

TEDxIIMShillong 2022

TEDxIIMShillong has grown from strength to strength, with some exemplary ideas being presented on stage. In a short span of time, it has crafted a remarkable niche for itself; with the 7th edition having been graced by a wide array of marquee speakers who have left the audience invigorated with their ingenuity and novel ideas.

The stellar speakers line-up of TEDxIIMShillong 2022, organized on 19th February 2022, included Ms. Chetna Gala Sinha, Dr. Hari Prasad Kovelamudi, Mr. Prakash Singh, Kavita Krishnamurty, Mr. Nihad Panju, Phoebe Dale Nongrum, Ms. Suman Gopalan and Mr. Roshan Farhan as an alumni speaker.

The event began with an address from Mr. Rohit Joshi, Chair Student Affairs, Placements and Public Relations welcoming the speakers and attendees.

Ms. Chetna Gala Sinha is a banker and started India's first rural women's bank. She is one of the six co-chairs of World Economic Forum Davos 2018. She has also been awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar, which is the highest civilian award for recognizing the achievements and contributions of women in India. She also spoke at Ted2018 in Vancouver. At TEDxIIMShillong, she presented her views on the topic: Revolutionizing Banking Spaces and Empowering Women.

Dr. Hari Prasad Kovelamudi is a renowned anesthesiologist and the president of the hospitals' division of the first corporate chain of hospitals in India, the Apollo Hospitals Group. Dr. Prasad is the first doctor outside Europe to be honored with a fellowship of the College of Emergency Medicine, UK, and the first in India to receive a fellowship of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine. He brought diverse viewpoints of the medical field to the table with the topic, Change to survive : Survive to change.

Mr. Prakash Singh was also a speaker in the panel. Mr. Prakash Singh, a recipient of the Padma Shri Award, is a retired IPS officer, who rose to the highest rank of Director General of Police (DGP). He has served as Chief of the Border Security Force (BSF), Uttar Pradesh Police and Assam Police. He is considered one of the best police officers for his role as key architect for Police reforms in India. Presently, he is the Chairman of Indian Police Foundation and Institute and assists the Union Public Service Commission as expert in the selection of All India Civil Services officers. He focused on the importance of a strong and independent police force.

TEDxIIMShillong also witnessed the best of dignitaries with Ms. Kavita Krishnamurti gracing us with her presence. She is a recipient of the Padmashri award in 2005 and has received 4 Filmfare playback singer awards, Kavita Krishnamurthy has recorded over 15,000 songs in 16 languages including many in Hindi and other regional language films. We can't wait to hear her speak on the topic: Myriad colours of music in my life.

Mr. Nihad Panju was also one of the speakers in the event. Mr. Nihad Panju is an athlete, marathon runner and motivational speaker, all rolled into one. He was afflicted with tubercular meningitis at a very

tender age. However, with his indomitable spirit, he went on to defy all odds and achieve wonders in the field of sports.

In the excellent lineup of speakers, next was Phoebe Dale Nongrum. She is a professional from Shillong who secured a place in the first Formula national women's team. She is also the first woman from Northeast India to participate in the JK Tyre-FMSCI national racing championships and create history by finishing third. Phoebe turned out to be the first woman from Meghalaya to secure a place in the Formula LGB 4 team.

As an alumni speaker, Roshan Farhan also joined the event. Roshan Farhan is the Founder and CEO of Gobillion.

Ms. Suman Gopalan also joined the event and presented her views on the various aspects of business. Ms. Suman Gopalan is the Chief HR Officer at Freshworks Inc., where she guides its global people strategy to engage, develop and care for its worldwide employees. Previously, ms Suman led the global and regional HR teams for The Nielsen Company, Dell Technologies, and Whirlpool. She holds an MBA in Human Resources from XLRI Jamshedpur, is an active mentor for young women leaders, and is the co-founder of the ACT Women initiative.

TEDxIIMShillong has been an honest embodiment of ideas, expressions and conversations that inspired us all and continues to walk on the journey of making TEDxIIMShillong bigger and better every year.