

THEME: BREAKING THE PROTOCOLS



Adel Rasheed Khan

Talk: From Sanskaar to Science, What Makes Us, Us?

Dr. Adel Rasheed Khan is a medical intern at M.Y. Hospital, Indore, having completed his M.B.B.S. course from M.G.M. Medical College, Indore. Being a part of NGO, MSAI (Medical Students' Association of India), Adel has helped organize numerous events to increase awareness about public education regarding health issues. He has also been a part of the 'Vidhyadaan' Program, teaching Science to grade 8 students in a government school. He strongly believes in the teaching of science and how it can serve as the single most important tool, in bringing down the seemingly impenetrable wall of unhealthy cultural norms and ignorance, that holds us back from empowering our communities and improving the quality of lives we lead.



Aditya Awasthi

Talk: Measuring the Right Things in the Classroom

Aditya identifies as a 23-year-old who dropped out of sitting in one classroom, into teaching in another one. He is a Training Analyst and Career Development Trainer at Acropolis Group of Colleges. He received the International Best Paper Award for developing a scale to measure Student Engagement in the Indian Higher Education Context. He served as the Founder-Director (Teaching) with SWAT India, an NGO working towards bettering educational support for government school students. His research efforts are directed towards establishing authentic student engagement as metric to assess the effectiveness of education policy and infrastructure in India.



Gurpreet Kaur

Talk: Restoring Individualism

Starting her career as a Counsellor with Career Specialistz, Gurpreet Kaur paved her way to becoming the youngest and most respected IELTS, TOEFL, GRE and SAT trainer in the city of Bhopal. The reason which makes Gurpreet the most sought after trainer is her ability to tailor her teaching methods as per the understanding level of a particular student. She has developed an alumni network of more than 500 students studying across 10+ nations in just a span of two years. Gurpreet holds a bachelor's degree in engineering with IT major along with a bachelors' degree in Tabla. When she is not training or counseling students, she can be found scribbling poems in her diary and singing devotional hymns. She considers the pen and harmonium to be her tools for catharsis.



Kabir Gawlani

Talk: Beyond Gender

Kabir, a trans male (FTM) whose transition started in 2015 is a pure being who loves himself the most. He believes that life can be more than beautiful when one starts living it. Acceptance and happiness from within according to him make one's life complete. He loves adventure in life and wants to explore the world. He has no complaints or regrets in his life and wants to enjoy life to the hilt. He feels he is the most blessed child on this earth. Kabir completed his schooling from Agrawal Public School, Indore, engineering from Mediacaps Institute, Indore and thereafter worked in TCS, Pune for four years from 2010 – 2014. Presently he is helping his father in his business. His motto in life is, 'Believe in yourself and wait for your time. Your time will definitely come. It's all in the mind!'



Raghav Baldwa

Talk: Beyond Protocols

Raghav is an engineering graduate from LNCT Bhopal and 2014 MBA dropout from T. A. Pai Management institute, Manipal. He has worked with various startups in hospitality, travel, healthcare and waste management sectors in India and France. Currently he is running his business 'Mangalam Organic Foods' in Madhya Pradesh, managing over 80 hectares of farm land with 30+ farmers. Apart from assisting these farmers financially, he provides them training on organic farming and makes them aware about current trends, market demand and fluctuations. Being the founder of 'Blood Sure', a platform connecting donors and those in need of blood pan India, he has rendered help to over 16000 people and organized over 50 blood donation camps.