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Youth Forum at IIT Delhi – AIESEC India Initiative

Date: April 20, 2025

Participants: Meritorious Students of Classes 10, 11, and 12

A group of meritorious students from Classes 10 to 12 had the unique opportunity to participate in the Youth Speak Forum 2025, organised by AIESEC in Delhi IIT at IIT Delhi on April 20, 2025. The forum brought together thought leaders, innovators, and change-makers to inspire young minds through discussions spanning science, finance, entrepreneurship, and global opportunities.

1. Exploring the Power of Light: Photonics

The keynote address by Prof. Deepak Jain (IIT) on "Photonics – The Study of Light" captivated the audience. He highlighted how photonics is revolutionising the world, particularly by transforming the healthcare sector with advanced diagnostic tools, such as non-invasive imaging and laser-based therapies that improve accuracy and patient outcomes. Prof. Jain also discussed how photonics is propelling innovations in internet speed and laser technologies, underscoring its critical role in shaping the future of global communication and diagnostics.

2. Insights into Human Resource Development

Mr. Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Human Resources) at BHEL, shared valuable insights into human resource practices within public sector enterprises. Drawing from over 25 years of experience in Indian Railways and central public sector undertakings, he elaborated on effective strategies for skill development, leadership building, and the alignment of personal growth with national goals—key takeaways for aspiring professionals. Mr. Thakur is widely recognised for his proactive, progressive, and transparent approach to HR management, his commitment to employee welfare, and his success in fostering harmonious industrial relations and implementing long-term systemic improvements in HR policies and procedures.

3. Financial Literacy for the Youth

With a keen understanding of students' needs, Mr. Sanjay Kathuria, financial educator and digital content creator, simplified the complex world of personal finance. He highlighted the need for early financial literacy and introduced students to budgeting, saving, and investing through engaging, relatable content.

4. Entrepreneurial Spark

In an inspiring session, Ms. Gauri Kaushik Verma, founder of Confeet and a Shark Tank India entrepreneur, recounted her entrepreneurial journey in revolutionizing the wedding cake industry. Her story encouraged students to embrace creativity, resilience, and innovation beyond traditional career paths.

5. Opportunities with AIESEC India

Representatives from AIESEC India introduced students to international internship and exchange programmes that empower over 18,000 students annually. The focus on global exposure, leadership, and cultural collaboration sparked excitement among the attendees.

6. Creative Futures: Indian Institute of Creative Skills

The CEO of the Indian Institute of Creative Skills delivered an overview of the Media & Entertainment Skills Council, unveiling upcoming programmes such as the Game and AI Summit and the MECAT Test—offering students a glimpse into the future of media, technology, and creativity.

Other Highlights:

The event featured success stories of young achievers who have made remarkable contributions in their fields, along with insightful information about ongoing internship and research project opportunities in leading industries. This vibrant and enriching event opened up new avenues for the students, offering a blend of knowledge, inspiration, and opportunities that will continue to shape their aspirations.

