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KAABS-XIME EVENT: ONE CAP DOESN'T FIT ALL

Reigniting the conversation on the New Education Policy, Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship in partnership with the Karnataka Association of Autonomous Business Schools organised a conclave titled 'PGDMs under NEP: Imagining Creative Alternatives' at the Bangalore campus on the 15th December. More than a year since its release, as observed at the KAABS x XIME conclave, there is just as much uneasiness and apprehension concerning the NEP.

Dr VG Dhanakumar (Director, Indian Institute of Plantation Management Bangalore and President, KAABS) welcomed the gathering. Prof. A Anantharaman introduced Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe (Chairperson, AICTE) who had inaugurated the conclave virtually. Bringing a multidimensional perspective to the table, Prof. Sahasrabudhe counselled navigating through the VUCA world through constant adaptation and unity of efforts. Furthermore, he underscored the challenge of achieving in 15 years, what we had failed to achieve in the past 75 years. He outlined the proposed measures of the NEP, while highlighting the significance of the relationship between management and agriculture, thereby proposing that institutions embed multi-disciplinarity into their curricula by leveraging technologies like MOOC. Dr NMK Bhatta introduced the Guest of Honour, Dr R Natarajan (Former Chairperson, AICTE). He shifted the audience's focus to the wisdom from the past and elucidated on MIT, IITs and IIMs, recommendations of the Subramanian Committee, the National Knowledge Commission, the Yashpal Committee,

the Chavan Committee, and the Sarkar Committee. Prof. Mahesh MV introduced Dr M Rammohan Rao (Former Director, IIM Bangalore, Former Dean, ISB). Dr Rao pivoted towards recommendations and suggestions for PGDM institutions planning to become degree-granting universities and the trials and opportunities promised by multi-disciplinarity. Dr Kuncheria P Isaac (Former Member Secretary AICTE, Director-General XIME Group of Institutions) articulated the size of the faculty, its relationship with the stability of the institution. He further spoke of the cobweb model for the supply and demand of courses, mergers and acquisitions in the academic world, and the use of technology to remove the distance barrier. Reserving the final word, Prof. J Philip (Chairperson, XIME Bangalore, former Director IIM Bangalore), quoted Peter Drucker, although rather ominously, from nearly 30 years ago, "Universities, as we understand today, will vanish in 30 years". The conclave was followed by workshops on PGDM in the NEP context. The Vote of Thanks was given by Prof. Madhukumar PS (Dean- Academics, XIME Bangalore).



INTRA-COLLEGIATE MANAGEMENT FEST – TALENTO 2021

The School of Management of Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) organised a two-day Intra Collegiate Management Fest Talento 2021 on the theme, Days Gone Bye –'Embracing the year of transition'. The fest was inaugurated by Shri. Rangappa T, Asst. Commissioner of Police, Sampigehalli. Rev Dr Augustine George, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College; Dr Aloysius Edward J, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management; Dr M K Baby, HOD; Prof. Stephen Deepak, Faculty Co-ordinator of the event; Ms Angela Jayson, Mr Jacob Sam and the student co-ordinators graced the occasion.

The two-day fest was organised by the II MBA students for the juniors from the batch of 2021 – 2023 to help them inculcate the true spirit of competition and camaraderie. The valedictory ceremony had Mr. Sunil Kumar, Director Asia Pacific, Zen Dynamics, as the chief guest along with Rev Fr. Deepu Joy, Member of Management Team and faculty, Department of Life Sciences;

Prof. Sen B Mathews, Director CECR; Dr M K Baby, Head, School of Management and Prof. Stephen Deepak, faculty co-ordinator of the event. The chief guest and other dignitaries on the dais gave away the prizes to the winners.

