

## TEDxIITMandi Organised at Kamand Campus

After months of tribulations followed by months of hard work and perspiration, TEDx was finally conducted on 14th May. The marquee event was organized for the first time in IIT Mandi by a team led by 4th year students Vivek Sharma and Sagar Ghai.

A1-NKN was chosen as the venue for the talk and it was converted to a state of art theater. Volunteers had worked day in and day out to set up the venue that matched impeccable standards. Stringent rules were put in place for the students so that there was no ruckus in the hall. Seats were allotted beforehand with 12 seats per year and that too at first come first basis. Every talk was house-full.

With everything set up beyond expectations, the event started at 10:30 with the first speaker being Sachin Gupta. Sachin Gupta is a renowned figure in the World of Computer Science and is the CEO and co-founder of HackerEarth. Being an IIT alumnus himself he talked about starting up in college –"Why what and how". His talk was really informative and interesting.



*Prof. Bhavender Paul with Sachin Gupta, CEO & Co-Founder of HackerEarth*

The next talk started at 11:30 .The speaker was Maj. Gen. G.D. Bakshi, a retired Army Officer and editor in chief of DSA magazine. He enlightened the audience with his views on increasing likelihood of impending war in this changing world. This talk was followed by a minimal talk by Chirag and Sahil, the founders of "The Minimalist".



*Prof. Timothy Gonsalves, Director IIT Mandi with Sahil & Chirag, Founders of The Minimalist*



*Maj. Gen. G.D Bakshi with Col. Naik(Retd.)*



*Chandra Mohan Thakur with Prof. Kailash Srivastava*

The event then took a Bollywood turn when Devanshu, a filmmaker, and National Award winner took up the mic. His talk on the "Hero's Journey" encapsulated the audience.



*Devanshu with students of IIT Mandi*

The next talk was given by Chandra Mohan Thakur, IAS officer, and IIT Kanpur alumnus. It was really a treat to listen his talk on “Winning the rat race” which made us realize what actually we are doing with our lives. The series of astounding talks was rounded off by the last talk by PadmaShree Awardee Dr. M.V. Padma whose views on trials and triumphs on changing stroke care health in India gave us a glimpse of the medical state of our country and new advancements in the medical world. Considering the TEDx rules all the talks spanned for 12 -15 minutes.

Overall the event was a grand success with the event being liked by one and all and hopefully, we will be able to replicate this success in other events and also host a plenty of TEDx event in future.