

SAMVAD-2023

Organizing Committee: Print and social media Sub-council

On 14th April, 2023 the campus was abuzz with excitement and anticipation as the much-awaited annual flagship event of PSMSC, SAMVAD'23, kicked off with a grand traditional lamp lighting ceremony. This was followed by honoring our alumni Shri Brajendra Singh for his remarkable success in UPSC ESE.

The atmosphere was electric, with a diverse group of dignitaries converging to deliver inspiring talks and share their valuable insights in two engaging panel discussions.

The day started with a captivating talk by the inspirational IAS Akshay Tripathi. His words were nothing short of magic, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

This was followed by the first panel discussion on "India: Startup Capital of the World" which was an eye-opener, featuring experts who shared their thoughts on the current state of entrepreneurship in India and the challenges faced by startups in the country. It was graced by our very special guests; Mrs. Richa Sharma, founder VIKALP; Mr. Anant Chaturvedi, Co-founder VIKALP; Mr. Shashank Arora, founder and CEO, NYRA; Siddharth Shrivastava, co-founder ABLE.

The second panel discussion, "Literature and Youth: In Present Context," was equally captivating, with a group of writers and poets sharing their views on how literature can shape the youth of today. They discussed the role of literature in shaping young minds, modern age challenges, and the importance of promoting literature and reading among the youth. This panel included personalities including Mr. Nilotpall Mrinal poet and writer; Mrs. Aditi Yadav, IES, World Bank scholar; Dr. Shlesh Gautam, poet; Mr. Ritesh Rajwada, lyricist and Bollywood dialogue writer and Mr. Rohit Kumar Rajput (AIR 7, UPSC ESE 2018).

The penultimate event of the day was a riveting talk session by the multitalented IAS, actor and social activist, Abhishek Singh. He shared his journey from a successful IAS officer to a budding actor and social activist, providing valuable insights on how to follow one's passion and make a difference in society.

The Comedy Night segment in the evening was the perfect finale to the event, featuring the uproarious comedian Samay Raina, who had the crowd in stitches with his sharp wit and relatable humor. The energy and enthusiasm in the room were contagious, making for a truly unforgettable evening.

To conclude, SAMVAD '23 was a perfect blend of intellectual stimulation and light-hearted fun, creating a platform to explore new ideas and expand horizons.

First panel discussion

“India Startup Capital of the World”

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The discussion began by introducing the topic and explaining why India is considered the startup capital of the world. The panelists then shared their thoughts and opinions on the topic. Anant Chaturvedi sir mentioned that India's large and growing population, combined with a rapidly developing economy, makes it an attractive destination for startups. Richa Sharma added that the Indian government has launched various initiatives to support startups, such as Startup India and Digital India, which have helped to create a conducive environment for entrepreneurship.

The panelists also discussed some of the challenges that startups in India face. Dr. Siddharth Srivastava pointed out that funding can be a challenge for startups, particularly in the early stages. Shashank Arora mentioned that regulations and bureaucracy can also be a hindrance to the growth of startups.

The audience was then given an opportunity to ask questions, and several interesting discussions followed. Some of the audience members shared their experiences as startup founders, while others asked for advice on how to start a successful startup.

Overall, the panel discussion on "India Startup Capital of the World" was informative and thought-provoking. The panelists provided valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges facing startups in India and offered suggestions on how to create a more supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurship.

And after the first panel discussion, the next panel discussion on literature and youth in the present context started. The event was attended by a diverse group of individuals ranging from students, educators, and literature enthusiasts. The panelists included Nilotpal Mrinal (Author), Ritesh Rajwada (Bollywood lyricist), Dr. Shlesh Gautam (Poet, Professor), Rohit Kumar Rajpoot (AIR 7 UPSE ECE), and Aditi Yadav (World bank scholar), who brought their unique perspectives on the subject.

The discussion began with Rohit Rajpoot introducing the panelists and highlighting the importance of literature in shaping the young minds. He stated that literature is not just about entertainment but it's also about educating, informing, and inspiring individuals. He emphasized that literature can help individuals understand different perspectives and cultures, which is essential in today's diverse world.

The first panelist to speak was Nilotpal Mrinal, a well renowned Hindi author. He spoke about the importance of regional literature in India and how it can help young people understand their own culture and traditions. He emphasized that regional literature is often neglected in the mainstream discourse, but it plays a crucial role in shaping the young minds.

Next, Ritesh Rajwada, a Bollywood lyricist, shared his thoughts on how literature can inspire and motivate individuals. He argued that literature can be used to convey powerful messages that can change the world. He stressed that young people should be encouraged to read literature that motivates and inspires them to take action.

Dr. Shlesh Gautam, a poet and professor, spoke about the importance of poetry in today's world. He argued that poetry is not just about rhymes and rhythms, but it's also about emotions and feelings. He stated that young people should be encouraged to read poetry that reflects their own emotions and experiences.

Rohit Kumar Rajpoot, who secured Air 7 in UPSC, shared his thoughts on how literature can help young people develop critical thinking skills. He argued that literature can help young people analyze and interpret different perspectives and viewpoints. He stressed that young people should be encouraged to read literature that challenges their preconceived notions and expands their worldview.

Aditi Yadav, an IES officer and World Bank scholar, spoke about the importance of literature in promoting gender equality and social justice. She argued that literature can be used to challenge patriarchal norms and promote inclusivity. She emphasized that young people should be encouraged to read literature that promotes gender equality and social justice.

The discussion then turned to the role of technology in reading and literature. The panelists acknowledged that technology has changed the way people read and access literature. However, they also stated that it's important to not lose sight of the value of traditional reading experiences. They argued that young people should be encouraged to read physical books and experience the joy of turning pages and smelling the paper.

The panel discussion on literature and youth in the present context provided valuable insights into the importance of literature in shaping the young minds. The panelists emphasized the need for diverse literature that promotes empathy, challenges stereotypes, and promotes inclusivity.

In the end of the discussion Nilotpal mrinal has present his latest poem "रील बनाने वाले लड़के". They also stressed the importance of young people being able to see themselves in the stories they read and using literature to define their identity.

Later Ritesh Rajwada filled the excitement with his poem "बोल रे साथी हल्ला बोल". Overall, the discussion provided valuable insights into how literature can shape the minds of young people and promote a more inclusive and diverse. After the second panel discussion the event was followed up by talk by IAS Abhishek Singh on "Success and Career Guidance". The talk was aimed at guiding students towards a successful career path and providing insights into the qualities required to achieve success.

IAS Abhishek Singh began by highlighting the importance of having a clear vision and goal in life, and emphasized the need for hard work and dedication in order to achieve success. He shared his personal experiences and insights, drawing from his own journey to becoming an IAS officer, and encouraged students to develop a positive attitude towards their goals.

He also discussed the role of education in shaping one's career path, stressing the need to choose a career that aligns with one's interests and strengths. He emphasized the importance of developing a strong work ethic, maintaining a healthy work-life balance, and continuously learning and growing in one's chosen field.

Mr. Singh also discussed the challenges and opportunities that arise in the pursuit of a successful career, and offered practical tips and advice on how to overcome obstacles and stay motivated in the face of adversity. He encouraged students to be proactive and take initiative in their careers, and emphasized the importance of networking and building relationships with mentors and colleagues.

Overall, the talk by IAS Abhishek Singh was well-received by the audience, who found his insights and guidance on success and career development to be informative and inspiring. The talk provided valuable insights into the qualities and mindset required for achieving success, and offered practical advice on how to navigate the challenges and opportunities of a successful career path.



