

The flagship event of NMIMS Navi Mumbai, Margdarshak, came into existence in 2019 with an unique vision to create a speaker series that transcends ideas and learnings of traditional systems. Subsequently, despite all the challenges that the pandemic brought, the second edition of MARGDARSHAK was successfully held on a virtual 3D platform, providing students with a never seen before simulated lifelike experience. This flagship event offered valuable insights into the journeys and perspectives of distinguished speakers from various walks of life. With our legacy as a guiding light, after much anticipation and the quick transition to a full offline mode, NMIMS Navi Mumbai successfully produced Margdarshak 3.0, a much awaited in-campus event after the wait of two long years.

This distinctive speaker series saw professionals from various fields in attendance. Spanned over a period of 2 days (21st and 22nd February 2022), this event witnessed some of the most spectacular speakers display their expertise and eloquence. The esteemed speakers delivered engaging speeches on relevant and interesting topics, along with an interactive communication with the spectators. This year's event was aimed to bring out the notion that even when everything seems lost, there is hope for those who can exhibit the grit to reach for it. Through these shared experiences, the speakers enabled everyone in the room to rise up and take the mantle when darkness hits, to not just be leaders of their own lives but become the torchbearers for others.

Day 1 saw the Honorable Bharat Sanghvi, Board of Trustees of SVKM, open the event along with Director P.N. Mukherjee. Their thoughtful words ignited the much-needed passion for the 2-day gala event.

The event saw 7 breath-taking luminaries from diverse fields take the stage:

- i. *Mr. Umesh Upadhyay*, the veteran Indian television journalist and President & Director of Media, Reliance Industries Ltd.,
- ii. *Mr. Bharat Panchal*, the Chief Industry Relations & Regulatory Officer, Discovery Financial Service and the man behind revolutionizing digital payments in India,
- iii. Dr. (Prof.) NishaKant Ojha, Advisor-Cyber & Aerospace Security Eminent Expert in Counter Terrorism for West Asia & Middle East,

- iv. *Mr. Dinesh Nair*, a pioneer in India's football development and Founder and Director, Association of Indian Football Coaches,
- v. Mr. D. Sivanandhan, Former Director General of Police (DGP), Maharashtra State,
- vi. Mr. Ripu Daman Bevli, Marathon runner, Social activist, and Environmentalist and
- vii. Ms. Lebana Penkar, CHRO- Foodlink Services.

Along with the though-provoking and insightful words from the speakers, the audience saw some mind-blowing performances on Day 1 a part of 'Symphony', by the Music Committee of NMIMS Navi Mumbai. Day 1 ended on a melancholic note. Furthermore, the second day of the event and final closing was done by an in-house comedy event called 'HumorFlix' which hosted 2 insanely famous comedians, Sapan Verma and Sahil Shah, who tickled the funny bones of not only students but also the faculties and staff.

The reception of the 2-day event was overwhelming from the audience as well as the guests which led the organizing team to promise to be back with Margdarshak in a bigger and better avatar the next year.