

## **Workshop on “Incubation Opportunities for Students & Faculties- Early Stage Entrepreneurs” by Maharaja Agrasen University**

Maharaja Agrasen University, Institution Innovation Cell (IIC) organized a one-day workshop on Incubation opportunities for Students & Faculties- Early Stage Entrepreneurs on 9 April 2021. The session started sharp at 11:00 am with a welcome speech on the theme by Prof.(Dr.) Aparna N. Mahajan, President IIC & Director MAIT, H.P. She mentioned the key areas of the workshop and the need for start-ups and innovation for youngsters to create more opportunities for entrepreneurship.

Prof. (Dr) R. K. Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, Maharaja Agrasen University, gave an Inaugural speech. He congratulated the IIC of the University for organizing the promotional session which will help in motivating young faculties & students. In his motivating speech, he also highlighted the need for start-ups by youngsters. Prof. (Dr.) R. K. Gupta also stressed the need to take benefits of innovations to the society at large particularly during the pandemic situation. He indicated that Indian Institutions have very high potential, which has hardly been utilized.

Shri Suresh Gupta, Project Director, Maharaja Agrasen University expressed his deep concern towards active participation from students, research scholars & faculty members for thinking out of the box which will help them for enhancing entrepreneurial abilities. He further said that it will be a small step towards ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’.

Prof. (Dr) Vineet Mehan, Registrar, Maharaja Agrasen University, also graced the occasion and complemented IIC for organizing such events. He emphasized that during the early stages of entrepreneurship, having the right environment and the right network is highly important.

Expert of the workshop, Prof. (Dr.) Manu Sharma, Faculty-In-charge Entrepreneurship Cell, UIET, Panjab University started the workshop with very innovative ideas which can in turn change in start-ups. He gave few examples showing how basic ideas can also help in starting ventures. During the workshop he stressed the significant role of various ideas in an innovation-based economy, with proper thinking and passion can turn into start-ups. He further mentioned that various problems are revolving around us in the current situation. But at the same time, there are solutions available if they are properly and systematically worked out. Prof. Manu Sharma also took everyone through the basic ways towards early-stage

Entrepreneurs. He further discussed the examples of various start-ups established by students.

The scientific session was concluded with queries from the students and faculty members on How to ignite innovations in young researcher's minds and start-up opportunities & challenges for Entrepreneurs in India? There were about 112 participants across different disciplines like Pharmacy, Engineering, Management, Law, and Basic & Applied Sciences including faculty members. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks from Er. Virat Khanna, Vice President IIC MAIT. The session was ended with a conclusion that all the Higher Education Institutions should seriously think to promote such activities.

