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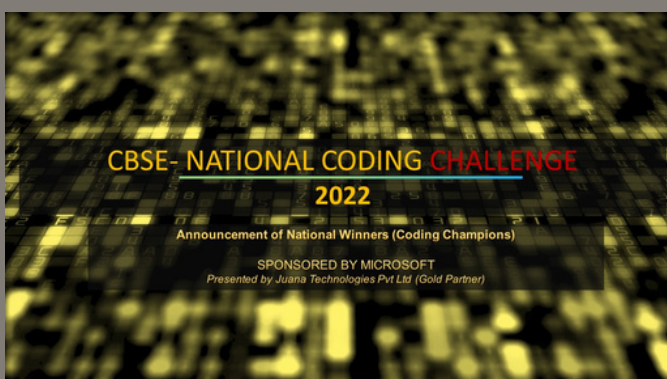- **"Live with Pride" Live Event**

What's new at Microsoft?

Export Word documents to PowerPoint presentations: When you use the Export command and select Export to PowerPoint presentation, Word creates a presentation based on all the summarized sections of the document. It also uses AI to add imagery, icons, videos, themes, and fonts for the design theme you choose for the presentation.

Use breakout rooms in Teams meetings: In all but the smallest meetings, it can be difficult to have open discussions and a meaningful exchange of ideas. With breakout rooms, people gather in small groups for lively conversation and brainstorming sessions. Only meeting organizers on the desktop versions of Teams (Windows and Mac) can create and manage breakout rooms.

Past Competitions

CBSE- NATIONAL CODING CHALLENGE 2022
Announcement of National Winners (Coding Champions)
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Imagine Cup Junior
Imagine Cup Junior 2022 INDIA
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- Bal Bhavan Public School
- Navrachana School, Sama
- Mount St. Mary's School
- Birla Open Minds International School
- Sanskriti School
- Modern School
- M L Khanna DAV Public School
- Springdales School, Pusa Road
- Venkateshwar International School

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- Modern Public School
- M L Khanna DAV Public School

"Move forward. Good things are up ahead."

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Training conducted by JTPL in June

- **Microsoft Technologies (1 hr, 2 hrs and 3 hrs)- Total duration: 12 hrs - More than 500 educators trained**
- **MIE Badges - Approx. 300 educators certified as MIE**
- **Minecraft live event- Total duration: 4 hrs**
- **ETF - F2F (3 hrs) and Webinar (2 hrs) - Participation of more than 40 schools**
- **Minecraft Monthly Challenge - More than 200 projects submitted**
- **Industry Engagement and Technology Exposure Program-7 days - 800 plus students registered and 200 plus projects submitted**
- **Imagine Cup Junior India - Felicitation**
- **CBSE Coding Challenge - More than 2000 projects submitted and graded. Felicitation ceremony conducted**

Training conducted by JTPL in July

- **K12 Vision and Leadership Program – Ch 4**
- **AI Training in Basava International School**
- **MIEE Training in Gurusharan Convent School**
- **Edufiq Technologies CESP Program for Modern School – Barakhamba**
- **Edufiq Technologies CESP Program for Bluebells School International – Kailash Colony**

Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert

- **The announcements will be made in August.**
- **Juana Team has also supported many schools and educators in completing their MIEE nominations as well.**

Showcase School Program

- **24 revisiting showcase schools.**
- **Around 10 new schools are expected to graduate as showcase schools of Microsoft this year.**
- **We are looking forward to 5 new Showcase Incubator Schools**

"Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient tomorrow."
- William Pollard

MASP STORY

Vishal Bharati Public School

The consolidation of technology in the educational sphere begets a culture that values efficient organization and timely transmission of information. It offers to the students and teachers, alike, a seamless interface which, encourages scholarly pursuits in the student. The ethos of Vishal Bharti Public School is its devotion to academic and co-scholastic pursuit, which it further reinforces with the use of technology, by incorporating Microsoft Teams, Tools, etc. in its everyday functioning.

Microsoft Word is probably the most widely used text application in the world today. Everywhere you see, Students of Vishal Bharti Public School are using Word to create, format, illustrate or edit text for various purpose. This extremely user-friendly tool has multiple applications that one can use to create text any way you want. Through Advanced Word, our children also know how to create and edit tables, insert pictures and edit them, review and share documents, insert comments, insert page numbers and header and footer and so on. In short, Word allows them to create and edit any document just the way they want to.

