

TEDxGWHSchool

x = independently
organized TED event

Theme: Reapproaching reality

Relevance of theme:

In light of the pandemic, chaos is the new normal.

This pandemic has catalysed a rapid transformation across all aspects of life. From a neighbourhood tea man to stock markets, the coronavirus has deconstructed the definition of “normal”. This demands us to relook at our lives from a different perspective and adapt to the existing circumstances.

Introduction:

This year, we will hold our first online conference due to the circumstances of Covid-19. But bad circumstances, regardless of type, are inevitable—problems that have appeared throughout the course of humanity. And like every perfect pairing, with many problems comes to a solution. Behind these solutions are people; thinkers, that have the ability to see from different angles – to seek out new perspectives. These thinkers take a new approach to the world around them, influencing those around them to do the same.

For this event, we have curated a set of speakers whose contributions are in these very areas. Coming here, they seek to inform, ideate and inspire the minds of the audience, just as they do in their respective fields. Join them as they take you through a new journey, one where ideas are challenged, new thoughts are born and reality is approached in a plethora of intriguing manners.

Tech Details:

We are planning on hosting the website on <https://tedxgwh.ml>. We will also be hosting the TEDx event live from youtube. If the event is a paid event we will have a password encrypted youtube event, but if we will host it for free, it will be a free-for-all hosting model. We will take registrations through the website.

Social Media:

We will create a TEDxGWHSchool Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts to publicise our event and receive more registrations.

Speakers:

Speaker 1 – Mr Gaurav Soodh

Gaurav has an MBA in Finance & Marketing and M. Tech. in Renewable energy and brings the rare mix of technical and business acumen to the table. Currently, he is pursuing his PhD in Energy Policy. He has been associated with the renewable industry for close to 12+ years. He has been one of the key personnel involved in setting up the renewable energy division for Bharat Forge. Prior to being the CEO of Spring Energy Private Limited, he was Managing Director of Solairedirect India, a subsidiary of Engie, where he was instrumental in building a platform of more than 590 MWp high-quality solar assets spread over 4 states. With such an enriching experience and continued association with another 1250 MW solar and wind projects under construction as a CEO, he is suitably well versed with the renewable sector industry. He has been selected in the Economic Times prestigious list of “Forty under 40” young business leaders of India Inc in 2016.

Solar energy is an integral part of the future, and Mr. Soodh would be able to provide insight on the world of innovation that is the renewable energy industry. The practice, which resides in a forever changing world, requires constantly changing approaches to adapt, and create solutions to an incredibly pressing problem.

Speaker 2 – Somya Gupta

Completed her Masters in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics from SNDT University, Mumbai, 2012. Has trained under and is working with Rujuta Diwekar as a senior Nutritionist since then.

Speaker 3- Kumar Chander

Kumar is Managing Director, Southeast Asia, Wipro Unza and Director on the Board of Wipro Unza Holdings, Singapore. Kumar joined Wipro Consumer Care in 1992 in Sales Function after a brief stint with Unilever. In his career spanning over 25 years, he has donned a variety of roles in Sales and Marketing before becoming the Marketing Head for India Business in 1997. In 2002, he took on the additional responsibility of managing the Lighting Business. He will be able to talk about how his industry has been impacted this year in 2020 and their outlook for the future.

Speaker 4 – Rukmini Vijaykumar

Rukmini Vijayakumar is the artistic director of Raadha Kalpa dance company, and the director of LshVa, an art space. She is the founder of The Raadha Kalpa Method, a pedagogical system of training classical Indian and particularly Bharatanatyam dancers.

Rukmini's approach to Bharatanatyam is dedicated, rigorous and layered. She has presented her work as a soloist all over the world, including venues such as the Jacobs Pillow festival, Drive East NYC, and the Korzo Theater. Recently she played ‘the goddess of love’ in ‘Sukanya’, produced by The Royal Opera house in London.

Speaker 5- Dipshika Chakravorty

Dipshika Chakravorty is currently a professor in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. She has had 20 years experience in the fields of infectious disease, diagnostics and immunology. She also runs 3 courses for PhD, Int PhD and UG students.

Hence, she has a strong connection to the current pandemic and would be able to provide useful insights on how the field of health has transformed during these unprecedented times and the plans for the future.

Speaker 6 - Kiran V

Kiran V is the co-founder of Hexa Concepts. He is part of the Hiring Industry. He will be talking about how the job loss and how his industry has experienced a huge influx of clients and how they are coping up with it. - Mr Kiran will write his writeup this weekend. The description above is a summary that has been understood with our discussions with him.

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Speaker 7- Arpit Bhate

Arpit Bhate is a former Greenwood High Student and a current student at Harvard University. He will be speaking about his experience with regard to the Coronavirus and how his educational experience has been deeply affected by these changes.

Speaker 8- Dr. Sita Bhat