

Margdarshak 2019

SVKM's NMIMS Navi Mumbai proudly presents to you "**Margdarshak**"!

Margdarshak 2019 was the first edition of a unique speaker series, with a vision to *charter, navigate and guide* students to *succeed* on their path to discover their true potential. Dignitaries from various fields of expertise had taken the dais, on the **11th of September 2019**, at the **NMIMS Navi Mumbai Campus** to share excerpts from their experiences. This rich knowledge played a pivotal role in providing the students with a different perspective of the concerned industry.

Following is the list of guest speakers along with a brief summary of the value their presence added to the event.

- **Altamsh Patel**

He is an Executive Chef at The Park, Mumbai. He is currently the Joint Secretary of WICA (Western Indian Culinary Association). Previously he has been the Senior Sous Chef at Taj Group of Hotels and an intern at the Taj Lands End, Bandra.

Being a chef of high repute, he brings with him a rich experience in the hospitality industry. He has an intensive knowledge on culinary and proficient cooking skill in food preparation, presentation and maintaining authenticity. With special expertise in kitchen management and a vast range of Indian and international cuisines, Chef Altamsh adds an extraordinary culinary touch to the hotel's menu along with skillful management of the kitchen team.

Chef Altamsh was the first speaker who had taken the dais to share with us all his inspiring journey from a teenager to one of the youngest executive chefs in the country. The school of hospitality management had its very first batch attending the session. It was indeed an experience that they could relate to and learn from. The Chef carried an informal tone which made the session a candid one, thus giving everyone in the audience the opportunity to interact and partake in the on-goings during his time on the dais. He also touched upon the topic of holistic knowledge being seen as a necessity today, in the hospitality industry.

- **Sugandhi Baliga**

Ms. Sugandhi Baliga has been associated with the Tata Trusts since the year 2003 in various capacities. She is a professional with 29 years of experience with laudable expertise in project management, capacity building and training, human resources and organizational development, networking and advocacy. She has had a deep interest in the field of health which brought her closer to the subject of Geriatric care through a qualitative study that she was involved in. Currently, she is anchoring the Elderly Care Programme in the Tata Trusts and has been part of the team that helped steer a program strategy to address the needs of the elderly population as part of her responsibility. She is an MBA from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management, Mumbai, and after having worked for initial eight years of her career with different corporates, decided to move to the development sector and worked with an Indian NGO & international NGO before joining the Tata Trusts.

Ms. Sugandhi during her session, enlightened us with knowledge of the Tata Trusts, an organization with a fame of its own. She walked us through the journey of the Tatas, along with her own story of life and how they both converged. She splendidly captured this transition through her presentation titled "CSR- Corporate to Social Responsibility". Ms. Baliga, through excerpts and anecdotes borrowed from her line of work, shared with the audience the importance of care, provided for the aged, with an emphasis on

the need for a sustainable approach for the same. This very idea played a pivotal role in the establishment of *The Elder Spring*, a programme for elderly care. Her emphasis on the need for overall adequate care for the elderly was one of the prominent takeaways for the audience, from her session.

- **Mr. Sudhir Tiku**

Mr. Sudhir Tiku is the Vice President and Head - South Asia, Bosch for the Building Technology Division. While Bosch is a 78 billion Euro Conglomerate overall with over 4 lakhs employees, the Building Technology division has around 9,000 employees globally and has annual revenues of approximately 2 Billion Euros. In India, the division is headquartered at Bangalore and has offices across the country to be close to the customers

Mr. Tiku has more than 22 years of diverse Experience in the Automation Industry and had joined Bosch from GE where he held a senior Management role, handling a large Portfolio of Detection and Automation products. Prior to GE, he has worked at Tyco Corporation USA and Tata Honeywell Ltd, specializing in Customer Based Business.

He has completed his B. Tech from REC Kurukshetra and is an alumnus of NMIMS with a PGDM in Finance, he is also an EGM-Diploma holder from IIM Bangalore. He is a Member of the CII National Committee on Urban Development, Smart Cities for the year 2019-20. In addition to being an inspirational TEDx speaker, he is someone with immense interest in the Indian History and is a writer at heart!

Mr. Tiku's session rightly reflected his character as being an epitome of knowledge and perseverance. He captured the audience's attention throughout the talk by using time as his prop. His topic revolved around the idea of building brands in the corporate setup. He emphasized on building one's own brand and learning to stand out in pursuit of doing so. He also involved references to Indian history and kept the session informative and interesting in equal parts.

- **Raj Shamani**

Mr. Raj Shamani is an experienced founder and a keynote speaker with a demonstrated history of working in the consumer goods industry. He is skilled in Negotiation, Strategic Planning, Business Development, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing Strategy. He is also a strong entrepreneurship professional with a degree focused in Business Administration, Marketing and Management. He has given four TEDx Talks, more than 100 keynotes in 23 countries and is recognized as one of the youngest Indians to speak at the United Nations assembly in Vienna. He also features on the list of top 5 young influencers of India.

Mr. Shamani believes that personal branding and social media are game changers in today's world and that's why his mission is to equip people with the industry's best known and help them find opportunities through social media.

His knowledge, experiments and love for speaking have landed him on stages like TEDx, United Nations, Jaguar Land Rover, TCS, Reliance, Forbes, Babson College and many other prolific platforms.

Mr. Shamani brought with him immense amount of energy and zeal to do better. Through stories borrowed directly from his own life, he helped the audience resonate with his idea of being motivated all the time, to be better than what one was a moment ago. He spoke about his journey and the hardships he faced while he was building his business and explained how he overcame all the emotional stress he went through during that time.

- **R.J Glenn**

Glen Saldanha, is the youngest breakfast show presenter in Mumbai. His oratory and presentation skills have won him many accolades and awards over the past few years. He has been involved in many college and university programs as a motivational speaker and is also a TEDx speaker.

He is a popular VJ on India's leading music channel and a morning show host on Fever 104 FM Mumbai. His passion for stage and music is beyond reckon. He hosts a Celebrity Chat Show Host with Masti Music Channel and was the compere for many Bollywood events. He believes in breaking stereotypes and creating new ways and means of communicating with audiences through his talks, motivational speeches and work.

Glenn effortlessly captured the audience's attention with his zestful attitude. He narrated his face-offs with life and how he overcame all the hurdles that life threw at him, to finally get where he is. His session was focused on how life happens while we are busy planning things. A message as simple as *"don't give up unless it is time to give up"*, quickly followed by *"..and remember, it is never the right time to give up"* was definitely one takeaway from the session. He re-iterated on the need to focus on enjoying life while pursuing something one likes, a message that necessarily needed to be spilled out loud, to an audience partaking in a world with cut-throat competition. The energy he maintained throughout his time on stage was contagious and kept each one involved.

The event concluded on high energy bands, with Bingo! Comedy Adda® bringing in ace comedians like **Vaibhav Sethia, Raunaq Rajani, Urooj Ashfaq and Sumit Sourav** to perform at the NMIMS Navi Mumbai Campus. Each had a set with a different kind of humor and showed us why they are four of the very best in the city right now.







