



SYMBIOSIS COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE

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TED^xSCAC

x = independently organized TED event

TEDxSCAC 2021

Theme: Traversing the Undiscovered

Date: 16th and 17th April, 2021

Platform: Zoom (Virtual)

No. of Attendees: 100 Registered Attendees + Faculty + Guests

What is TEDx?

TEDx was created in the spirit of TED's mission, "Ideas Worth Spreading." A TEDx event is organized by volunteers from the local community. The program is designed to help communities, organizations and individuals to spark conversations and connections through local, TED-like experiences. At TEDx events, a screening of TED Talks videos — or a combination of live presenters and TED Talks videos — sparks deep conversation and connections at the local level.

About TEDxSCAC

The FOURTH edition of the independently organized TED event at the Symbiosis College of Arts & Commerce, held on a virtual platform dated 16th and 17th April 2021, aimed to bring together notable speakers & captivating performances to enlighten upon the proposed theme, TRAVERSING THE UNDISCOVERED.

There is an array of possibilities to pioneer: from the diminutive particle of the universe to the eccentric innovation to the boulevard of self-discovery. The scope is just cosmic! With the world evolving into a new normal, history has been testimony to the fact that humans have adapted through time. The secret behind adaptation lies in the ability to discover what was unearthed before and

to look at things from a novel perspective. The real voyage of discovery not only consists of seeking new landscapes but, cardinally, to have new eyes.

We reckon that the event should be established on the pillars of a multidisciplinary approach that involves drawing discussions from multiple disciplines to redefine problems outside normal boundaries and reach to conclusions based on a new understanding of complex situations. Along with the talks from our esteemed speakers, most of the speakers even joined the audience live for an interactive session.

No. of Speakers: 8

No. of Performances: 5

Organizing Members

- **Dr. Hrishikesh Soman, Principal**
Chief Patron
- **Dr. Sharayu Bhakare**
Licensee & Professor In-Charge
- **Shreya Sandipta Khuntia and Mallar Chakraborty**
Student Organizers



Our Speakers

Speaker 1: Captain Zoya Agarwal

Commander: Boeing 777 | Pilot

Title of the talk: Against All Odds



Captain Zoya Agarwal, an Air India Pilot, is breaking glass ceilings through her path-breaking achievements. She became the youngest woman pilot in India to fly the mighty Boeing-777 aircraft in 2013. She scripted history by commanding the all-women crew on a flight that flew over the North Pole on the world's longest air route from San Francisco to Bengaluru. Captain Zoya also led the Government of India's Vande Bharat Mission in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak that brought back over 14,000 Indians who were stranded abroad.

Speaker 2: Dr. Darlie Koshy

Design & Fashion Wizard | DG & CEO- Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC)

Title of the talk: Designed in India, Skilled from India, Made for the World



Dr. Darlie Koshy, author of the "Indian Design Edge" and two major books, is the Director General and CEO of ATDC & IAM. He has been named twice among the 50 Leaders shaping Indian Higher Education and has mentored at NIFT, National Institute of Design (as Executive Director), Institute of Apparel Management (IAM) and so forth. Dr. Koshy is the only Indian to have served on the Executive Board of World Body of Design (ICSID) for 3 terms. He is credited with the formulation of National Design Policy. Dr. Koshy has also served on the Advisory Board of Lakme Fashion Week.

Speaker 3: Dr. G Madhavan Nair

Indian Space Scientist | Former ISRO Chairman

Title of the talk: Space Technology paralleling the Indian Culture



Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Secretary to the Department of Space, Government of India, is a revered Indian space scientist. He has been awarded the Padma Vibhushan for his exemplary contribution to Space Research. In his various roles over the years, he has been remarkably instrumental in helping India achieve a name among the space-flaring nations.

Speaker 4: Somya Gupta

Acclaimed Nutritionist | Team Rujuta Diwekar

Title of the talk: Future Proofing our Health



Somya Gupta is a leading Indian nutritionist. She has been trained and been working under Rujuta Diwekar as a nutritionist, since her completion of her Masters in Nutrition Science in 2012. Ms. Gupta has delivered several talks in acclaimed international stages like the FENS Nutrition Conference at Dublin, the International Conference on Public Health in Malaysia, CII Panel on Women's Health, IIT Bombay - Aavhan, etc.

Speaker 5: Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai

Management Guru | Chief Mentor- Chanakya Aanvikshiki

Title of the talk: Discovering the ancient wisdom of Chanakya for modern day applications



Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai is a renowned author and a leading management Guru. He has been conferred with the Sardar Patel National Award 2009 for his research on Chanakya and his principles. His first book, 'Corporate Chanakya', has created a record for the highest number of pre-release sales for any first book of an author. Mr. Pillai believes that "management" is a universal art that can be put to use in almost all fields. He has also hosted a radio show "Ask Chanakya" on Moksha Channel of Worldspace Satellite Radio.

Speaker 6: Anmol Malik
Author, Singer, Songwriter

Title of the talk: How to make a cup of tea (Based on Life)?



Anmol Malik works in the Indian film industry. In 2020, she made her debut as an author with the book 'Three Impossible Wishes', published by HarperCollins. Ms. Malik's work has also made it to the Amazon Best Reads list. Ms. Malik recorded her first vocal track at the age of five. Ms. Malik's discography has been very diverse and many of her songs have been at the top of the music charts. She was also the Head of the Script Department at Yash Raj Films.

