

Don't fear failures, exhort TEDx speakers

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Raipur: Speakers at the TEDx event at Institute of Management (IIM-Raipur), stressed that the belief that fear of imperfection or failure should not scare one from taking one's idea forward.

Drawing on the theme of "thoughts unearthed", speakers at this year's TEDx event discussed why and how we need to unearth our thoughts, ideas and desires. The event featured all young speakers reinstating the belief in the gen-next.

This year's theme- "Thoughts Unearthed" pivoted around the idea of how big a favor we can do to ourselves and the world by coming out with what's within and the opportunity cost of not doing so. Leading by example, the speakers unearthed their ideas and life experiences which had the audience captivated.

In her welcome speech, Prof. Vinita Sahay focused on how Ted videos have become a part and parcel of our lives, how we look up to these inspiring videos whenever we are gloomy and down. Speaking about the event, she said, "It is a platform where bright minds can come together and

share their ideas to inspire the world." The event kicked off with a mesmerizing mime performance by students of IIM Raipur which vividly showcased what happens when we express ourselves, believe in ourselves and rising and shining to achieve our goals.

The first speaker Anand Munshi, an acclaimed author, motivational speaker and corporate leadership coach, spoke about the path to transform our goals into achievements. He spoke on the importance of focusing on inquisitiveness and asking the right questions. Guiding the audience on achieving the goals, he gave the CLIMB formula: Courage, Learning, Identify, Motivation and Breaking.

Mr. Vivek Pathak, Head, Business Strategy & Operations e-Bay India, spoke on rapid evolution of artificial intelligence and its impact on society. Speaking on the growing trends and its perception, he spoke, "Intelligence if peaks out beyond a threshold then it can compound very quickly and outrun mankind.

Jeet Singh Arya, who is actively involved in camping, hiking, developing indigenous cultural tourism, eco-tou-



Speakers at the TEDx event opening at IIM Raipur on Saturday

risism, and adventure tourism, spoke about the negative perception and branding of Naxalism that has hugely affected Bastar. Bastar is an unexplored territory full of scenic beauty encompassing various caves and waterfalls especially the Chitrakoot waterfalls. He unearthed the way to change things and started the Facebook page "Unexplored Bastar" to clear the stereotypes and promote tourism. He started the initiative the "Aamcho Bastar Bazaar", a

commonplace to brainstorm and bring a change.

Gawrav Mehta, an adventure seeker who thrives on numerous outlets of creativity and inspiration gave a holistic view on the emergence of virtual currency. There are two worlds, one is in which we all breathe and then there is a virtual world. We are living in the transition phase. Notes and coins, which were the sole medium of exchange for centuries, may become obsolete. The entire money system is going

to be disrupted. Bitcoin has emerged in the recent times as the perfect fix for this disruption, he said. Sharat Sharma, a speaker and is known as 'Success Strategist', emphasized that although we were born free, but still we're struggling for freedom. He further added that life is all about making the right choices, taking the right steps and fighting it out every day. The event ended with vote of thanks from Shivam Jaiswal, coordinator of TedX IIM Raipur.