

Press Release

NU presents 1st edition of TEDxNIITUniversity – ‘The Precipice’

- *Inspires NUtons to be the ‘Change’*
- *Presents renowned speakers from various fields to engage with curious young minds*

New Delhi, February 19, 2018: Established with a vision to bring about innovation in higher education and learning in emerging areas of the knowledge society, the not-for-profit NIIT University (NU), presented the first edition of TEDxNIITUniversity, at its Neemrana campus on 18th February 2018. Revolving around the theme ‘The Precipice’, TEDxNIITUniversity aims to showcase ideas to address the challenges presented by our rapidly changing world.

We are living at a critical juncture when it has become crucially important to recognize the reality of climate change and to work towards reducing the carbon footprint. While some world leaders are turning a blind eye to global warming, cutting programs to alleviate hunger and poverty as well as espousing protectionist economic views, there are also grounds for optimism. Many world leaders are accepting and choosing to tackle climate change and large numbers of people are aware of the plight of those less fortunate. It is clear, though, that ultimately change must come from the people.

Renowned speakers from various fields addressed the young minds at NIIT University on the importance of being thinkers and doers rather than serving as bystanders, of being keenly aware of what is happening around us and seeking to achieve positive change. **Mr. Maheshwar Peri**, one of the leading proponents of free speech and journalistic & academic freedom; **Dr. Prem Atreja**, a leading Scientist and Technologist in the fields of Dairy Science, Food Sciences, Nutritional Biochemistry and Alternative Medicine; **Ms. Pankhuri Gidwani**, Miss India Beauty Pageant title holder in 2016; **Dr. Ananta Singh**, Executive Director-Sales & Marketing DLF Home Developers Ltd; **Mr. Sushant Kalra** from Parwarish Institute of Parenting; **Mr Prasanth Nori**, Theater Artist and Co-founder Dramebaaz and Implementation Manager at Meghshala; **Dr Narayani Gupta**, Consultant, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage; **Ms Nimisha Verma**, Founder, Home for Artists and **Mr. Anuv Jain**, a 22-year old soft/pop rock artist, engaged and inspired the students with their stimulating talks.

Speaking on this significant occasion **Mr. Rajendra S Pawar, Founder, NIIT University and Chairman, NIIT Limited** said, *“We are standing on the precipice of human existence today and the future of humanity is in our hands. Hence it is imperative that we take the right decisions for a bright and sustainable future.”*

“We are proud to host the first edition TEDxNIITUniversity that will inspire our students to think in radically new ways to make this world a better place”, added Mr. Pawar.

Prof V S Rao, President, NIIT University said, *“At NIIT University we believe education is about creating well-rounded individuals who promote values of cooperation, empathy and most importantly humanity. Through events like TEDxNIITUniversity we aim to showcase ideas to address the challenges presented by our times, and more importantly to inspire our students to be the ‘Change’. I would like to thank the renowned speakers for taking time out of their busy schedule to inspire these young minds.”*

Conceptualized as an institution of excellence, NU provides exceptional education based on the Four Core Principles that make learning **Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven and**

Seamless. NU, is well poised for meeting the emerging needs of the knowledge economy through its focus on building strong industry linkages and a research oriented approach.

About NU:

Established in 2009, NIIT University (NU) is a not-for-profit University covered under section 2(f) of UGC Act and notified by the Government of Rajasthan. A premier institution of higher learning and research, NU seeks to create original thinkers who will lead the knowledge society of the future. The University inherits three decades of rich expertise and global know-how of its principal sponsor, the NIIT Group.

Nurtured by some of the foremost thought leaders and corporate-practitioners of the country, the multi-disciplinary University focuses on emerging areas of technology and management. NIIT University is a part of a 100-acre campus at Neemrana, Rajasthan, 90 kms from Gurugram on NH8.

Nestled in the Aravali hills, the fully residential green campus offers an idyllic and intellectually vibrant environment for pursuing higher education and research. Set up with the vision to be the role model of learning, research, innovation and sustainability, for the knowledge society, NU is dedicated to building great careers and ensuring excellent job opportunities to all its students. It has been developed as an institute of excellence to provide exceptional education based on its Four Core Principles that make learning Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven and Seamless.

NU offers the entire spectrum of academic programs. At the undergraduate level, it offers B.Tech (Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication, Biotechnology), BBA (Marketing & Marketing Analytics, Family Business & Entrepreneurship, Finance, Banking & Fintech, Business Analytics, Communication & Media Studies and Digital & Social Media Marketing), 4-year Integrated M.Sc (Computer Science), 4-year Integrated BBA - MBA, 5-year Integrated B.Tech - M.Tech and M. Tech (Educational Technology and Geographic Information Systems). NIIT University also offers a 5-year dual degree B.Tech & M.S program (In collaboration with University of Missouri, Kansas City) wherein students undertake academic work at NU for 3.5 years and then continue at UMKC for 1.5 years. In addition, NIIT University also offers MBA, Ph.D programs and several Industry Sponsored Programs. Visit us at:- www.niituniversity.in

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