



Manoj Smriti

4th August



Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha
Memorial Lecture on Innovation,
Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

PROGRAM

Time

2.10 pm - 2.20 pm	Welcome of Dignitaries on the dais	
2.20 pm - 2.25 pm	Lighting of Lamp	
2.25 pm - 2.40 pm	Saraswati Vandana	Ms. Shilpika Juneja
2.40 pm - 2.55 pm	Speaker 1	Shri Manoj Kumar
2.55 pm - 3.10 pm	Speaker 2	Prof. M. K. Verma
3.10 pm - 3.25 pm	Speaker 3	Prof. Saroj Sharma
3.25 pm - 3.40 pm	Speaker 4	Dr. Poonam Sinha
3.40 pm - 3.55 pm	Speaker 5	Shri Bimal Kumar Sikdar
3.55 pm - 4.10 pm	Question & Answer Session	
4.10 pm - 4.20 pm	Distribution of Memento to all Dignitaries on the dais	
4.20 pm - 4.35 pm	Felicitation of Entrepreneurs and Innovators	
4.35 pm - 4.45 pm	Video on "Contribution of Late Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha towards Innovation and Skill Development"	
4.45 pm - 4.55 pm	Sharing of memories with Late Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha by his near and dear ones – relatives, friends	
4.55 pm - 5.10 pm	Tribute to Late Prof Manoj Kulshrestha	
5.00 pm onwards	High Tea	



Shri Manoj Kumar is the Founder & CEO of Social Alpha, a multistage innovation curation and venture development platform for start-ups that aim to solve the most critical social, economic and environmental challenges. Mr. Kumar's three-decade long career has included roles as an entrepreneur, investor, and corporate leader. Since founding Social Alpha in 2016, he has supported over 300 innovations, focusing on climate change, healthcare, and poverty and has unlocked over \$350 million in funds. He serves as a founding trustee of the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society and a senior advisor to Tata Trusts. Mr. Kumar earned an M.B.A at the Harvard Business School.



Prof. M. K. Verma is Vice Chancellor of the Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University (CSVTU) situated in Bilai. In his illustrious academic career spanning over 37 years, he has been honoured with many awards including the Siksha Ratan Puraskar, Tarun Bharat Paryavaran Rakshak Samman, Renowned Technical Teacher Recognition, and the Bharat Ratna Dr. Radhakrishnan Gold Medal by the Global Economic Progress and Research Association. Prof. Verma routinely serves as an expert member on various central and state governmental panels such as the State Level Appraisal Committee for Chhattisgarh and the UPSC Staff Selection Committee.



Prof. Saroj Sharma is the Chairperson of the National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS) in Noida, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Education of the Government of India. She serves on the advisory and editorial boards of many journals in the field of education and has authored multiple books, modules, research papers, and articles in reputed journals. Under her able leadership, the NIOS has received prestigious awards including the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize and the Digital Transformation Award. In her prolific career, Prof. Sharma earned an M. Sc. in Botany, M.A. in Sociology, an M.Ed., an M.B.A., an M.Phil. & a Ph.D. in Education.



Dr. Poonam Sinha is Director (Entrepreneurship Education) in the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of the Govt. of India, situated in Noida. In her teaching and research career, which spans over 30 years, she has completed over 300 funded projects, authored 12 research articles, presented at 41 conferences, and published 5 books. She specializes in studying women

entrepreneurship & cluster development and routinely serves on selection committees for government entrepreneurship awards. Dr. Sinha earned an M.A and a Ph.D. in Psychology at the Banaras Hindu University.



Shri Bimal Kumar Sikdar is the former Director (International Cooperation & Technology) in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and has worked closely on multiple skill development policies schemes aimed towards positioning India as the skill capital of the world. He has authored books on a wide range of subjects including holistic life development, Sino-Indian strategic energy management issues, and youth empowerment. Mr. Sikdar earned a post-

graduate degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur and advanced degrees in Public Policy and Management from IIM Bangalore and the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He also studied Defence Strategy at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, India.