

Name of the Event: Report on Eastern Himalayan Foundation Talk on "Trailblazer Fellowship"

Organised by: Placement and Career Guidance Cell.

Date: 9th May, 2024

Aim Of the Programme: The talk aimed to provide with a better understanding about the Trailblazer Fellowship program under Eastern Himalayan Foundation a Non-Governmental Organization based in Darjeeling and how it caters to young individuals who want to make a difference in themselves and their community. It aimed to create young community leaders who would design and implement a community project wherein monthly residential training would be provided on 21st century skills and each student would be given mentorship and expert guidance on the community topic chosen by them.

Invited: Eastern Himalayan Foundation

No of Participants: 120

No of Faculty members: 10

No of Resource Persons: 03 (Eastern Himalayan Foundation)

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On 9th May 2024, a Trailblazer Fellowship Programme was organised by Carrer Guidance and Placement Cell in collaboration with Eastern Himalayan Foundation focusing on how the Trailblazer Fellowship program focuses on addressing pressing issues through projects and mentorship. The talk was delivered by Mrs Mashqura Fareedi, Founder, CEO and the two members Mr Pratik Dahal and Mr Ekansh Prasad. Mrs Fareedi introduced the organization which is supported by Azim Premji Foundation, IIMB and NSRCEL.

The event commenced with college faculty Asst. Professor Mrs. Smriti Rai's Welcome speech and an insight into the program for the students. Following a khada felicitation, guest speakers introduced the Eastern Himalayan Foundation and its mission.

Key points discussed

Topics covered- The speakers covered a range of topics relating to the Trailblazer fellowship program and how various skills and interactions help in shaping young minds.

Mrs. Mashqura emphasized on an interactive, student-friendly environment, with introductions from students and what changes they would like to see in their community. A video showcased the NGO's impact on how they are involved with students from different Colleges and helping them become community leaders by guiding and supporting them in the various issues that they are interested and empowering youth. The Trailblazer Fellowship program highlighted, addressing pressing issues like water supply and road conditions in the Hills.

A student from our college of Microbiology department, Ms. Ambika Chettri who is interning with the organization in a project from La Trobe University to test the Water Quality of her village, Lower Pandam talked about her experience with the organization on how she has evolved, learnt and developed through expert guidance and support. Ambika's project on water quality exemplified the program's impact.

Mr Pratik elaborated on the importance of practical skills gained through on-ground projects and how these skills are an important part to build up various skills for future. The fellowship offers

leadership training, mentorship, and career opportunities. Mr Ekansh further discussed future career prospects and motivated students to reach out to him to apply for the Trailblazer Fellowship.

Conclusion

The event concluded with interactive sessions emphasizing exposure through internships and fellowships, setting the stage for the upcoming graduation ceremony.

In conclusion, the event was interesting and helped the students gather a lot of information regarding the same. The speakers provided various opportunities for the students to indulge themselves with fellowship programs and various activities which would further help in improving a friendly environment and a better mental environment for the young minds.

The event concluded with Asst. Professor Prince Gupta, extending gratitude to the resource persons, organizing team and students, marking an enlightening experience that broadened participants' perspectives on fellowship programs and career pathways.