Speaker 7: Jay Alani
Paranormal Investigator | Founder: The Paranormal Company

Title of the talk: What Lies Beneath



Jay Alani is a published author and founder of The Paranormal Company, the first of its kind in Asia. As a trained Paranormal Investigator, he is the official representative of myriad international paranormal research troops. Mr. Alani

advocates paranormal awareness towards building a society free of blind faith and superstitions. His talks are built from his wide experience of the supernatural world, having investigated over 150 haunted locations and solved more than 250 cases.

Speaker 8: Dr. Nanditha Krishna
Environmentalist, Historian, Author

Title of the talk: Sacred Groves - A Unique Conservation Concept



Dr. Nanditha Krishna has a Ph.D. in Ancient Indian Culture from Bombay University, where she was also a Heras Scholar. She is the author of several books that are connected with Indian culture and Hindu Iconography. In 1990, she was deputed to the Archaeological Survey of India's restoration of Angkor Vat at Cambodia. She became the Chairperson for WWF India, Tamil Nadu. She is the Chairman of C P Ramaswami Aiyar foundation and has won various awards, including the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' from the Government of India for her contributions to the society.

Our Performances

Act 1: Classical Dance Fusion embodying Women Empowerment

By: Anvita Nerurkar (Classical Dancer) – SCAC Student



Act 2: Skating Performance – Spirit of India

By: Rokhaiyya Farheen Shaik and Rayudu Arun Kumar (International Level Skaters)



Act 3: Multi-Instrumental Musical Performance

By: Jo Marshall (Acclaimed Musician)



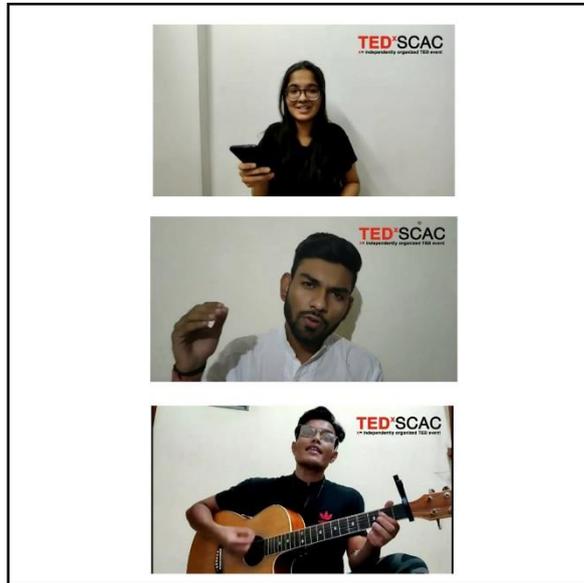
Act 4: Semi-Classical and Folk Dance

By: Rujuta Wakhare (Trained Dancer)



Act 4: Culmination of Poetry and Music

By: Pranaya Lokhande (Poet), Mohak Tiwari (Poet), Samrit Das (Musician) – SCAC Students



Symbi Talks 2021

Symbi Talks, a prelude to TEDxSCAC, is a platform which serves to influence and inspire young minds through the accomplishments and the experiences of our very own Symbi Achievers in their walk of life. Having been conceptualized by Dr. Sharayu Bhakare, it was conceived keeping in mind to give the recognition and bring into light the exceptional work done by the students of Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce. It is a platform for students and alumni to inspire and motivate others through their life experiences and fill in an array of zeal among youngsters to dream big. It is not just about their myriad accolades, but also and most importantly about their dedication, perseverance and resilience to challenges.

SymbiTalks 2021 was held virtually on **April 10, 2021**. The event was attended by **over 140 viewers**. The speakers for the day were:

1. Mukta Dhere: Masters Candidate at the Graduate Institute | Project coordinator for the Geneva Challenge
2. Utsav Shah: Chief Minister's Fellow to the Govt. of Haryana
3. Srishti Kumari: Founder of GirlUp Vriddhi, a UN Foundation Initiative
4. Swapnil Kulkarni: Former Cricket Captain of Symbiosis College Cricket team | County Cricket Player

Besides the speakers, Dr. Hrishikesh Soman, Principal SCAC and Dr. Sharayu Bhakare, Licensee of TEDxSCAC also were present to motivate the viewers and the team. The event was organised by the Student Organisers of TEDxSCAC - Mallar Chakraborty and Shreya Khuntia and hosted by Mallar Chakraborty.

The event began with Dr. Sharayu Ma'am addressing the student viewers and speakers followed by the questionnaire session moderated by Mallar. Questions were asked on their experiences, about their thoughts on dreaming big, learnings from the pandemic, what their future aspirations are and concluded with their messages to SCAC's current students. One of the interesting sessions were when Mallar asked about their perception of SCAC when they arrived Vs now. The number of insights shared by them were so intriguing and thought provoking that all of the viewers and the team was fully involved throughout.

After the interactive session, Dr. Hrishikesh Soman, Principal SCAC, took over for sharing his views and thoughts about the event as well as his vision for the students of SCAC. As always, his words never failed to motivate the gathering.

The event was concluded by a video promotion of TEDxSCAC 2021 followed by the Speaker Reveal by Shreya Khuntia. The event was concluded with a musical performance by Megha Chakraborty.

Some of the feedbacks received were that more interactions from the attendees would've been fun and a great way for all the attendees to enhance their experience at such sessions. Another one was to present the success of guest speakers in the form of a video and that there could've been more performances. Some of the positive responses were, "college should certainly organise more events like this.", "I think the event was flawlessly handled by the team. I wish them all the very best and I look forward to being a part of the TEDx Event. Keep it up!" etc.

