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LEADERSHIP TALK

TWITTER LIVE SESSION



Mr. ABHISHEK SURYAWANSHI

Director

Wikipedia SWASTHA

REPORT

“Leadership Talk Series” with **Mr.Abhishek Suryawanshi**, Diector, Wikipedia SWASTHA

Institution’s Innovation Council of Karaikal Polytechnic College, Karaikal organized Twitter Live Session of “Leadership Talk Series” with **Mr.Abhishek Suryawanshi, Director, Wikipedia SWASTHA conducted by MHRD’s Innovation Cell & AICTE – Organized by – Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) of Karaikal Polytechnic College on 7th April 2020 despite of COVID 19 Outbreak.**

Thiru.D.SANDANASAMY, Principal cum President-IIC of Karaikal Polytechnic College sincerely thank AICTE-MHRD for taking lot of efforts for the welfare of the student community, Also he stressed the importance of this programme and motivated the students to attend this types of live session in future. He also congratulates The Convener and their Team members for their efforts of bringing this sort of programmes for the benefit of the student’s community. The Convener IIC express his sincere thanks to all the students and faculty members who were actively participated in the live session in spite of CORONA Breakdown.

Unfolding the 'Wikipyatra'! Dr Abhay Jere in conversation with Abhishek Suryawanshi, Director, Wikipedia:

This many of the times is the typical conversation people hear when it comes to browsing Wikipedia. Unfolding the ‘Wikipedia secret’, Dr Abhay Jere, the Chief Innovation Officer, Ministry of HRD, Government of India today engaged in a ‘Leadership Talk’ with the Abhishek Suryawanshi, Director Wikipedia SWASTHA. Whenever it came to bringing modern technology to India in TEDx conferences and Wikipedia, Dr Abhay Jere has been instrumental in support to the entire Wikipedia community.

It is approximately seven to eight years back when Wikipedia decided to launch its first ever physical office in India and launched ‘India Education Programme’. Suryawanshi back then as a student began volunteering with the organisation, and now is in the United States handling India operations for the organisation. “Its incredible”, he said, “All of us speak different languages. But when it comes to sharing knowledge we are connected to same woo. I feel fortunate to be a part of this movement where anyone can share or seek knowledge without expecting anything in return.

Further talking about Wikipedia SWASTHA, Suryawanshi said, “It is a special awareness scheme for the healthcare affiliates. In the wake of COVID-19 and also in general, Wikipedia gets a lot of traffic as compared to CDC, WHO sites. And there is no single platform in India for people to talk and collaborate with each other. So, in a bid to solve this issue we came up with SWASTHA”. SWASTHA is a platform that gives tools resources, financial, non-financial to the volunteer communities. The goal is to present health information in Wikipedia on 10 topics in 10 languages of India.

When asked about the global footprint of the organisation, Director Abhishek noted that Wikipedia is the fifth biggest website in the world after Facebook, Microsoft, Google and Yahoo. “The readership of the website here is worth considering. Its for COVID-19 itself that we are getting 3 to 4 million hits per article”, he added. Engaging the conversation, Dr Jere raised the question of authenticity. Here is the strike in detail.



Dr Abhay Jere : When it comes to Wikipedia, the authenticity of the content is always questioned. How do you actually go ahead and maintain the sanctity of the content, platform?

Abhishek Suryawanshi : We at Wikipedia have very basic rules. First is notability. Many people question that who decides what goes on Wikipedia. We make sure that the source of information is notable, and that being any media report, scientific report, journal, article. The second aspect we focus on is does the information require a separate Wikipedia page. For instance, when

someone writes about the Scooters, the neutral reference point for writing about scooters will be Autocar India or any other neutral journal and not any scooter's own website.

And the third part we consider is the 'credibility' that is linked to again 'notability' and 'reference' part because these are third party references. Further, what makes Wikipedia so special in this aspect is that it is managed by the community. No one has any hidden interest in putting put the content there. Volunteers work day and night to make sure the information is available and accessible to all.

Clearing people's doubts about 'wrong content being propagated on the website', Suryawanshi also said that Wikipedia has no staff or officers or paid editors." Wikipedia comprises of common people. When 500-600 people per second read any article and just 1 out of those 600 notices something wrong, he/she can go to the edit button and remove the information", he said. "Wikipedia has a logo that reflects half the globe. It's intentional. It represents always work in progress. Also not anyone can edit. There are people with special rights, starting from editor to bureaucrats. It all about people deciding", he added.

