

METANOIA-a confluence of eminent BITS alumni held



Eminent BITS alumni along with other dignitaries.

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Vasco: BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus organised its annual alumni summit-METANOIA-a confluence of eminent BITS alumni recently. The summit hosted eminent alumni who addressed and interacted with the existing students of the campus.

BITS Pilani, known globally for its strong and extremely well connected alumni base, continues to grow with nurturing of the university's well versed staff, administration and faculty. Alumni are like branches of trees that bear the juiciest fruits, a source of university's name and fame, and a matter of pride. Today, BITSians can be seen globally as pioneers, not only in the field of engineering and science but also in the field of entrepreneurship, film making, music, sports and literature.

The speakers for METANOIA 2018 were as follows:

The opening speaker Shruthi Vishwanath is a trained and extremely talented Carnatic musician, educator and composer. A disciple of the works of Kabir, and the mystic poets, she is now exploring the intersections of classical and folk. She inspired students through a live performance and by sharing her incredible story of struggle and perse-

verance.

Jatin Adlakha is founder and director of WanderGupt which organises free-flowing travel with minimum planning which makes the trip full of spell bounding surprises. Adlakha is a full-time traveller, travel writer and storyteller who has found his passion and purpose of life in travelling.

Chintan Zalani, is one of the highest paid content writers in India. His areas of interest include psychology, self-improvement, philosophy and digital marketing. Zalani who writes for The Times of India and AOI Huffington Media catering his clients through his website, shared his fond memories of Goa and how it shaped his future.

Sameer Qayoom is a perfect combination of sports and technology. Currently he is the youngest program manager at Microsoft, Hyderabad, and he is also a sports entrepreneur and a football enthusiast. He founded Kashmir Football Festival, and has helped the state organise various sports events.

Mani Shankar is the proud Guinness World Record Holder for the most simultaneous live holographic shows. An extremely experienced member of the film industry, he also

owns a production house - Bharavi Films. Mani Shankar spoke about how he finds solace in writing emotional films with great social relevance that direct his audience towards soul-searching and self-introspection, while also creating holographic ad films.

Surabhi Dewra, founder and CEO of CareerGuide.com, which is a marketplace for various students across the country to interact with career experts and get the much needed counselling. Her company won the 'Best Career Guidance Platform' award in 2012.

The final speaker of the event was Prithviraj Chavan, ex-chief Minister of Maharashtra and current MLA representing the South Karad constituency. He has also made significant contributions to research in the field of Indian language computing. He encouraged students to participate in politics through his story.

The students who attended the event found a source of inspiration, felt a kick of motivation when they saw the glitter in the eyes of these successful alumni. The institution, the alumni and the students hope that BITS lives up to the brand it has created and will nurture the stories of the flag-bearers of tomorrow.