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Event Summary Report

Event Name: Workshop on Design Thinking and Innovation Design.

Venue: Online (Google Meet).

Date: December 18, 2020.

On December 18, the Industry Relations (IR) Cell S.P.I.T in collaboration with E-Cell S.P.I.T and IIC S.P.I.T, conducted its first event since the lockdown, a workshop on Design Thinking and Innovation Design. The speaker of the workshop was Mr.Sameer Chavan, a true industry expert with over 23 years of experience at leading product-based companies building a wide array of applications from desktop and mobile to hand-wearable.In addition to his Master's degree from IIT Bombay, Mr. Chavan's resume includes lead roles in 'Design' at Flipkart, Intel, LG, and Siemens.

Design thinking is a popular and significant aspect of the process

at any great product based company. Hence, Mr.Chavan stressed the importance and true execution of design thinking. "Innovation and design go hand in hand" - a rule to live by for any organization. Mr.Chavan alluded to the story of the Wright brothers to encourage the audience to understand that true innovation requires continuous effort, experimentation, and the mentality to embrace failure as a learning opportunity. Mr.Chavan then went on to discuss an important question - 'Why do some innovations fail while others are successful?'. This time he cited the example of Apple's QuickTake, the world's first consumer digital lens, which was way ahead of its time and did not have any impact on the average customer. "Storytelling, sketching, and prototyping is all examples of powerful visual thinking methodologies", said Mr.Chavan.

As companies are focusing more on the aesthetics of their product, integrating visual and design thinking to an analytical, top-down approach is the methodology of the future. Design thinking is a bottom-up, human-centric process for innovation that encourages a 'fail-fast' method, keeping in mind the user experience. Mr.Chavan then went on to expertly break down the various steps an organization or individual must take to integrate a design thinking approach into the development process. 'Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, and Evaluate' are the pillars of design thinking. Essentially, the entire process revolves around human-centric thinking, aesthetic simplicity,out-of-the-box problem solving, and interaction between a corporation and its users. Mr.Chavan concluded his presentation and an interactive question-answer session was conducted, wherein he covered topics ranging from UX-design to project management with an emphasis on design thinking ideology.

The workshop was attended was by over 60 people and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. "A very illuminating and unique workshop. I had never truly considered how crucial design-thinking is to the process of innovation!", said Gaurav Parulekar of SE-IT. The meeting concluded with our principal, Dr. B.N Chaudhari, and chairperson of the IIC, Dr.Kalbande offering Mr.Chavan their gratitude for sharing his expert insights and perspective with the students of SPIT.





