

Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology

Report on Visit to InnovateX 2024 Hosted by NASSCOM Foundation

Date: 11th December 2024 **Venue:** Jacaranda Hall, India Habitat Centre

The NASSCOM Foundation successfully hosted its flagship event, InnovateX 2024, celebrating ground breaking projects developed by student entrepreneurs under the TechForChange Program. The event witnessed active participation from academia, industry leaders, and student innovators dedicated to leveraging technology for social impact.

Key Attendees

The event was graced by distinguished guests, jury members from Nasscom Foundation and Ciena including Prof. Neeru Rathee and Dr. Poonam Dahiya, esteemed educators and advocates for entrepreneurship and innovation in education.



Event Objectives

InnovateX aimed to:

- Showcase innovative student-led projects addressing societal challenges.
- Foster collaboration between industry experts and young entrepreneurs.
- Inspire future entrepreneurs to embrace technology-driven social innovation.

Startups from NSUT, DTU, and VIPS and MSIT

Students from NSUT, DTU, and VIPS also presented their innovative startups:

• **NSUT:** A team showcased a blockchain-powered platform for transparent NGO funding.



DTU: Students introduced a sustainable packaging solution made from biodegradable materials aimed at reducing plastic waste.

VIPS: A student group unveiled an AI-driven mental health support app providing realtime counseling and support services. **MSIT:** One of the event's highlights was a presentation by Ishita, the founder of eDrishti, a student startup from MSIT. The initiative focuses on developing assistive technology solutions for visually impaired individuals. Ishita demonstrated eDrishti's latest product, an AI-powered smart navigation device designed to enhance mobility and independence for the visually impaired.

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Speech by Prof. Neeru Rathee

Prof. Neeru Rathee delivered a compelling speech reflecting on her experience with the TechForChange Program. She highlighted the transformative potential of technology in addressing critical social issues. Prof. Rathee shared inspiring stories of student-led initiatives



that have successfully driven positive change through technological solutions.

"The TechForChange Program is a remarkable platform nurturing the next generation of innovators," she stated. "It empowers students to envision and implement technology-driven solutions that create lasting social impact. Seeing their passion and dedication reassures me that the future of social entrepreneurship is in capable hands."

Conclusion

InnovateX 2024 succeeded in celebrating the spirit of social entrepreneurship and fostering collaboration between students and industry leaders. The inspiring speeches and innovative presentations underscored the event's mission to drive positive change through technology and innovation.

The NASSCOM Foundation remains committed to supporting future entrepreneurs and scaling impactful projects, ensuring that technology continues to be a force for good in society.