Excel is very beneficial for students. Students at our school learnt how to convert raw data into meaningful information, how to perform calculations faster, how data can be visualized, etc. They even learnt why data and information are important to filter. If they are practicing such things using Microsoft Excel earlier in their career, it will be easy for them in the future to handle a large amount of data and information easily and accurately.

It is well known, and studies also show that the impact of pictures is more effective than text. It's easy for our students to keep information in their minds if they learn things by using visual tools. A typical PowerPoint presentation contains pictures, graphs, diagrams, and bullet points. It increases the memory capacity of the mind. It also helps students remember information for a long time. A PowerPoint presentation can enhance the intellect of students. At the same time, it helps the students in presenting their online project. Different fonts, visual effects, and highlighting helps students learn new information quicker. It leads them to write better answers in their exams. Senior Students of our school can also learn diagrams for Physics, Biology, Chemistry, etc. They gain deep information about complex subjects.

MASP STORY

Vishal Bharati Public School

One Note is often compared to a digital notebook. Students at our school have been using One Note for organizing activities and supporting materials all in one place. They have been using it to interact with other students' individual notebooks, providing collaboration spaces, and sharing their own content libraries. Our children are using it for making dynamic presentation by inserting pictures and annotating anything with digital ink.

OneDrive helps our students, to store and protect files, share them with others within or outside their school, and get to them from anywhere using any device. Both the OneDrive web app and the OneDrive mobile app enables students to access, upload, and share files from anywhere. They can even save files offline to view or edit them when there's no internet connection. All offline edits are automatically synced whenever the device they're using reconnects to the internet.

Children of Vishal Bharti Public school have been using Sway to save all the tweets and create multimedia lesson plans. With flipped classrooms, our children add questions and comments inside flipped classroom. Sway has replaced all the digital poster creating tools. Our students have created SoundCloud accounts and are uploading audio recordings of them reading. They are working on My Reading Sway with the texts and audio recordings that will show the progress they made throughout the school year. With the help of Sway, they can upload all their documents, audio, video files and images right from OneDrive. And one can embed all the students Sways in one My Student's Portfolios Sway.

As a teacher, one can create a quiz in minutes with no training needed. Students can fill the quiz out on any browser and receive immediate feedback. Teachers can view responses individually, or as a real-time summary visualizing data from the entire class. For in-depth analysis, open all results in Microsoft Excel with one click.

For broader surveys, one can now send a Microsoft Form to 50,000 recipients at a time. Microsoft Forms provides powerful, easy to use survey capabilities for classes, schools, and school districts alike. Our children have been using it in survey projects. Four corners is a very similar game but this time they have phones or tablets in the four corners of the classroom and a board with different questions on each corner. They run from one corner to the other and tweet the answers using a different hashtag. You can create a Sway first writ to save all the tweets in Sway.

Student Speak

The advancement of technology continuously affects the environment not only in a positive manner but also in a negative manner as well. The adaptation of technological resources in industries contributes to high living standards. Continued industrialization results in environmental degradation, especially in developed countries. The impact of technology on the environment includes misuse as well as damage to the earth.

Let's first talk about the positive impacts on environment by technology. Technology in society enable humans to capture naturally occurring energy. Moreover, environmental technology helps in converting energy into useful heat like water turbines, solar panels, and electricity. Furthermore, the cost of renewable energy technologies is falling for its best use. Modern technology has allowed storing of energy in rechargeable batteries. Due to the rise in air pollution and many other environmental concerns, the demand for electric vehicles is increasing. Electric vehicles do not produce carbon emissions, which leads to global warming, and thus they show a positive impact on the environment.

Now let's talk about the negative impacts. The depletion of resources means the consumption of a resource faster than it can be refilled. The advancement in technology results in faster consumption of fossil fuels and contaminated natural resources and deforestation. When harmful gases like sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, nitric oxide, and many more get introduced into the earth's atmosphere, then it leads to air pollution. Factories, burning of fossil fuels, and vehicles are responsible for the excessive release of such gases and thus technology is harming the earth. These gases not only affect the environment but harm human health. The release of inefficiently treated wastewater from the industries to natural water bodies results in the degradation of the aquatic ecosystem.

By P***L (+1 medical)
Rainbow International School, Nagrota

Whenever we put scientific knowledge and theories in our practical use then they lead to formation of technology. Technology is the need of present-day society. As with the advancement in technology, humans are becoming more and more lazy and fond of comfort. Technology, no doubt is very useful and plays an important role in development. But it too plays an important role in environment degradation.

