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WEBINAR REPORT

INDUSTRY/ALUMNI PANEL DISCUSSION

"Future Job Roles and Skill requirements in the ever-evolving fashion industry and expectations from young fashion professionals"

Organized by AMITY SCHOOL OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY

ACTIVITY CODE: AAA01

DATE & TIME-30th July 2022, 10:30 am

SPEAKERS:

Name	Designation	Organization
Ms Himanshu Srivastava	Business Head	Thought Bubble consulting pvt Itd
Ms Priyanka Pandey	Designer	Technofashion
Manish Ahuja	Designer	Raa Designs, Shahpur Jat
Soumya Kanti	Merchandise planning lead	Landmark, Dubal

Attendees- 49

Faculty members-12

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Video link:

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OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss opportunities in the fashion & textiles industry
- Discuss future workplace and job roles in the industry
- Discuss skills that will be needed by the students for industry
- Motivate students
- Outline career prospects
- Motivate for entrepreneurship

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Ms Priyanka Pandey, Design Manager at Techno Design

With a professional degree in Fashion design from NIFT, Ms PRIYANKA PANDEY, has a rich background in apparel and textile industry. She is an experienced design professional & product lead with a demonstrated history of working with some of the leading apparel companies like Gini & Jony, Impulse Overseas, PDS Multinational and Infinite Sourcing. She is a Specialist in trend analysis and trend forecasting for apparel, footwear & sportswear. She is presently working as the design maanger at Technodesign, PDS group.

Ms Himanshu Srivastava, Business Head, Thought Bubble Consulting Pvt Ltd

Ms Himanshu is an international fashion retail Specialist. Himanshu is a versatile and tenacious product management leader for over a decade with exemplary track record in ene to end product management in the apparel industry. She is a breakthrough business strategist with exceptional experience in diverse product portfolio from high end fashion apparel to the value format apparel categories for international retailers. She holds a masters degree in. fashion technology from NIFT and has worked in various organisations like Madac trading, Urban India, Auchan, Pepkor Global Sourcing and is now currently working with thought bubble consulting pvt ltd as a business head.

Mr Manish Ahuja, Creative Director RAA design

Manish is an enterprising designer and owner of brand RAA design. According to him,

Inspiration needs just a glance
From Rags to Riches, whatever clicks a chance
Cotton, Crepe, Silk, & Chiffon
Colorful threads, beads & crystal embellishments
The classic stroke of fresh vibgyor
Heart & Soul, woven so pure
This is the fashion, how we define
Elegance, class and art

Mr Soumya Kanti, Merchandising Planning Lead, Landmark, Dubai

Mr Soumya is an alumni of Amity School of Fashion Technology. He did B.Sc in Fashion Design & Technology in the year 2010. Soumya is a versatile and result- oriented retail professional with more than a decade of experience in merchandise planning and category management. He holds an

expertise in budgeting, OTB management, pre-season & in-season planning, trend analysis and demand forecasting. He enjoys taking on new challenges and projects and in developing new skills.

ABOUT THE SESSION:

A Panel Discussion session was organised on 30th July, 2022 to help students interact and engage with industry and alumni on the theme- "Future Job Roles and Skill requirements in the ever-evolving fashion industry and expectations from young fashion professionals"

It is generally observed that students have a lot of queries related to their career progression. They want to know regarding the opportunities available in the industry and how to enter their chosen field of career. The session was an awareness session to inform students about the job roles that are now available due to the changed scenario that has resulted due to Covid 19 and Industry 4.0. They were also informed about the skills and competencies that are most important for working in the industry. Interaction with industry/alumni helped them in understanding how they can prepare better for roles in the industry

Major points discussed:

- 1) Journeys of all the panellists
- 2) Their college experience
- 3) Importance of learning new skills and softwares
- 4) Research work
- 5) Importance of internships
- 6) Starting own venture
- 7) Upcoming careers
- 8) Keeping up with fashion trends
- 9) Career options in retail
- 10) Continuous skill upgradation
- 11) Resolving doubts and queries





