

IIM Jammu hosts Two-day Leadership Summit 2.0

Saturday, 27 Feb 2021: IIM Jammu hosted a Two-day Leadership Summit blended mode. The summit comprised of different panels based on the themes. Each panel had personalities who are leaders in their own respective field. This year the summit is conceptualized around the theme ‘Conquering the Crisis: Shifting Paradigms and the Way forward’ which witnessed well-known business tycoons, industry experts and visionaries from across the corporate fraternity where innovative expertise was shared.

On the first day of the summit, the institute got an opportunity to host Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus who talked about poverty and the essence of humanity during which he stated, “The banking system is designed to lend money to people who already have the money, instead, they should lend it to those who need the money”. He also added, “Ninety-nine percent of the world’s wealth is held by 1 percent of the population. While millions slipped into poverty during the lockdown, some people made billions. This should make us realize the kind of economic systems we have developed”. The institute also had the privilege to host Padma Shri Social Worker Phoolbasan Bai Yadav who narrated her struggle with poverty, hunger and how she led a movement with other women fighting for gender equality, education, and health.

Carrying forward the legacy, Indian Institute of Management Jammu resumed the second day of 2nd edition of Leadership Summit on 27 Feb 2021. The second day of summit resumed with the first panel which revolved around the topic ‘The Alchemy of Leadership: Art as source and Inspiration’. The first panel was graced by Mr. Onir (National Award-Winning Director, Editor and Screenwriter), Dr. Jaspinder Narula (Indian playback, classical and Sufi singer), Mr. Rohit Bal (Fashion Designer), and Mr. Deepak Badhwar (Art Connoisseur, Textile Revivalist and Designer). The discussion was initiated by Mr. Onir who spoke about his time during lockdown where he spent his time guiding youth interested in film-making. “Interacting with young minds, guiding them, and knowing their perspectives was a fulfilling process”, he quoted. Continuing with the discussion, Mr. Badhwar mentioned how it is not about the leadership but about passion. He stated, “I don’t know about leaders, but we are passionate people. I don’t imagine myself as a leader, I just do what I love to do”. Adding to his point, Dr. Jaspinder Narula talked about her love for Sufi and how she has been listening to it since she was a child. Lastly, Mr. Rohit Bal talked about the Indian textile industry and how there is beauty in its simplicity. He stated, “The beauty can be in anything, it can be in a simple muslin skirt”.

This was followed by the second panel which comprised of Mrs. Smriti Irani, Hon’ble Union Minister of Women and Child Development and Textiles, Government of India and Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Executive Chairperson and Managing Director, Biocon Ltd. The topic for this panel was ‘Breaking the glass ceiling: I was born to lose, but I chose to win’. The session was started with a welcome speech by Prof. B. S. Sahay which was followed by Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw’s message who spoke about the Indian Healthcare Industry. She stated, “India is one of the largest vaccine producers in the world and we have no shortage of it”. She also spoke about how her business is led with a sense of compassion and making a difference in the healthcare system.

Mrs. Smriti Irani, Hon’ble Union Minister of Women & Child Development and Textiles, Government of India, enlightened the spirits of the students of IIM Jammu with her valuable thoughts. She motivated female students to take challenges head-on and not make gender a

grudge. Mrs. Irani quoted – “The best gift you can give to yourself as a person is to be measured based on your strengths.” Talking about failures, she quoted- “Failure is the best time, to see who your best friends are.” Answering a question about how she let achievements not stop her, Mrs. Irani responded that she is trying to live her life and not achievements, but at the same time mentioning that, “True leaders are those, who take the weak ones along with them. One must position oneself to win but be ready to loose.”

Followed by this, the fourth panel had Mr. Shiva Gautam, Partner at KPMG Global Services, Mr. Kannan Ramamurthy, Director Engineering Operations, Cisco and, Mr. Rajeev Nair, MD - Financial Services Industry Practice, Accenture has its esteemed panelists. The topic of the discussion was, “New leadership paradigms: foundation for better future”. The panelists stressed the importance of leveraging tech to remain not just competitive, but also relevant. They also conveyed the importance of the knowledge of the risk-automation brings and its impact on the business processes. The budding leaders were made aware of how leadership is not just about formal power or position but is about changing roles as per situations and immediately learning from the mistakes.