Technology is responsible for the emission of various greenhouse gases. With this, technology is also responsible for the pollution whether its air pollution, noise pollution, or any other type of pollution. This all happens when the technology is made in use, but it too affects the environment during its manufacture. During the manufacture of such technology, various resources are exploited and many a time, these resources are non-renewable. Even technology is also destroying the wildlife. We are on the way of losing many bird species. Technology is destroying environment but technology is also the need of present time so technology must be used in a limit that it doesn't degrade environment.

By A****t R**a (+2 Tulip)
Green Field Sr. Sec. School, Nagrota Bagwan

It is rightly said "Human use, population and technology have reached that certain stage where Mother Earth no longer accepts our presence with silence". Technology is not just limited to cell phones and computers; it is any tools that we use in our day-to-day life. The invention of technology started with the discovery of fire. Recently it has advanced tremendously which has made our life better. But it has a negative impact also. These technologies have harmed our environment mainly in two ways i.e., pollution and the depletion of our natural resources.

It starts with global warming. People are not recycling the materials, so the natural resources are not conserved. For instance, in the city of Bengaluru alone, more than 80 lakhs vehicles are on-road each day causing a great deal of pollution. Similarly, the factories, burning of fossil fuels, power stations etc. have led to the increase in pollution due to which global warming increases. Resource depletion has also a major negative impact on our environment. Aquifer depletion, deforestation, mining for minerals, over consumption of materials etc have badly damaged the balance of the mother nature. We can help in limiting the negative impacts by reusing and recycling the technology we already have, by buying second-hand items instead of buying new and by using eco-friendly and sustainable items. It is possible to see the change by believing in ourselves and making small efforts like limiting our unnecessary consumptions, saving all kinds of energy like water, fuel, electricity etc. and sticking to the principle of 3Rs i.e., Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

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ML Khanna DAV school

Student Speak

The term 'technology' refers to the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes and the machinery and devices developed as a result. We are currently living in a period of rapid change, where technological developments are revolutionizing the way we live, at the same time as leading us further into the depths of catastrophe in the form of climate change and resource scarcity. These technologies have damaged our world in two main ways: Pollution, and the depletion of natural resources.

Air pollution occurs when harmful or excessive quantities of gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide. Sulphur dioxide, metric oxide and methane are introduced into the earth's atmosphere. Resource depletion is another negative impact of technology on the environment. It refers to the consumption of a resource faster than it can be replenished. Natural resources consist of those that are in existence without humans having created them and they can be either renewable or non-renewable. There are several types of resource depletion, with the most severe being aquifer depletion, deforestation, mining for fossil fuels and minerals, contamination of resources, soil erosion and over consumption of resources. These mainly occur because of agriculture, mining, water usage and consumption of fossil fuels, all of which have been enabled by advancements in technology.

By R***i (Class 10 A)**
Gyan Mandir Public School

Technology is considered as the leading source of civilization. Technology has been the key to our successful lives that we live in the new world today. But what about the chemicals that are being released in the environment. The high consumption of resources or the garbage being produced. Alan Eddison said that "MODERN TECHNOLOGY, OWES ECOLOGY, AN APOLOGY ".

Environmental degradation is a growing concern as continued industrialization is being witnessed mostly in developed countries. There are three major negative impacts of technology on environment. First, environmental pollution resulting from waste output is a resultant factor of technology. Lastly, depletion of natural resources and ecological imbalances experienced today results from technology. Environment pollution occurs as a result of technology mismanagement and lack of control measures. Emission of large quantity of gases such as Carbon Dioxide in the air by large industries causes air pollution which in turn has degraded environmental hazard through water pollution. A lot of noise pollution from weapons testing and usage by industries in their routine production process and automobiles is causative of environmental dilapidation.

Every year new technologies appear to help people to live more comfortably by allowing them to do more with less efforts. Water pollution on the other hand is the continuation of the pollution of water bodies such as lake, rivers, oceans, and groundwater, usually due to human activities. Due to the increasing global population, levels of natural resources degradation are also increasing. Since the industrial revolution, large-scale mineral and oil exploration has been increasing, causing more and more natural oil and mineral depletion. Moreover, the consequence of deforestation has never been more severe, with the world bank reporting that the net loss of global forests between 1990 and 2015 was 1.3 million sq km. Not only does this result in a loss of trees which are important as they remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but thousands of plants and animals lose their natural habitats and have become extinct. So, there is need for thinking on this matter because the increasing advances in our modern technology are leading towards the depletion of natural resources, wildlife habitat and most of the water bodies.

