NexGen Summit unlocks the entrepreneurial spirit in Chandigarh youth

Asia Inc. 500, in partnership with Chitkara University, organized NexGen Summit on Feb 6th, 2020 at Chitkara University, Chandigarh, to encourage and promote student entrepreneurship across the state.

The full-day summit saw participation from 400+ students with 14 renowned speakers sharing insights from their entrepreneurial journeys along with discussing the importance of competition in business, the need for social entrepreneurship and the necessary measures to be taken by the government to encourage the youth towards social enterprises.

The summit audience also witnessed the exchange of an MoU between Chitkara University and ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics) with M/s. Madhu Chitkara (Vice-Chancellor, Chitkara University), Dr. Archana Mantri (Pro-VC, Chitkara University), Dr. SumeerWalia (Director, CEED) and Mr. Ram Dhulipala (Lead - Digital Agriculture and Strategic Initiatives, ICRISAT) representing their organizations.

The summit also served as the platform for the launch of Mr. Rama Iyer’s (CIO, T-Hub) book - “Innovation Ecosystem in India”. The senior management of Chitkara University and the speakers came forward to felicitate Dr. Sumeer Walia by bestowing him with Asia Inc. 500’s ‘Startup Ecosystem Champion - North India’ award for fostering and accelerating the spirit of entrepreneurship across the state.

The jam-packed summit forged ahead with brilliant startup pitches from the top 7 finalists of the NexGen Student Entrepreneurship Challenge. The event concluded with awarding the top 3 best startup pitches by Mr. Raghavendra Hunasgi (Global Convener, Asia Inc. 500).

Speaking of the event, Mr. Raghavendra Hunasgi said, "We, at Asia Inc. 500, are really excited to kick-start the first event of the NexGen Program in Chitkara University with an aim to sensitize and inculcate the entrepreneurial spirit among students. We had the opportunity to listen to eminent speakers and industry experts discussing innovation and recalling their learnings and experiences that have enriched their ventures. There were also a few phenomenal startup ideas from the finalists of the NexGen Student Entrepreneurship Challenge that kept me intrigued throughout in addition to celebrating and awarding the Read more...."