## PRESS PLAY



When the world told the caterpillar its life was over, the butterfly objected, "My life has just begun." — Matshona Dhliwayo.

Obstacles in the journey of life are inevitable, they often put our lives on a pause but the way we respond to these blocks on our paths, determines our destiny. This year we at TEDxShivajiCollege will be exploring the theme "Press Play", a seemingly simple philosophy which has a much more profound meaning than it seems to carry. It is symbolic of courage, hope and faith. Press Play is a call for action. It means breaking the shackles of self-doubt and inactivity by setting one's life in motion. It can be achieved by recognizing the immense pool of capabilities that lies within us and seizing the endless opportunities that lie right outside our comfort zone. It can be best described as a 'motor-force' that can bring about creative, innovative and expressive transformations of a 'paused' self. Through this theme, we aim to bring together influential people and impactful ideas from diverse fields who decided not to just think but set out on their amazing journeys by pressing play in their lives.



TED is building a clearinghouse of free knowledge from the world's most inspired thinkers — and a community of curious souls to engage with ideas and each other, through online or offline mode at TED or TEDx events around the world. What started as a small idea grew out to change the world for the good. TED at its core believes that the stem of every great idea is an inspiration and it tries to spark and ignite this inspiration by sharing heart touching, inspiring and motivational stories.

# ShivajiCollege

TEDxShivajiCollege is a community of dedicated students and professors aiming to achieve the spirit of TED's mission of discovering news ideas worth spreading. The community believes in a healthy growth pattern to serve its ideals and paradigms which are directed towards feeding the curiosity of young minds. Its focus over the course of its active years has been a subject of consistency, which is promoting the global endeavour of TED by organising independent events. It gives stage to prominent, celebrated thinkers and individuals from across all the spectrums of professions who can make a difference.



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# SPEAKERS

#### LIPIKA SUD

Lipika Sud is one of India's leading Interior Designers. Internationally acclaimed for her unique design sensibilities, her passion for design reflects in every project. Being a Design Thinking expert, she is known for her creative imagination and has designed several projects in India and abroad. Recipient of several awards, she also runs Art n Aura - an art service company. Her campaign 'Proud to be Indian by Lipika Sud' promotes India's proud heritage and helps Indian craftsmen in keeping the cultural heritage alive. Currently the President of The Guild of Designers & Artists, she is also the international executive council member of SCWEC and the co-chairperson of Indo-American Chambers of Commerce.

#### **KAMALNEET SINGH**

Kamalneet Singh, a mindset Coach, is best known as a chef who dropped his knife and picked up the mic. A professional in practical psychology and a certified NP practitioner, he has been associated with schools across the nation in different capacities and has trained people from all walks of life. Mr. Singh brings with himself a rich experience in coaching people on various aspects of life and has a deep understanding of different levels of interpersonal communication, be it a Student-Teacher; a Parent-Child; or a workplace communication. Show curator of 'Principles by Principals', he helps in bridging the gap between leaders in education sector and the rest of the world. An avid reader and a change-preneur, he is on a mission to impact one million lives.

#### SONAL KAPOOR

Sonal Kapoor is the founder Director of Protsahan, a social enterprise that uses creative education and art innovation to empower street children and young girls. It works on bridging the gap in childcare systems by introducing an empathy-based system to heal childhood trauma and transform girl children who are either survivors or are at high risk of abuse, to reach their full potential with access to education, healthcare and gender justice. She is an Ashoka Fellow, Vital Voices Fellow & World Bank Fellow. She has pursued Child Protection Law from National Law School of India University and Harvard University. Protsahan, under her leadership, has rescued over 900 girls and reaches out to more than 72,000 vulnerable children across the year in urban slums through her programs.

#### **DINESH KANDPAL**

Dinesh Kandpal, a pioneer in the field of electronic media, is the Sr. Producer at India TV. He is the author of the book 'Parakram', which is widely acknowledged for its representation of valour of the Indian Army. He has been associated with many special projects; 'The Bangladeshi Crisis of 1971' and 'I do - Pakistani war of 1971', to name a few. Mr. Kandpal worked on making several programs covering the Kargil War of 1999 for All India Radio. His work earned him a nomination for the Akashvani Annual Award in 1999. His contribution in covering Delhi Serial Bomb Blast Anna Andolan, Ramdev's Andolan, Anchoring and Live Reporting of Elections and Budget, remains unparalleled.

#### ISHA YADAV

Isha Yadav is a poet and a feminist who redefined the slam culture in 2017 with her brainchild 'Delhi Art Slam'. It is a living and breathing community, as well as the first endeavor in the world to introduce art to the slam culture. She collaborated with 'The Education Tree' to generate awareness about mental illness. She is also working on an online expository drive which goes by the name of 'Museum of Rape Threats & Sexism', that seeks to bring to light the deep rooted and pernicious attitudes, outlooks, actions, and perspectives of the perpetrators.

#### LOKESH VERMA

Lokesh Verma is an internationally acclaimed veteran Ink artist. He is well known across the world for the colored portrait styled tattoo and the pioneering sound wave tattoos. He has attained the titles of many 'firsts'from being the first Asian to teach tattooing at an Italian University or be it the curation of HeartWork Tattoo Festival- India's only international tattoo festival. He also holds a Guinness World record for inking the maximum number of flags (199) to be tattooed on the human body.