



PRESS RELEASE

It's time to stop playing safe, "Let's play Unsafe", says TEDxIITHyderabad

A global TEDx virtual event organised by the students of IIT Hyderabad promoting speakers from various domains to share their experience of risk-taking

Hyderabad, 17th March 2021: TEDxIITHyderabad is a group of highly motivated students from various disciplines who promise to provide the audience with a memorable experience at a global event featuring world-class speakers from a plethora of fields. They are dedicated to bringing together people and organizations with the shared purpose of promoting extraordinary ideas. This year the event is based on the theme "Let's Play (un)safe!" with TEDxIITHyderabad and is scheduled for 21st March 2021 from 10 am to 4:30 pm IST.

About the theme:

Risk-taking and playing unsafe is being redefined in the present world context. Breathing life through the Pandemic era, which is just as facing a war-like situation from all fronts, people are pushed to their extremes to come and rethink their comfort positions. Some time risks come crashing in the life uninvited, while other times you venture out towards it. Learning to play unsafe is the only safest paradigm.

List of speakers for TEDxIITHyderabad 2021:

- Vimal Chandran - Visual Artist
- Aruna M. Bahuguna - Indian Police Service - Director General of Police [Retired]
- Kamal Nayak - Founder & Director of Good Universe NGO
- Meghnad - Associate Editor at Newslandry
- Pooja Dagli - Co-founder of Robin Hood Academy
- Anahita Sarabhai - Performer, Activist, Poet, Founder Director of QueerAbad
- Swami Sarvapriyananda - Monk in Charge, Head of the Vedanta Society, New York
- Tejas Sidnal - Founder of Carbon Craft Design

These personalities through their work have shown us the true meaning of stepping out of our comfort zone, personally and professionally and achieving new heights while playing it unsafe.

Highlighting the importance of this event at TEDxIIT Hyderabad, Mr. Varun Perumalla, Overall Head and Licensee of TEDxIITHyderabad, said *"The idea is to inspire people to redefine the concept of "taking risks." We've adapted ourselves to playing safe so much that it's time we start playing "(Un)Safe" to explore what lies ahead of us. These speakers are living examples of what all we can achieve by choosing to risk."*

Register on: <https://dare2compete.com/o/tedxiihyderabad-tedxiihyderabad-152537>

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IIT Hyderabad has close to **230** full-time faculty, **3,397** students of whom **20** per cent are women, nearly **200** state-of-the-art laboratories and five research and entrepreneurship centres. The Institute has a strong research focus with more than Rs. **500** crore of sanctioned research funding while PhD scholars account for about **30** per cent of total student strength. IITH students and faculty are at the forefront of innovation with more than **1,500** research publications and patent disclosures, **300** sponsored/consultancy projects and **50** industry collaborations. IITH has MoUs with **50** universities in the U.S., Japan, Australia, Taiwan and Europe. IITH has been a pioneering change in pedagogy with fractal academic programs that atomizes course modules, encourage interdisciplinary learning, spanning innovative technology, fundamental science, liberal arts and creative arts like photography, theatre and painting.

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