Heading the leadership discourse, Abhishek also unveiled his journey from a small village on the borders of Solapur and Osmanabad in Maharashtra to the United States. "I had access to opportunities I identifies those. Students today need to be more pro-active and need to have more soft skills. Its all about reaching out to correct people", he noted.

Wikipedia is a free online encyclopaedia, created and edited by volunteers around the world and hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation. A 2005 study by the journal Nature found Wikipedia roughly as accurate as the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and a 2008 study in the journal Reference Services Review pegged Wikipedia's accuracy rate at 80 per cent compared to 95-96 per cent among other sources, not bad for a free, crowd-sourced encyclopaedia.

FEEDBACK BY THE PARTICIPANTS (FACULTIES AND STUDENTS)

An live interview session by Dr.Abhay with Mr.Abishek Suryawanshi was telecasted in IIC on 07-04-2020 at 11.00 AM. Really the session was very useful. Mr.Abishek Suryawanshi was the director of Wikipedia and now working in United States.

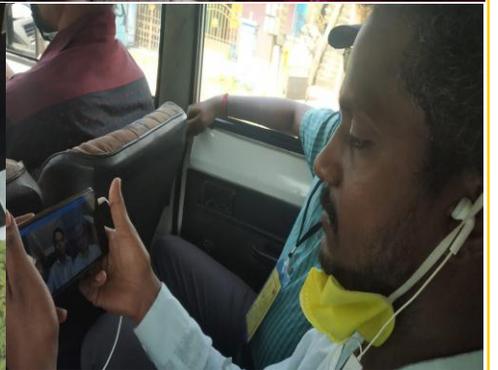
Mr.Abishek Suryawanshi was a man from a small village Solapur District in Maharastra. At the age of 13 or 14 , he joined in National Children Science forum during his school study. That was the initiation and development of his innovative ideas to deliver to the world. At the age of 18, he participated in seminars and conferences. Then he started to access more information in innovating own education techniques. He thus started his career and now in the rank of Director of Wikipedia.

He gave lot of information about the starting of Wikipedia in India and its stage by stage development.

- Wikipedia launched India education programme 8 years ago and started its physical office in India.
- It was launched to bring modern technology to India.
- With this education programme information can go from college to college, University to University and works with professors, Deans and students to share their information.
- Mr.Abishek Suryawanshi was a part of this programme.
- He joined as volunteer, interacted with various volunteers and developed
- There are 70,000 volunteers span across the world working with wikipedia.
- No one gets paid to edit the Wikipedia page.
- Wikipedia is a open source model.
- Wikipedia is the 5th biggest website in the world with 10000 employees.
- There are 2 steps in development namely notability and credibility.
- In Wikipedia, one has to start his career as an editor ,then to reviewer , then to admin and to the next stage.
- Wikipedia is available in local languages.

Finally Mr.Abishek Suryawanshi concluded his speech by saying that more volunteers are needed to work in Wikipedia in their local languages and share more information related to their local culture and heritage. His advice to the students was to access to opportunity, identify the opportunity and access to lot of information and students need to be very interactive to bring out their talents. Then only a student can be successful in his life.

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PROMOTION IN SOCIAL MEDIA

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile of IIC-Karaikal Polytechnic College (@Karaikal_KPTC). The profile header includes the college name, a link to www.indianbank.net.in, and a count of 77 tweets. The main content features a tweet from April 8, 2020, announcing a leadership talk organized by MHRD-IIC and AICTE. The tweet includes a collage of images from the session, featuring Mr. Abhishek Suryawanshi, Director of Wikipedia SWASTHA, and Dr. Abhay Jere, CEO of MHRD Innovation Cell. A second tweet from April 7, 2020, expresses gratitude for the session. The right sidebar displays trending topics in India, including #EachOneReachOne, #TalkwithMewGulf, #IIA2020ShehnaazGill, and #ISupportBabitaPhogatBabita. The bottom of the page shows the footer with terms, privacy policy, cookies, ads info, and copyright information for 2020 Twitter, Inc.

The screenshot displays the Facebook page for IIC KPTC Karaikal (@ickptckaraikal). The page header shows the name, a search bar, and navigation options like Home, Create, and notifications. The main content area features a post from April 8 at 7:04 PM, identical to the one on Twitter, describing the leadership talk. The post includes a collage of images and a video thumbnail titled 'Leadership talk with Mr. Abhishek Suryawanshi'. The right sidebar contains sections for 'Invite Friends' (131 likes, 132 followers), 'About' (with website link and 'Promote Website' button), and 'Page Transparency' (created April 4, 2019). The bottom of the page includes a chat window for 49 people and footer links for privacy, terms, advertising, and cookies.