By R***h K****r (11th Standard)**
GREEN FIELD SR.SEC SCHOOL

Technology and environment, both are important terms with great meaning for the time we are living in. But the linkage between these two words is not very positive. Technology has itself given environment a leading hand towards improvement, but I think technology is also one of the major reasons that the environment is to be improved. We humans are responsible for everything we have done to the environment just to attain advancement in technology. The industries we construct to the packaging we use, from our mobile network to the transportation we are using, everything is a result of human intelligence towards technology and is also the cause of depletion of environment. We have forgotten that environment is not just our home, but we share it with millions of other species, and we have no right to harm the environment as well as those million lives in order to make our life comfortable. Technology is a boon to us if used in a way that it does not affect the environment.

By Ai D****n (11th Class)**
Green Field Sr. Sec. School, Nagrota Bagwan

Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior India 2022

The event to announce the winners of Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior India 2022 was held on 22nd June 2022 at 4pm on the Live Microsoft Teams platform. People from all over the country logged on and attended this live event to recognize innovation and excellence as well as to celebrate the dedication and contribution of the individual teams. Also, attending this event as chief guests were Mr. Anand Swamy, Director and Country Head in Education, Microsoft India, and Dr Vinnie Jauhari, Learning and Skill Lead, Microsoft India.

Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior India 2022 is a skill-based competition featuring students from all over the country who have designed and built innovative solution that have a positive impact on the future. It is full of opportunities working with the logo of "Dream it, Build it and Live it." The themes for this year's competition were Accessibility, Earth, Cultural Heritage, Health, and Humanitarian Actions. More than 313 registrations were received from all over the country and more than 186 students participated in the age group of 13 to 17 years.

Winning Teams

1. Team BloomBoxers (National Public School, Kormangala, Bengaluru)
2. Team Doctrobot TRR22 (Coding and More Institution, Mumbai)
3. Team 'AI'D The Wild (The Daffodils Foundation for Learning, Bengaluru)

Special Mention
Team Technopreneurs (The Shriram Millennium School, Noida)

Global Winner from India
Team Sensory Metaverse (Venkateshwar Global School, Delhi)

Team 'AI'D The Wild from the Daffodils Foundation for Learning, Bengaluru came as 2nd Runners Up. Their Project was entitled AI Enabled Wildlife Conservation and Wellness Monitoring through Emotion (Visual & Sound) Analysis. The idea behind this project was to reach out to animals in distress using technology.

Team Doctrobot TRR22 from Coding and More Institution, Mumbai came as the 1st Runners Up. Their Project, Doctrobot TRR – 22 (where TRR stands for The Refuge Robot) was modelled with the idea of building an AI powered robot that detects burns and other injuries of children in refugee camps and connects them to a doctor to expediate their treatment.

The team that won the prestigious Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior India – 2022 was Team BloomBoxers from National Public School, Kormangala, Bengaluru. Their project titled BloomBox: Voice to Sign. Sign to Voice was modelled with the idea to create an inclusive workplace for people who are hearing impaired by leveraging AI technologies to translate sign language to spoken language and vice versa.

Team Technopreneurs from the Shriram Millennium School, Noida was given a Special Mention during this event for their innovative project titled 'Down Syndrome Detection.' The idea behind this project was to have an AI enabled solution for early genetic disorder detection using facial dysmorphic features to facilitate timely intervention & prevent affected children from health complications and fatalities.

During this event, a moment of pride came when it was announced that a team from India was selected among the Top Ten World Champions. Team Sensory Metaverse from Venkateshwar Global School, Delhi brought pride to our country by being selected among the Top Ten World Champions of the Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior – 2022. Their project entitled Sensory Metaverse was made with the idea to create a virtual world for accessibility, enabling people to see, hear, and feel people sitting, no matter how many miles, away.

