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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON Entrepreneurship: The new age skills for sustainable future and social development

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Gurugram: Entrepreneurial activities have emerged as an imperative instrument of economic development, innovation and employment. The changing dimensions of Entrepreneurship in India requires a new approach, awareness of contemporary practices, new facets of self, team motivation and the need to construct the right skill sets for its success. Keeping this in mind, Amity University Haryana organized a Five Day Professional Development Programme on 'Entrepreneurship' from July 19 to July 23, 2021. The objective of the program is to focus on identification and development of skills required for a successful entrepreneurial journey.

Addressing the gathering Dr. Roopak Vasishtha, CEO Apparel and Madeups Sector Skill Council, deliberated on how entrepreneurship is used by Government of India to actually create an amicable ecosystem and environment facilitating entrepreneurship. Starting from 2014, apparel sector has trained 35 lakh people out of which 3 lakh have started their own entrepreneurship and have become job creators. Many of these young generation people have opted for opening start-ups instead of salaried employment. Many entrepreneur trainees in apparel sector have started their own enterprise.

"Today's age of entrepreneurship is attracting young people to open their start-ups. Aspirants need to take baby steps first and then scale up later on. There are lots of agencies that are encouraging funding opportunity as soft loans for entrepreneurial ventures," added Dr Vasishtha.

While explaining about Entrepreneurship Mindset Dr. P.R. Dutta , Executive Chair- Centre for Business & Economic Research, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Business and Retail Management Research. Senior Lecturer Northampton University at Regent College emphasized on entrepreneurial mindset that is a combination of beliefs, focus and attitude. It is distinct from skills and knowledge. According to him India is the best place to initiate entrepreneurship because of vibrant democracy huge advantage of young talents.

Dr. Rajesh Nair, Director Amity School of Psychology shared a very interesting project JAI (Joint Advocacy Intervention). Conceptualized by Dr. Padmakali Banerjee, the project is a multidisciplinary and collaborative initiative under Amity's Global Wellbeing Forum. The project is a mission to combat the despair, among people, as a result of Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Aakash Gupta, Leader, Client Capabilities Hub, Mckinsey, India said, Entrepreneurship is the foundational skill and knowledge. It entails thinking about something, then creating and finally moving forward with it.

While delivering his special address Prof P B Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana emphasized on entrepreneurship innovation. We have to create enterprising and innovating mind in our teachers who further can nurture our young mind to create mass entrepreneurship. It's the age of continuous innovation. There is a need to understand and analyze the huge opportunities unfolded by innovation ecosystem in India.

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While delivering his welcome address Prof.(Dr.) Vikas Madhukar, Dy Pro Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana talked about the changing scenario of entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem in India. That was followed by a brief outline of what Amity University Haryana is doing to promote entrepreneurship and innovation for students and other eligible aspirants who want to venture on opening start-ups.

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The Amity Innovation Incubator under the visionary leadership of Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor AUH is deeply engaged in fostering society and industry relevant market ready innovations and student and faculty led startups powered by innovative new product development. Our aim is to cause innovations in plenty and make AUH a major contributor to the rise of Startups of great value to strengthen nation's economy and new job creation, says Dr Vikas Madhukar, Head of AUH Innovation Incubator.

Prof Sharma also informed that under the visionary and caring patronage of the Founder President of Amity Education Group Dr Ashok K Chauhan and the inspiring Leadership of Hon'ble Chancellor Dr Aseem Chauhan, Amity University Haryana has rolled out number of compassionate initiatives to support the university community and the community in the neighbourhood during the Covid-19 pandemic. These include 24x7 Covid helpline, Oxygen Concentrators for Amity community on need basis, 24x7 healthcare support from AUH Health Centre for those residing in the campus and full freship to the students of Amity who had lost their earning parent due to Covid-19.

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Prof P B Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Dr Atul Thakur and Dr Lucky with the Nano Breathe N95 Mask

