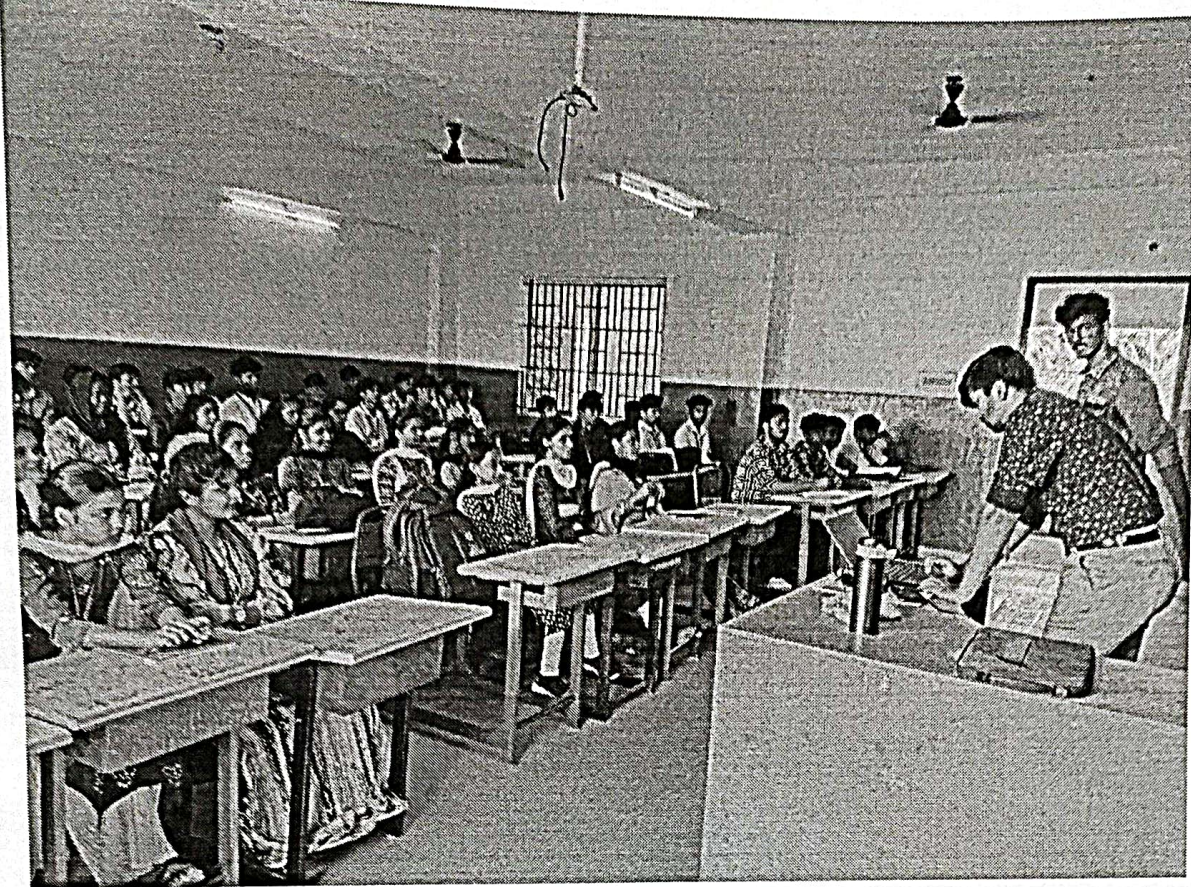## Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

While the program has shown positive results, there are challenges in ensuring equal access to technology and internet connectivity for all students. Additionally, engaging students in online platforms can sometimes be difficult, and personalized career guidance remains a challenge due to diverse student needs. To address these issues, the institution requires continuous investment in digital infrastructure, personalized career support, and improved engagement tools for online learning.
