## **Higher Education Fair**

The Higher Education Fair was a bustling event, bringing together students, educators, and institutions from across the area of expertise. It provided a platform for attendees to explore various academic opportunities, engage with representatives from different universities, and gather information about courses, scholarships, and career paths.

The Higher Education Fair, at the Orchid School offered distinctive sessions like Panel Discussions, Insights from Keynote Speakers, and engaging discussions with industry experts, for parents and children.

Our Principal, Ms. Sangeeta Di, kick-started the Higher Education Fair by addressing our esteemed panel, parents and students. She shared her thoughts on the importance of the Higher Education Fair and the way it will positively impact the lives of our students.

The **inaugural session** witnessed captivating speeches from keynote speakers **Dr. Aravind Chinchure** and **Mr. Girish Ballola**. **Dr. Aravind Chinchure**, a renowned author, emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary learning and its role in preparing students for the complexities of the modern world. He shared examples of successful professionals whose diverse skill sets have been instrumental in their achievements.

*Mr. Girish Ballola*, a trailblazer in the field of innovation, delved into the changing landscape of higher education in the digital age. He highlighted how emerging technologies are reshaping traditional learning methods and underlined the significance of adaptability and continuous learning in the face of rapid technological advancements.

Both speakers inspired attendees to think critically about their educational journeys, encouraging them to seek out opportunities that foster holistic growth and equip them with skills relevant to the ever-evolving job market. Their speeches added a layer of intellectual depth to the Higher Education Fair, leaving participants motivated and eager to explore new avenues in their pursuit of knowledge.

The afternoon session was conducted on "Understanding Civil Services" by *Mr. Pankkaj Redekar* and *Mr. Anoop Shukla* (Director, The Civilian Academy, Pune). The facilitators at the event took the opportunity to enlighten students about the Civil Services path in India. They discussed the prestigious nature of civil services as a career choice and its pivotal role in governance, policy-making, and public administration.

The facilitators emphasized the diversity of roles and responsibilities within the civil services, spanning various government departments and administrative positions. They highlighted how civil servants have the unique opportunity to bring about positive change and contribute to the nation's development.

Through their informative session, the facilitators aimed to inspire and guide students who might be considering a career in the civil services, shedding light on the dedication, preparation, and commitment required to succeed in this noble and impactful profession.

The Higher Education Fair concluded with an insightful panel discussion on "Between the choices of courses and careers – what lies ahead" conducted by *Laxmi Di* in conversation with *Mr. Arvind Narayanan, Mr. Aditya Jhunjhunwala, and Ms. Falguni Gokhale*. This interactive panel discussion centred around providing valuable direction to students who are on the crossroads of selecting a career. The panel discussion aimed to discuss how the world of work is evolving and how to stabilise

your career path in this ever-evolving industries. The panel discussion provided parents and students valuable insights from industry experts to make informed decisions about the future of our children.

The Higher Education Fair welcomed various universities across globe that gave the parents and students an opportunity to interact with prestigious university and gain insights on the courses offered, teaching methodologies, application process to universities, and provide direction to students and parents to make an informed decision. The Higher Education Fair was conducted with an aim to provide comprehensive platform to parents, children, educators and industry experts to come together to discuss, take insights and support students' educational aspirations.













