

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 lie within us and 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.

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TEDxShivajiCollege is a community of dedicated and like minded 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 and giving stage to prominent and celebrated thinkers and individuals from across all the spectrums of professions or to anyone who can make a difference.

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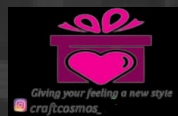
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SPEAKERS

SUJATA SAHU

Sujata Sahu is an ardent educator who believes that the duty of a teacher is not confined just to the four walls of an institution. She single-handedly put forward the foundation stone of 17000 ft Foundation, an NGO that works to improve lives of the people of remote by strengthening existing systems and providing opportunities for growth within these hamlets. 17000 ft. foundation today works in over 220 village schools of Ladakh, Leh and Kargil to improve education, empower communities and create opportunities for their development. Ms. Sahu has been awarded with the most coveted Nari Shakti Puraskar in 2015 and Women Transforming India Award in 2019.

ADITYA ARORA

Aditya Arora became the CEO of FAAD Network Pvt. Ltd. at a young age of 19. He has won many accolades like REX Paramveer chakra, Indian Parliamentary meritorious award, Indian achievers award. He is the youngest person to be nominated for Padma Shree 2020. Mr. Arora has represented India at prestigious forums like, “21st World Business Dialogue in Germany”, “Harvard Project for Asia and International Relations”, and “World Startup Fest”. His innate desire to help underprivileged people led him to start ‘The Education Yatra campaign’- A Social Campaign that aims to provide underprivileged children with the right to the right education.

HEENA GAMBHIR

Heena Gambhir is a celebrated journalist at TIMES NOW. Her career spans well over thirteen years in journalism. She started her career as a news anchor at Doordarshan News in 2007, and then worked at NDTV for more than 7 years. She is currently working with the Times network as a news anchor and a special correspondent with specialization in Finance, Civil Aviation, Government Policy, Energy sector and environment related issues which is a testament to the wide and overarching expertise that she holds in the domains.

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 199; the maximum number of flags to be tattooed on the human body.

SMRITI NAGPAL

Smriti Nagpal is a social entrepreneur who presented the morning news bulletin for the hearing impaired at Doordarshan and later at CNN. She is the founder of “Atulyakala”, a deaf-run lifestyle brand which generates valuable job opportunities as well as the “Hearken Café”, a deaf-run cafe, that she has co-founded. She is the recipient of numerous prestigious accolades like the Nelson Mandela – Graça Machel Innovation Award in the Youth Category, presented at International Civil Society Week in Bogotá, Colombia. She is also listed in BBC's '100 Women' and '30 Under 30'.

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.