

INDIA DEVELOPMENT COALITION OF AMERICA

The 11th North India Regional Conference, Jaipur

TOPIC: Innovative Practices to Mitigate Poverty and Climate Change in India

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International School of Informatics & Management, Jaipur in collaboration with India Development Coalition of America, organized 11th North India Conference on February 25-26, 2022. The theme for two days conference was "Innovative Practices to Mitigate Poverty and Climate Change in India". In the inaugural session Dr. Ashok Gupta, Director, ISIM welcomed the participants of the conference. In his address he focused on the prime aim of the conference that is to provide platform to social entrepreneurs, activists, academicians, researchers and the stakeholders to mull over the issue of curbing poverty and mitigating climate change. Dr. Mohan Jain, Founder and Trustee, IDCA, USA provided impetus to the conference and suggested ways that can bring positive change in the society.

The chief guest for the inaugural function was Mr. Mayur Dixit, IAS, Collector & Magistrate, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. He emphasized that every citizen should think of local solutions to help eradicate poverty at local level and gradually these solutions can be expanded and replicated to national level. Mr. Dixit also highlighted the role of every citizen of the country for combating climate change and its effects. He stated that the consequences of climate change hit the most vulnerable more badly. The Keynote speaker for the event was Major Dr. Meeta Singh, Chairperson, Dignity of Girl Child Foundation and Guest of Honour for the event was PadmaShri Shri Tilak Gitai, Master Craftsman & Sculpture. The inaugural ceremony ended with the National Anthem.

The first day of the conference had two sessions related to "Climate Change Mitigation", and "Innovative Practices in Water". The day witnessed expert talks by eminent personalities such as Mr. Sumit Singh, Advisor, Strategy & Cooperative, National Cooperative Union of India, New Delhi; Mr. Narendra Kumar, Public Health Activist & Human Rights Defender, New Delhi; Mr. Swapnil Dubey, Principal Consultant, Insight Development Consulting Group, New Delhi; Ms. Seema Saini, Founder, Green World Foundation, Jaipur; Mr. Arjun Devasi, Farmer, Sikar, Jaipur.

Day one ended with Felicitation Ceremony of Merit Holders of the MBA and MCA Examinations of the Rajasthan Technical University, Kota for the session 2019-2020. Ms. Radhika Goyal was awarded with The Chancellor Gold Medal for securing highest marks in the post-graduation program and gold medal for securing highest marks in

MCA examination. MBA 2020 Merit Holders were Ms. Kanika Khandelwal, Ms. Sonal Saxena, Ms. Simran Tilwani. MCA 2020 merit holders were Ms. Radhika Goyal, Ms. Shruti Gupta, Ms. Khushboo Choudhary, Ms. Shruti Rathore.

The second day of the conference had sessions related to "Emerging Prospects in Education and Livelihood". The speakers for these sessions were Mr. Varun Sharma, Project Coordinator, ARAVALI (Association for Rural Advancement through Voluntary Action and Local Involvement); Mr. Vikram Raghav, State Technical Consultant, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Jaipur; Ms. Evadeep Saxena, Founder, Saksham, Jaipur; Ms. Radhika Balasariya, Founder, Project Life Force.

AWARDS

The concluding session had NGO Field project presentations by the students of ISIM on "Citizenship & Social Entrepreneurship" through which they showcased their hands on experience with voluntary sector. Among the eleven selected presentations, the top three were rewarded with cash prizes of Rs. 6000/-, Rs. 4000/- and Rs. 2000/- respectively.

The **winners** were Reshal Agarwal, Ramleen Kaur, Nupur Agarwal, Ekta Khandelwal, Kritika Pareek for their project with ARAVALI.

The **second position** was bagged by Manvi Agarwal, Vanshika Vijay, Kratika Gupta, Anushikha Saini, Yashi Sharma, Shweta Kalani for their project with 'Praveenlata Sansthan'.

The **third position** was grabbed by Yash Khandelwal, Ayush Khandelwal, Khushi Khandelwal, Kashish Khandelwal, Palak Gupta for their project with Praveenlata Sansthan.

Dr. Sandeep Vyas, Associate Professor, ISIM and Ms. Shilpi Goswami, Programme Head, FM Radio 7 were the judges for the competition. The conference culminated with conference report by Dr. Mohan Jain. He encouraged the students to contribute to society by lifelong learning and helping others live a better life. He quoted examples of Mahatma Gandhi & Swami Vivekananda and said that they did well to people not for their selfish aims but for the good of the society.

Around 200 students along with faculty and 20 NGOs across Rajasthan participated in two days conference.