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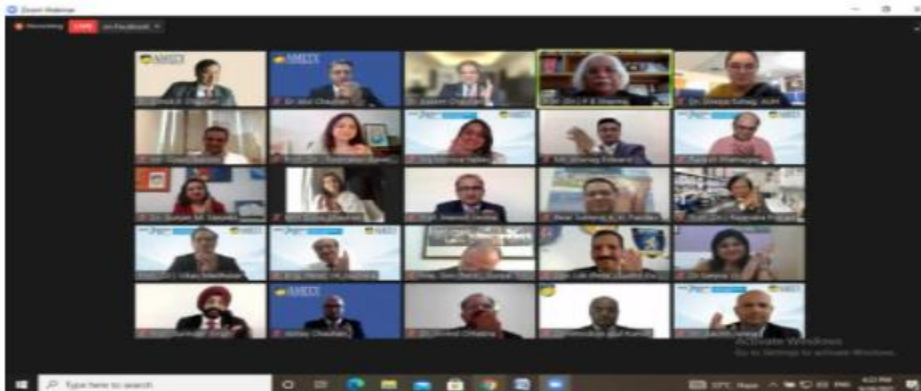
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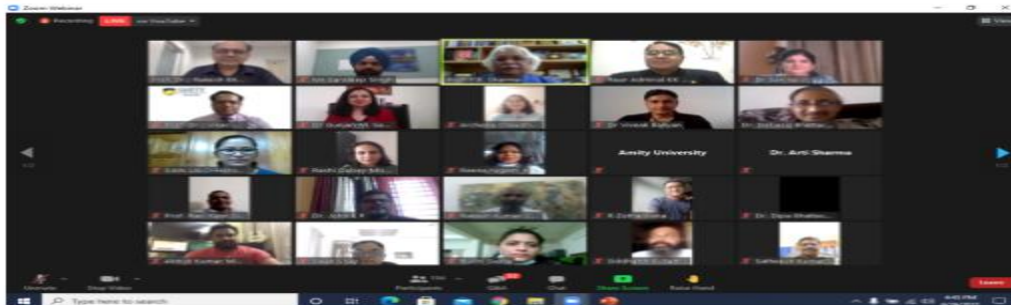
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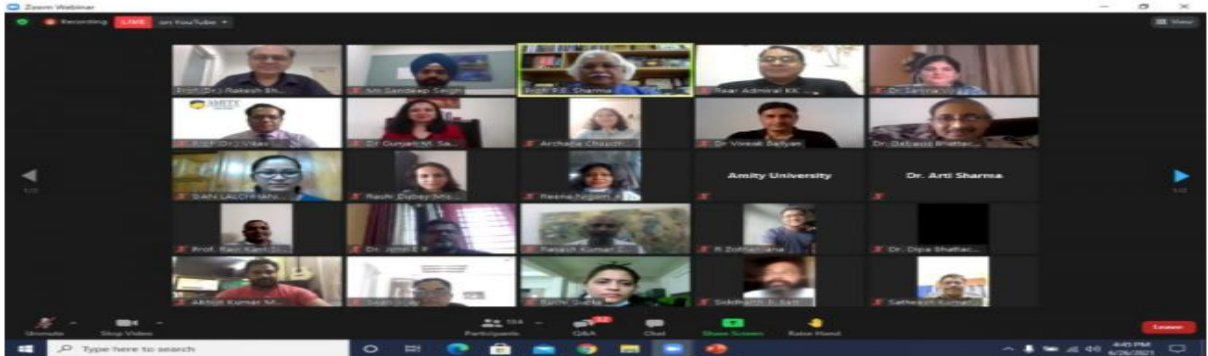
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Prof. C.S. Sharma, Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi talked upon the MOOCs as life long learning opportunities. Prof. C.S Sharma focused on life-long learning and breaking down various barriers which distract us from learning. This can be overcome by training which requires a lot of commitment. MOOCs help us overcome normal learning process. Prof Sharma emphasized that there is need to create alternatives while creating MOOCs otherwise the MOOC is of no use. Overall, Prof. C.S. Sharma, beautifully blended psychology and study of MOOCs together which gave us valuable information.

Dr. Renu Malaviya, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi while delivering her talk on "Higher Education Pedagogy, Student-Centered Teaching-learning Processes." emphasized on the importance of being 'teachers of today' who are energized and true to their profession. These days' resources are available and we should treat them as the assets in our hands. Dr Malaviya said that teachers are the agents of change and student centric education should be encouraged wherein, networking, team work, support, and group learning takes place.

Prof. Debabreta Banerjee, Emeritus Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Rutgers University, USA. while delivering his talk on "Importance of critical thinking and effective communication for teachers" stated that the workshop is the next step in terms of enriching faculty members in terms of how they would be able to impart knowledge, their research, their education, their experience to the students who are actually the flag bearers of future. They are here today but they are going to lead the charge in terms of taking the nation forward tomorrow. Prof. Banerjee mandate was to talk about communication skills, how to improve them, how to be clear, how to be concise, and how to convince both in the oral part of the communication, as well, as in the written part, as both are equally important. Prof Banerjee also touched upon the subject of critical thinking, which in higher education is probably the most important aspect of human research.

Addressing the valedictory function Prof P B Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Haryana said, "the new normal of higher education necessitates a thorough revisit of education and research ecosystem in universities and colleges in India to create a great Advantage India in higher education and support the Society and Nation's development on pathways of inclusive growth and nurturing of human excellence". Prof Sharma expressed his delight at the august presence of great many eminent educationist who addressed the participants during the Six Days FEP organized by Amity Staff College under the caring patronage of Hon'ble Founder President, Amity Education Group Dr Ashok K Chauhan and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chancellor Dr Aseem Chauhan. Prof Sharma specially acknowledged the live interactions of the participants and highly intuitive questions raised by them in the chat box as well as in the question answer session for each plenary session. Prof Sharma warmly appreciated the excellent coordination and execution of the FEP by Director Amity Staff College Rear Admiral KK Pandey and Program Director Dr Sanjna Vij.

Expressing their profound happiness in participating the highly insightful FEP at AUH, the participants shared their online feedback and also expressed their profound appreciation of Amity University Haryana for organizing such an impactful Faculty Enrichment Program.

Dr Sanjna Vij, Program Director, Academic Staff College, AUH said that the Staff College is deeply devoted to empowering teachers and Sr Executives of the Universities and Colleges in India with vision and skills of 21st century to nurture education and research excellence in higher education. Rear Admiral KK Pandey (Retd.), HR Director, AUH whilst delivering the Vote of Thanks, highlighted that in a rapidly changing world scenario, the role of Teachers assumes utmost importance. He expressed his profound delight at the level of sincerity and keenness to participate in the deliberations by the faculty participants who closely interacted with the eminent speakers during the sixday Faculty Enrichment Program.

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