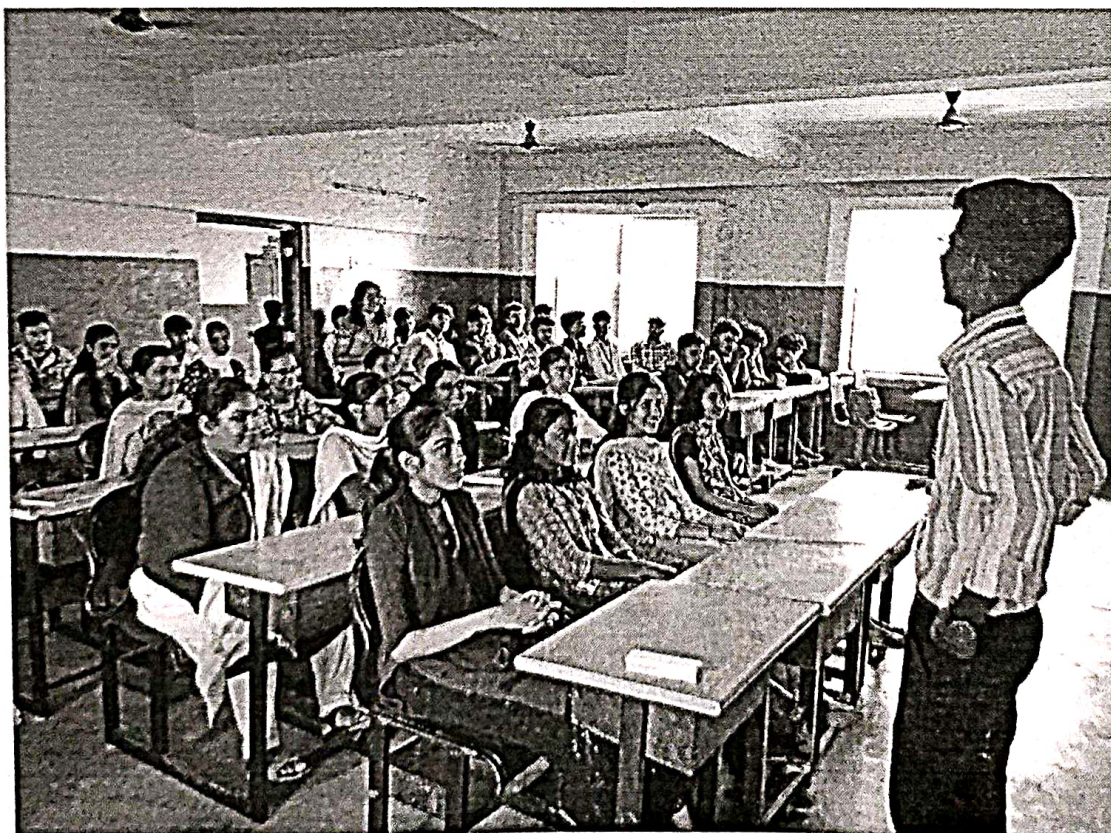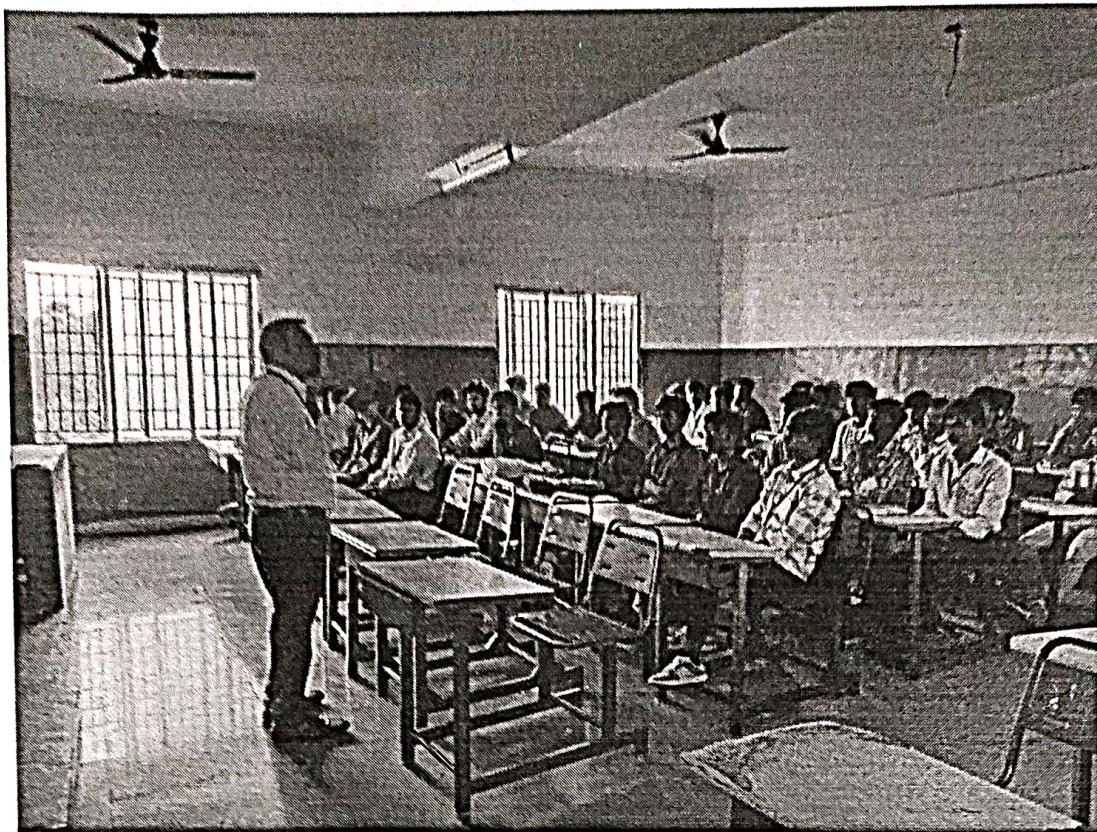


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