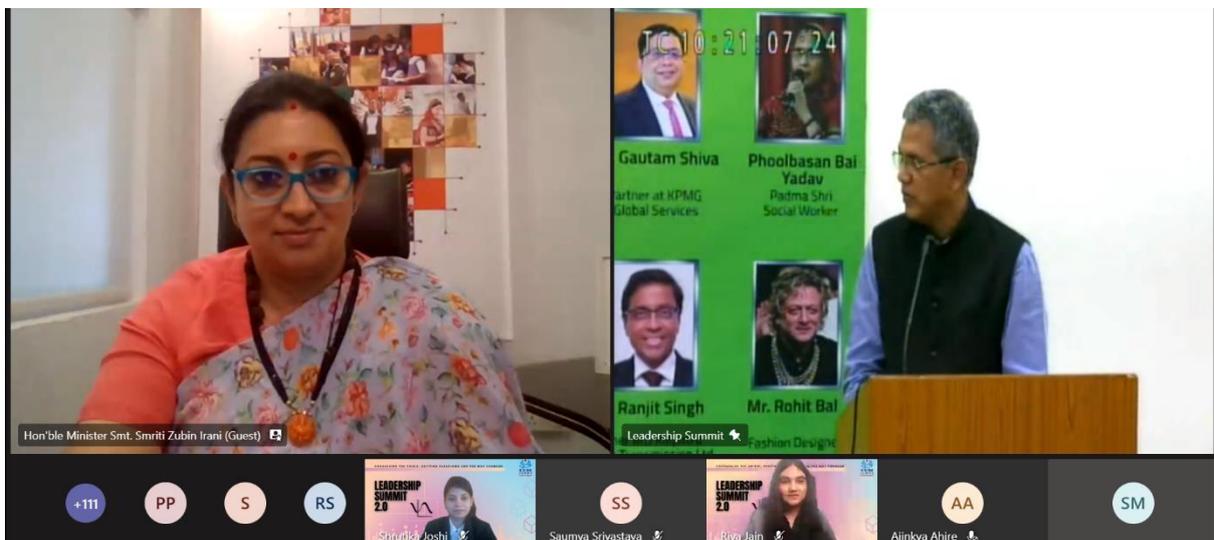
The valedictory session of the two-day leadership summit started with a summary of the summit given by Professor Muqbil Burhan, Co-Chair of the Summit. **Prof. B.S. Sahay**, Director, IIM Jammu then welcomed the Chief Guest - **Hon’ble Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Kalraj Mishra Ji**. Hon’ble Chief guest then addressed the students motivating them to be strong leaders. The summit was graced by Dr.R.P.Singh, Chairperson BOG IIT Bhubhaneshwar. Prof. Jabir Ali gave a vote of thanks to all the panelists as well as the Chief Guest. The session concluded with the rendition of the national anthem.



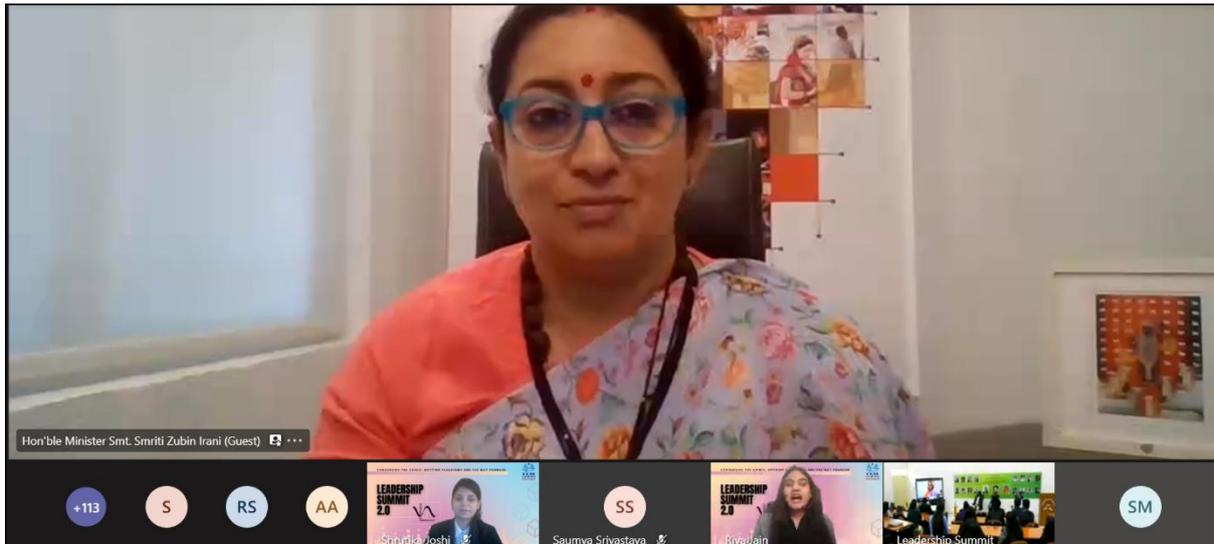
Mr. Onis interacting with students and Faculty of IIM Jammu



Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw talking about Indian Healthcare Industry



Prof. B. S. Sahay welcoming Mrs. Smriti Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Women and Child Development and Textiles, Government of India



Mrs. Smriti Irani interacting with students of IIM Jammu



Dr. Shalini addressing the students at IIM Jammu



Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Laureate 2006 addressing the crowd at the Second Leadership Summit, IIM Jammu