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THE LEADERSHIP CELL

Navigating New Horizons with Clarity and Courage: AREYA Felicitation Event

Date- 23rd November 2024

Mode- Zoom Meeting

The renowned leadership cell of Bharati College- AREYA, organized an inspiring event aimed at helping students navigate mixed emotions and discover clarity amidst chaos. This impactful session, titled Inspire and Ignite, took place on the 23rd of November 2024 through a Zoom meeting.

The event featured **Rashmi Rao Wahule**, an internationally certified master facilitator, self-leadership expert, and emotional intelligence coach. Her insightful words and empowering guidance resonated deeply with students, encouraging them to reflect on their personal challenges and gain a clearer perspective on their lives.

Many students shared how the session transformed their mindset, offering them renewed motivation and a sense of direction. Rashmi's ability to connect with her audience and inspire self-growth left a lasting impression, making the event a remarkable success in fostering resilience and emotional awareness among the attendees.



Students benefitted- 56.

Delving into the Insight and Inspiration of Leadership Summit 2.0

Theme: “The Leadership Equation: Merging Strength with Purpose to Empower Women”

Organized by: Areya – The Leadership Cell of Bharati College.

Date: March 21, 2025

Venue: Bharati College, University of Delhi

Areya – The Leadership Cell of Bharati College successfully hosted its flagship event, ***Leadership Summit 2.0***, on March 21, 2025. The summit was an intellectual and inspiring gathering, bringing together thought leaders, change-makers, students, and faculty under one roof to reflect on the evolving nature of leadership in the context of women's empowerment. The event stood tall on its compelling theme: ***“The Leadership Equation: Merging Strength with Purpose to Empower Women”***—a narrative that resonated deeply with the spirit of the institution and its community.

The summit commenced with a warm and eloquent welcome by the event anchors, setting a tone of elegance, strength, and unity. The proceedings began with the auspicious **Lamp Lighting Ceremony**, an ode to tradition and wisdom, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness through knowledge. This moment was both solemn and celebratory, invoking a sense of unity and spiritual grounding before the intellectual discussions began.

Following this, **Professor Dr. Anupama Mahajan**, the **Convener of Areya – The Leadership Cell**, addressed the gathering. In her speech, she highlighted the college's dedication to cultivating leadership among young women and stressed the importance of courage, compassion, and ethical clarity in modern leadership. She gracefully applauded Areya's efforts in creating a platform that amplifies women's voices and inspires action, encouraging students to embrace leadership not merely as a role but as a responsibility towards society. Dr. Anupama Mahajan, widely regarded as a guiding force and an inspiring mentor, was honored with heartfelt recognition for her invaluable contributions to AREYA. Her unwavering dedication and visionary leadership have played a pivotal role in shaping the cell's growth and success. The genuine admiration expressed by students and faculty alike set a tone of deep respect and gratitude, creating an atmosphere that celebrated not only her achievements but also the lasting impact she has made on countless lives. This heartfelt tribute elevated the event's spirit, reminding everyone of the profound influence a true mentor can have on fostering leadership and personal growth.



The next speech was delivered by **Ms. Aayat Wani**, the **President of Areya**. With passion and poise, she traced the journey of Areya, shedding light on its mission to build strong, purpose-driven leaders. Her address laid the foundation for the summit's sessions to unfold.

Following this, the audience witnessed a mesmerizing **Cultural Dance Performance** on **Saraswati Vandana**, portrayed by **Mohini and Aashna**, proving that dance is not just movement, it's a language of emotions, a story told through rhythm and grace.

The much-awaited **Panel Discussion** followed soon after and was the intellectual centrepiece of the summit. The discussion was centred around the summit's core theme, bringing forth critical perspectives on how women today are merging their inner strength with purpose to redefine leadership models across industries and communities. The panel was graced by eminent speakers and trailblazers, who were as follows:

- **Captain Dr. Sunaina Singh** – An ex-Army officer, **DU professor**, and SSB mentor, guiding aspirants toward a career in the defence services.
- **Asst. Comdt. Amit Kumar** – Former Special Forces officer who served in **COBRA**, an elite unit for anti-Naxal operations. He has been honored with four **Director General Disks** and multiple commendations for his exceptional service.
- **Mr. Saakshar Duggal** – **TEDx** speaker and mentor, who has been inspiring individuals through his insights on leadership and personal development.
- **CA Priyamvada Chhabra** – A meticulous Chartered Accountant with expertise in finance and corporate advisory.

The first panel discussion was moderated by **Aahana**, the **PR Head of Areya**.