It was astonishing to see, during the final pitches, the amount of effort that the team members have given to their individual teams to create such thought provoking concepts. These pitches showed that Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior India – 2022 is truly an arena where inspiration meets innovation. By winning the awards and the prestigious titles, they have become an inspiration to future innovators.
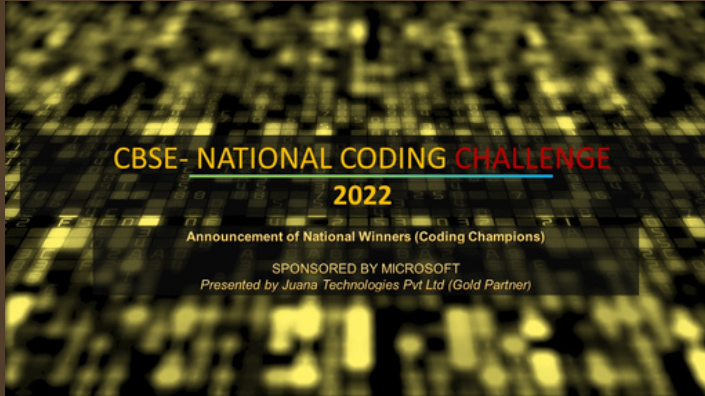

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INDIA
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Congratulations to all the Winners

Coding to Innovate
CBSE National Coding Challenge 2022

The National Coding Challenge is an opportunity provided by CBSE in association with Microsoft for students from classes 6th to 8th, to showcase their 21st century skills to solve some of the real-life issues with technology. It is a platform for students to learn about various real-life issues prevailing in society and work out an innovative solution to address the problem related to the theme, using their coding skills.

Registrations for this challenge started in March 2022 and were open till 30th April 2022. More than 12,000 students registered from different regions of the country. There were some international entries as well. The themes selected for this challenge were as follows:

- **Protect Biodiversity and Natural Habitats**
- **Earth and Cultural Heritage Preservation**
- **Accessibility**

More than 2300 students submitted their final projects, using Microsoft Platform – 'Microsoft MakeCode for micro:bit (microbit.org)' or 'https://arcade.makecode.com' or 'Minecraft Coding.' Submissions came from different regions of India – North, South, East, West and Central. This was a 2-stage competition where 30 regional winners were selected in the 1st round in a grouping of 5 teams from each of the 5 regions and 5 international entries. The judging criteria included six key matrices for project evaluation on 4 levels – Low Impact, Medium Impact, High Impact & Exemplary.

After the 1st round, all 30 teams were mentored for about 90 hrs. collectively to submit their presentations for the final round of grading to make it to the list of top-15 teams. The top-15 teams were then graded by External Judges abroad and the final National winners were selected which was declared on 29th June 2022, Wednesday, between 4 to 5 pm.

The **Top Five National Winning Teams** that were selected are as follows:

- Two teams tied for the **Third Place – Team Techno Nature Savers** (Krishna Public School, Chhattisgarh with the theme: Protect Biodiversity and Natural Habitats) from the Central Zone and **Team Sparta Scriptans** (Spartan Exclusive School, Tamil Nadu with the theme: Protect Biodiversity and Natural Habitats) from the South Zone.
- Similarly, again there was a tie for the **Second Place – Team Diamond** (Sivananda Rajaram Senior Secondary School, Maramalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu with the theme: Accessibility) from the South Zone and **Team Coder2** (Mount Carmel School, Dwarka, New-Delhi with the theme: Accessibility) from the North Zone.

Top 5 Teams Summary

1st. Think Bytes
2nd. Coder2 and DIAMOND
3rd. Techno Nature Savers and Sparta Scriptans

Finally, the **Winner of the National Coding Challenge** was **Team Think Bytes** (Vibgyor High School, Bangalore, Karnataka with the theme: Accessibility) from the South Zone.

Congratulations to all the Winners

A Seven Day Line – Up
Industry Engagement and Technology Exposure

Technology has been progressing at an accelerated pace for decades, reshaping every aspect of society – including how we live, learn and work. This means that ensuring that education evolves as quickly as the demand for new skills is now an imperative; and an area in which both the public and private sector have a key role to play. Hence, the reason for this internship program. Microsoft, through this training program, intends to accomplish the mission of empowering students and educators to do more, as well as integrate teaching and learning experiences with technology. This internship program saw an astonishing number of registrations with 828 students registering for this internship program along with 43 schools participating as well.

This was a 7-day long internship program that started on 16th June 2022 and ended on 23rd June 2022. This internship program was divided into 5 days of two hours sessions and 2 days of practical activities. This was done keeping in mind the concentration and engagement pattern of the students. This way the students would also be able to retain most the subject matter taught to them during the theory sessions. At the end of every theory session, the mentors would hold a knowledge check quiz to check how much the students engaged and retained during the theory session. These quizzes were held in a fun manner so that the student too enjoyed answering the questions.

The first day of the internship program started off with the introduction to the program. The mentors introduced the students to the program – Industry engagement and technological exposure which was followed by a short success story that showcased as to why this program was so important. Following the introduction was a session explaining the need for technological skills and how they impact future job opportunities. This started the flow of the program where each day started off with a short introduction of the topic followed by the agenda of the day before the actual theory sessions or the activity sessions, planned for the day, started.

