

BITSAAD EMBRYO REPORT



Topic: Google Summer of Code

Speakers' Profile: Amit Kumar Sarangi

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Abstract: The topic of this talk was “Google Summer of Code” or GSoC. The **Google Summer of Code** is an annual program, in which Google awards stipends to students who successfully complete a requested free and open-source software coding project during the summer. This talk turned out to be really informative and helpful especially for students who have a passion for coding. Mr. Sarangi was able to connect to the students with ease and gave them a lot of advice for their future endeavours. The talk was very interactive which really helped the students to clear the doubts they had in mind.

Speakers' Biography: Mr. Amit Kumar Sarangi completed his B.E. (Hons.) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from BITS Pilani, K.K. Birla Goa campus in the year 2011. During the course of his study at BITS he got selected in Google Summer of Code twice. He now acts as a mentor for GSoC for the current batches. His specialisation in the field of technology is in ‘Multi touch applications’.

Summary: The talk by Mr. Sarangi, was primarily aimed at helping and guiding aspiring students towards preparing and successfully completing GSoC. It was presented in a very logical manner, where the students were first explained the procedural and informational details regarding GSoC. This was followed by advice on what they should do to achieve their goal, and was finally concluded with a mentors' point of view. Mr. Sarangi shared his personal experiences with the audience and all throughout the talk reminded them to start working early, to start exploring, focus on quality of ideas and not their quantity and most importantly to interact with people. He also discussed about other projects and programming languages to pursue, and offered any kind of help that was required. He ended his lecture by telling everyone to never give up and always work towards what we are interested in. This was followed by question-answer session where the students were able to clear their doubts. It was definitely a very informative, enriching and interesting talk which will surely be of great benefit to all of us.