Each panelist brought unique insights drawn from their personal and professional journeys. They delved into their experiences of breaking barriers, building purpose-led organizations, and embracing leadership styles that are inclusive, empathetic, and bold. The discussion was interactive and deeply moving, with moments of laughter, reflection, and shared wisdom. Audience questions were also taken, further enriching the dialogue and connecting theory to lived realities.



To add a creative touch to the intellectually charged atmosphere, the summit also included a captivating **Solo Dance Performance** by **Riya Khullar**, a dedicated member of Areya's social media team. She presented a beautiful Bollywood semi-classical dance, blending grace and expression to create a mesmerizing experience.

Following the success of the first panel discussion, the momentum of the *Leadership Summit 2.0* carried forward with equal enthusiasm into the **Second Panel Session**. With light-hearted banter between the anchors and a humorous remark comparing the upcoming discussion to the dreaded three-hour Zoom meetings, the tone was set for yet another engaging and impactful conversation. The audience, energized and eager, was then introduced to the next lineup of dynamic speakers.

Before the panelists were formally introduced, **Professor Anupama Mahajan**, the esteemed convener of Areya – The Leadership Cell, was invited on stage to felicitate the guests. Her

presence underscored the cell's commitment to recognizing and honoring women who are shaping their respective industries with purpose and power.

The second panel was graced by eminent speakers and trailblazers, who were as follows:

- **CA Mamta Gulia**- brought a financial lens to the discussion. With her rich experience as a Chartered Accountant and Treasurer at **Zooper Tech Ltd.**, along with her past associations with **HCL** and **EY**, she brought forward the importance of financial literacy and data-driven leadership. Her sharp insights resonated with aspiring entrepreneurs and professionals in the audience.
- **Ms. Kajal Srivastava**-the visionary founder of **Swadeshi Sportswear**. A trailblazer in sustainable fashion, her brand has become synonymous with indigenous athletic wear, promoting ethical production and empowering local industries. Her work reflects a perfect blend of environmental consciousness and entrepreneurial innovation.
- **Ms. Poorva Choudhary**- a celebrated educator, career coach, and founder of **HUMAN-AT-EASE**. Her passion for mentoring students and helping them navigate academic and career pathways has left an indelible mark in the field of education.
- **Ms. Anamika Yaduvanshi**- A **life coach** known for empowering women to embrace transformation and personal growth. Her work in coaching and mentorship has helped many individuals overcome personal and societal barriers, positioning her as a beacon of inner strength and resilience.

The discussion was expertly moderated by **Anika** , the **HR Director of Areya**.



The panel collectively shed light on themes such as sustainable entrepreneurship, financial empowerment, education reform, and emotional well-being—all tied to the summit's overarching vision of women-led transformation. With the composed demeanor and sharp leadership of the panelists, they steered the conversation seamlessly, ensuring each voice was heard and every narrative explored. Once the discussion concluded, the anchors expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the panelists and moderator, acknowledging the power of shared experiences and diverse perspectives in shaping the next generation of women leaders. The session left the audience deeply moved, energized, and reflective.

To artistically encapsulate the day's theme, the audience was then treated to a spectacular **Fashion Performance** by Elantre, the ***Fashion Society of Bharati College***. The performance was nothing short of a visual delight, where bold themes and striking visuals dominated the runway. With confidence, elegance, and creative storytelling, Elantre transformed the stage into a platform of innovation, celebrating womanhood and individuality through fashion. Their performance struck a perfect balance between artistry and activism, leaving the audience in awe.

Just when it seemed the celebration had reached its peak, the energy was elevated yet again by a mesmerizing **Solo Dance Performance** by ***Samriddhi Tandon***, a talented student from the commerce department. Introduced with poetic admiration, her performance brought alive the essence of rhythm and emotional storytelling. Her graceful movements and emotive expressions mesmerized the audience, offering a soulful interpretation of women's spirit and strength.

As the event drew to a close, **Adya Mishra, the Secretary of Areya** as well as the **Anchors** delivered a heartfelt **vote of thanks**, appreciating the unwavering efforts of the organizing team, the insights of the panelists, the support of the faculty and the stall, media as well as food partners, and the enthusiastic participation of the students, for making the event a grand success.

Leadership Summit 2.0, with its rich dialogues, celebrated voices, and unwavering focus on empowering women, truly lived up to its theme. The summit ended on a note of inspiration, leaving behind a lingering message—that *leadership is not just a title, but a daily act of courage, especially when guided by the purpose of empowering others*.

Students benefitted- 202.



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