The activity days were when the mentors gave projects to the students based on the topics covered during the past theory days. The students were expected to complete these projects within the allotted time and submit them. The mentors also explained the various rules and guidelines that the students needed to follow while doing their projects.

After the Knowledge check quiz, there would be at least one industry expert who would share their expertise with the students. There would also be several polls during the sessions to make sure the students stayed engaged on the day's topic. At the start of each day, the mentors would also explain to the students how to connect with them. That they could use the chat/comment box to write their queries and the mentors would answer them.

These seven days of the Microsoft Internship Program showed how much technologically advanced the world has become. It helped the students to learn the key factors of technology that they would need in their future. The student feedback was extremely positive, and most were glad that this Internship Program helped them to bridge a gap that they were mostly unaware of. Thus, it can be said that the Microsoft Internship Program: Industry Engagement and Technology Exposure ended with a positive note for the students and the mentors.

Live With Pride
A Live Discussion Hosted By Juana Foundation

In India, every year, thousands of LGBT+ students drop out of schools and colleges after they reveal their identity to society. Harassment, violence, and bullying are the major reason for the LGBT+ community to stop or hold their education, which leads to low self-esteem and productivity and further to employment discrimination. This creates a lack of employment generation for the LGBT+ community.

To battle this scenario, Juana Foundation hosted a Live Discussion on the "Status of employment of the LGBT+ community and the need for adequate skills for the same." This discussion was hosted on July 1st, 2022, at 3pm by the organizers of Juana Foundation. There were some esteemed speakers, on this discussion, such as Mrs Swati Ganguly (President of Juana Foundation and Co-founder of Juana Technologies pvt, ltd., and Edufiq technologies), Dr G. Mahesh (Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Open University), Dr Mrinalini Anant (Principal of M.G. World Vision School, Muzzafarnagar), and Miss Nikki Chawla (Model, Actress, TEDx Speaker and Anchor), who are all experts in their own fields.

Before the actual discussion started, a short introduction to Juana Foundation was stated. It is a not-for-profit organization thriving on the motto 'Reach-Teach-Inspire' and thus is driven toward reaching out to the maximum people in need of empowerment and development, teaching as many minds as possible in skills to lead life and achieve livelihood and inspiring as many stories as possible to find a direction towards fulfillment and sustainability. Till date, Juana Foundation has initiated 4 projects – Nawal, Navya, Vriddhi and Unnati. These projects target different areas of the society in accordance with their themes, that are Education, Environment, Health, and Gender while still not ruling out any contribution to other aspects of development if need be. By doing so, the Juana Foundation team believes that not only can they help these unseen people towards progress but also inspire them to always have hope and live with their heads held high. This was their way of giving back to society.

The overall discussion clearly defined the topic of the day i.e., the "Status of employment of the LGBT+ community and the need for adequate skills for the same." This discussion fielded speeches pertaining to not just the employment status of the LGBT+ community but their overall upliftment, from the children to the adults. To support them in every way possible so that they may live their life in a self-sufficient and sustainable manner. Juana Foundation helps them to do so by providing them with digital literacy courses because technology is the need of the hour and these digital literacy certificates will help them later in their lives.

It was a heart touching and enlightening discussion. Heart touching, because there were points when the discussion would take an emotional turn and touch the hearts of the listeners and enlightening because there were some points that were unknown before and came as a surprise to the audience. Moments when Miss Nikkiey Chawla recalled her childhood and her past struggles were truly heart rendering, as were the moments when Mrs Swati Ganguly and Dr Mrinalini Anant recalled their interactions with the members of the LGBT+ community. Dr Mahesh came with a fount of knowledge explaining about the various policies that have been recently put into place for the safety and upliftment of this community. This discussion showed that if like minded people were to join hands for a cause, even a previously neglected community can gain much needed support and encouragement.

To encourage this, Juana Foundation has started a new initiative – Project Unnati that specifically targets the LGBT+ community. This project was further explained by Mrs Swati Ganguly that in Project Unnati, "Unnati" means upliftment. It is not only about teaching them, but also to try to understand them and their struggles. At the end of the discussion, there was a happy announcement that Juana Foundation is opening a Unnati Skill Development Centre in collaboration with MG World Vision School, Muzaffarnagar. A hearty congratulations and best wishes for this new venture.