



TED (Technology Entertainment Design) is a global array of conferences under the motto “Ideas Worth Spreading” and comprises of talks by distinguished personalities who specialize in cultural, scientific and academic areas. The event is annually held in North America, Europe and some parts of Asia. Few people get a chance to attend the event, hence, TED^x (where x stands for independently organized TED event) has been introduced to cater to the local community.

We, a group of twenty VIT students, took an initiative to apply for a TED^x license, which was met by a positive response from the TED Community and we are glad to be hosting TED^xVITPune for the very first time in the college. Our theme for the conference is ‘Growth’, which mirrors the college’s principles. Our first public release of the event information on social networking sites has received a tremendous support within the first few hours and we plan on expanding it beyond college boundaries.

Event details:

Date: 11th April, 2015

Day: Saturday

Venue: Sharad Arena (college auditorium)

Run time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

We plan on showing four pre-recorded international TED videos along with having eight live speakers with us, whose talks, centered on our theme, will subsequently, become a part of the TED^x library. As of yet, four speakers have confirmed their presence:

1. Anshul Singhal – Senior Consultant and instructor at a leading engineering entrance examinations coaching centre, IITian’s PACE; Film Writer at UTV Motion Pictures – debutant for an upcoming Bollywood movie; founder of an online shopping portal.
2. Shalaka Sisodia – Partner and facilitator of holistic Sexual Health Awareness Program at Seeds of Awareness LLP Mumbai; Dance Movement Therapy practitioner
3. Dr. Anis Sen Majumdar (MS, PhD) – Chief Scientific Officer and Executive VP, Stempeutics Research; Vice President Elect, Asia Region of International Society of Cell Therapy (ISCT), Industry committee member, International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)
4. Pushkar Ingale – A 2004 graduate VIT alumnus, Senior Product Developer and Manager, Laerdal Global Health – India, IDC-IIT Bombay alumni, Fellow of Stanford India Biodesign in medical devices.
5. Vikas Plakkot- Mr. Vikas Plakkot, a Global Youth Ambassador of the United Nations, a former Teach For India Fellow , a sports enthusiast and whose venture ‘Just for Kicks’ is impacting more than 1300 children and changing the way schools look at sports education.

6. Nikhil Kanetkar- After being a US Open finalist, pre quarter finalist in 2004 Athens Olympics games and a Common Wealth Games silver medalist in Badminton, he shifted gears and donned a new role of coaching the young talent.
7. Sanjay Mahashabde- An architect attracted towards Vedic philosophy, astrology and many ancient texts of Indian wisdom. He is a renowned astrologer and a vedic philosophy scholar who has received accolades from Institution of Vaastu Science (India), Cosmo Medic Healers Research Association etc.
8. Mandar Kulkarni- An inventor at heart, Mr. Mandar Kulkarni will share a small story to convey how technology has helped him grow significantly and will demonstrate the Natural User Interface know-how through a product that he has built to underwrite thoughts.
9. Mrs. Pranjali Pande- She is an excellent teacher, a simple House-wife and an extra-ordinary cancer survivor. She would share her experiences from her battle against cancer and how it made her stronger.

All the selected students participants and Staff are requested to grace the event by their presence.

For more details kindly visit, <http://www.tedxvitpune.com/>