



IIM-V's TEDx event hits all the right notes

BEST OF THE VERY BEST IN TOWN

> Jawed Habib (Renowned hair stylist)	> Ramya Ranganathan (IIM Bangalore professor and author)
> Awdhesh Singh (Director of AwdheshAcademy.com and a prominent Indian face on Quora)	> Kaustub Khade (Professional kayaker)
	> Hemlata Tiwari (Founder of Swaradhar, a music platform)



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Visakhapatnam: Indian Institute of Management-Visakhapatnam hosted its first-ever TEDx event in Visakhapatnam on Saturday to a packed hall, with stalwarts cutting across several lines of work speaking at the event on a range of topics.

The theme of the event was titled 'Dream On', with five speakers engaging the audience on topics like arts, technology, education and adventure sports. Jawed Habib, renowned hair stylist and founder of Jawed Habib Hair & Beauty Ltd., explained how his stint at McDonalds gave him the idea of creating a franchise system of salons.

"Artificial intelligence could soon kill many jobs, but it still needs a person to style your hair. Romanticise your dream to achieve it," Habib said to a wide round of applause.

Ramya Ranganathan, author of 'I'm Choosing Life' and a professor at IIM-Bangalore,

explained how integrative thinking is beneficial and helps people to explore multiple options.

Awdhesh Singh, director of e-learning platform AwdheshAcademy.com and a prominent Indian face on the Q&A website called Quora, said every thought that comes into our mind is the thought of the entire world.

Hemlata Tiwari, who initiated a musical platform called Swaradhar, said, "If we can go to a music concert only after paying a huge amount of money to the performers, why do we hesitate to appropriately reward those who entertain us on the streets or railway platforms? My dream is to take these performers from the railway platform and give them a musical platform."

Kaustub Khade, one of the India's top professional kayakers, narrated what it took to achieve his dream. He spoke about his own journey of how he left a well-paying job to pursue his dream of kayaking.