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Dear students,

The management and teachers of MAEER's Maharashtra Institute of Technology are taking best possible efforts to enable you to become a globally competitive engineer. It is imperative that the students also respond positively and put in their maximum to develop into a 'Winning Personality'. In this competitive world only textbook knowledge is not at all sufficient to achieve career goals.

I therefore advise you to best utilize the vacation and also the spare time after college hours during the semester in acquiring additional qualifications and skills. Here are a few tips:

1. Identify your strengths, weaknesses, aptitude and any lacuna in personality by giving an 'Amcat' type test. Accordingly join a short course to make up.
2. After graduation you may plan to go for job, or higher education in India (GATE etc) or abroad (GRE), may appear for UPSC, or even think of self-employment. Anyhow, refreshing your knowledge of some basic skills and knowing professional etiquettes is necessary. So during vacation, solve as many problems you can related to mathematical ability, reasoning, logic, grammar, verbal ability etc.

This will sharpen your mind, develop English communication skills and help you in facing placement interviews confidently and score well in GRE or other competitive examinations. There are many finishing schools; even the college placement cell can also assist you in choosing a programme suitable for you.

3. At this age, learning to deal with people and having some practical exposure is very important. So during vacation try to get exposure / training in an industry. Your Department will help you if you desire so.
4. Excursion, travel, trek are excellent ways to learn to deal with people. Plan a visit abroad on bare minimum budget to familiarize with multicultural environment or at least travel within the country. Such an experience helps in career.

5. In your spare time, whether during vacation or otherwise acquiring knowledge by self-study about a topic in your branch or any other, even science, art, culture is useful. Join a MOOC online value addition certificate course like 'Coursera'.

I would suggest you to learn basic statistics through this mode. Whatever career you choose, knowledge of the statistics is going to be very important in future.

6. An internship in any research organization or your own department will teach you research methodology, again a highly necessary skill, in solving real life problems in profession.
7. Last but not the least, 'a healthy body and a healthy mind' will only take you to a higher level of achievements. So spend some quality time in sports, entertainment, chat with friends (not just on social media).

Best Wishes



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