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TED^xSCAC

x = independently organized TED event

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 100 viewers. The speakers for the day was:

1. Mukta Dhere- she is a Masters candidate at the Graduate institute and a Project coordinator for the Geneva Challenge
2. Utsav Shah- he is the chief minister's fellow to the Govt. of Haryana
3. Srishti Kumari- She is the founder of Girlup Vriddhi, a UN foundation initiative
4. Swapnil Kulkarni- He is the former Cricket Captain of Symbiosis College Cricket team

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 amount 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.

