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Fergusson College (Autonomous), Pune

**(Dr. P.C. Shejwalkar Center for entrepreneurship and innovation)**

## **REPORT OF CEO MEET**

### **Prolific words echo through the aisles of Wadia Library at CEO MEET 2022**

“Bridge the gap between academia and industry” was the theme of this meet, the next step to develop and popularize Dr P. C. Shejwalkar Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation which was inaugurated earlier this year on 5th March. The Bai Jerbai Wadia library last evening, witnessed minds, young and long-serving alike with representatives from likes of Accenture, Opine Industries Ltd., Wipro, and start-ups like ZeroPlast Labs, present to brainstorm ways to efficiently run the incubation centre.

Principal of Fergusson College, Dr. Ravindrasinh Pardeshi kicked off the erudite discussion with his insightful speech. He pointed out the historical to modern key-achievements of Fergusson College, from Languages to Data Science, how this intellectual diversity could be harnessed to bring out the best out of students. “There is a need to inculcate research culture among our students and strengthen it,” he asserted. “We should look to strengthen academic and industry associations with the third world and developing countries as a hand-holding exercise,” insisted Shri Mahesh Athavale, Vice-chairman DES.

The Goals and Achievements of DES were defined for the guests to further enhance the same. Shrikant Sarda, MD Accenture Technologies took the baton of ideas and emphasized on the importance of students challenging the status quo with their minds devoid of any conditioning unlike adults. Dr. Utgirkar from Praj Industries Ltd. pointed out the need for a unique selling point for our incubation centre among several others of its kind, he affirmed that cross functionality of innovation is the future which should be harnessed by our centre. Mr. Deepak Karandikar, President MCCIA, emphasized on the need for initiatives to be technology oriented and driven with managerial skills. Dr. Anand Kolharkar Founder, Opine Group, on the other hand started conversation about the importance of data documentation and problem repositories. Mr Nitin Komavar CEO at Grokstem highlighted the potential among Indian population with Silicon Valley as a reference. He urged the need for imparting applied knowledge not only among students but also faculties, much like Mr. Rajesh Parekar Founder and CTO at Core Clinical Services and Mr Prasad Ramdasi from Wipro , who pointed out the rudimental and obsolete approach of Professors as a hindrance in practical orientation

among students and the need for a pragmatic approach towards problem solving at a micro-level. Mr. Aditya Kabra CEO at ZeroPlast Labs, weighed in by stating the importance of introducing acceptance of failure among students and preparing them to spring back up from it. Dr. Ajit Kanitkar, a researcher at Vikasanvesh Foundation presented on the floor the importance of succession management training, which is rather scarce in the industry, something our centre could employ.

The evening culminated with dinner and the fruitful discussion carried on one-on-one as the guests dined. With inputs from great minds DES aims to utilize this incubation centre to its fullest, mobilising the expertise from its art, science and management courses and amalgamating its rich heritage with modern entrepreneurial approaches to inculcate employability and knowledge application, and pioneerdom among students.

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- Description (include date, number of students/teachers participated, attendance sheet and list of students/teachers attended/ participated, photographs preferably Geotagged, copy of certificates, if provided)
- Outcome/benefit

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