EVENT REPORT OF SOCIAL CONCLAVE

The Annual Social Festival of NMIMS' Mukesh Patel School of Technology- SOCIAL CONCLAVE. 'Be The Change' was the main aim of the event of the Social Impact hosted on 2nd, 3rd and 4th April 2021. Social Conclave is a social conference held to understand, discuss, and debate the social problems in India and how we as responsible citizens can help make society a better place by coming up with solutions to those issues. In the 2021 virtual edition, we had a stunning 350+ number of participants who provided many amazing and new solutions to tackle those problems, which was held on the virtual platform ‘AIRMEET’.

Social Conclave’s main aim was to impart our delegates with ground reality-check knowledge and provide them with an equally beneficial and interactive conference-like environment from the comfort of their homes. Before we approached the conference day, we had initiated several campaigns to create awareness on various social media pages, with a series on our Instagram page, covering alarming statistics and a series of interviews known as The Global Convention, discussing various societal issues with notable social workers and experts, like Melati Wijsen, Sushant Divgikar, Priya Dutt and many more.

The main event of Social Conclave was a 3-day nationwide conference, with a plethora of events. The agendas for this conference were:

- Rural Illiteracy and Unemployment
- Financial Independence and Security of Women
- Zero Hunger
- Youth, Privacy and Social Media
- Climate Action

Social Conclave 2021 started off with an opening ceremony on Day 1. For the opening ceremony, we welcomed our Chief Guest and the COO of YuWaah at UNICEF, Mr. Abhishek Gupta to share his valuable insights. It was followed by the motivational speeches from the respective Joint Secretary of SVKM and Mentor of MPSTME, Dr. JP Gandhi, the Dean of MPSTME, Dr. Alka Mahajan and the Overall Faculty Incharge of Students’ Council MPSTME, Dr. Nikhil Gala, who have always guided us and helped us make the conference possible. The opening ceremony was followed by insightful speeches given by notable Keynote speakers like Sucheta Dalal, Vivek Oberoi, etc. The conference matched its insightfulness with its glamour. The Panel Discussions led by esteemed panelists like Rakhsh Tandon, Hansa Jaydev and many more were really interesting. There were some really amazing discussions held during this session and our panelists never failed to give their insights and inputs to focus on the real life issues that urgently need our attention. This was followed by the virtual field visit which helped in giving the participants a more hands-on experience and helped them identify social problems with more clarity. To make this field visit a success, we had tied up with a few NGOs like YUVA, Human welfare charitable trust, Myna Mahila Foundation, Bright Kids Foundation, Waatavaran and Pratham Institute. This greatly enhanced the delegate experience and helped them gauge the real-world effects, solutions and implications of the social issues. Post the Virtual Field Visits, the delegates engaged in a group discussion called the mock panchayat to share their views on the agendas. The mock panchayat helped the participants to get a more clear view of how the situation really is. After a work-filled day, the ‘informals department’ had various games like ‘Coffee with Conclave’, ‘Jackbox’ and ‘The Carnival’, to help the participants relax and chill about a bit.
Key Note Speaker:

Panel Discussion:

Field Visit:

Mock Panchayat:
Informal Events:

Day 2 was the D-Day for the delegates. Each team of participants had to present a presentation on their respective topics, about the problems and had to provide sustainable and budget-friendly solutions for them. The participants came up with really innovative and creative solutions which left the judges in awe of their knowledge. The judges had a hard time judging, with so many different and amazing ideas being presented to them but they seemed to enjoy the challenge. To cap off day 2, the Music Sensation and genius Anuv Jain played his songs and created a vibe which no one will ever forget for a very long time.

Presentations:
Anuv Jain:

As all good things should come to an end the final day was upon us. On day 3 we had the judges announce the winners for presenting the most innovative ideas. Social Conclave 2021 was a huge success and it wouldn't have been possible without the huge turn up of delegates, across the globe, providing us with some insightful solutions on how we can improve upon the current issues. Also, it wouldn't have been possible without the experience and views of the judges and panelists. It was a very informative and enjoyable three days, with various games hosted by the ‘Informal’s department’ for the delegates to relax and Anuv Jain's vibe setting a completely different tone.