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### Skill development training program for Fish/Shrimp farmers - 24 February 2021

Manipal, 24<sup>th</sup> February 21: Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and Everest Blowers Pvt. Ltd. jointly organized a skill development training program for the local fishermen community engaged in Fish/Shrimp farming in Udupi district. This was a CSR initiative of Everest Blowers Pvt. Ltd. Inaugurating the training program, Dr. Srikanth Rao, Director of MIT, said that he is happy to note that this training program would benefit the local fishermen community to enhance their skills and scientific knowledge required to enhance the productivity.



There were about twenty participants from the local fishermen community. Mr Amit Kapur, Director, Everest Blowers Pvt. Ltd, imparted the training program covering the aspects of importance of dissolved oxygen in fish farming, fundamentals of aeration, energy efficient aeration technique, how to enhance profits through minimal energy spent etc. Prof. Radhika M Pai of MIT also shared her experience as a resource person. Prof Manohar M Pai and Prof. Raviraja N S and Mr Shekar Reddy translated the training contents to the local language of fishermen.

Ms Ameeta Nehra and Mr Shekar Reddy of Everest Blowers, Prof. Shrihari Upadhyaya, Prof. Balachandra and others were present during the program. Ms. Chaitra of MIT rendered invocation, Prof. Manohar M Pai, one of the organizers of the program gave a preamble to the program and welcomed the gathering. Prof. Raviraja N. S, Director, Corporate Relations, MAHE who was instrumental in arranging this CSR program, proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Tejaswini Bhat, research Scholar at MIT anchored the program.

## MIT observes Engineers' Day, Prof P V Bhandary Memorial Oration held



**Udupi, Sep 16:** Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal celebrated the Engineers' Day on September 15, 2021 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the greatest Indian engineer Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, who is known as the Father of Indian Engineering. Aligned with this event, late professor P V Bhandary Memorial Oration by eminent personality was also conducted.

In memory of late professor P V Bhandary, who was the principal of MIT and pro vice chancellor of MAHE, his family members and admirers came forward to conduct an oration series on a selected theme which is done every year. This was the fourth oration in the series, aligned with Engineers' Day.

The event began with the floral tributes by the dignitaries to Sir M Visvesvaraya and late professor P V Bhandary and formal inauguration by lighting the lamp.

The chief guest of the event was Dr M S Valiathan, Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan awardee, national professor of research Government of India and honorary advisor, MAHE, Manipal. The guest of honour was Brig Dr S SPabla, pro chancellor Bharatiya Skill Development University Jaipur. The event was presided over by Cdr Dr Anil Rana, director, MIT Manipal.

As a mark of tradition, the invocation was rendered, by Dr Vidya S Rao, in order to seek the blessing of the almighty. The welcome address was delivered by joint director of MIT Manipal, Dr Somashekara Bhat.



A brief introduction highlighting the achievements was delivered by Dr N V Subba Reddy, the chairman of P V Bhandary Oration committee.

The chief guest of the function Dr M S Valiathan, delivered the P V Bhandary Memorial Oration. He recalled his association with professor P V Bhandary during his tenure as the vice chancellor of MAHE, Manipal. Dr Valiathan referred to the issues involved in the Cardiac Surgery and emphasised on the technological support involved such as materials, devices and the use of engineering solutions to take the health care to common people. He highlighted the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities pertaining to health care in India. While he spoke about the need for easing out regulatory norms, he also stressed that the quality of work carried out should be given the utmost importance.

The Engineers' Day special talk was delivered by former director of MIT and former pro vice chancellor of MAHE Brig Dr S S Pabla. He spoke on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and on the enhancement of autonomy of the universities. He also talked about the future of technical education in India and the new AICTE norms for admission to under graduate programs in India.

The presidential remarks were delivered by Cdr Dr Anil Rana, director, MIT Manipal. He gave examples of eminent personalities who bounced back after failure and hence motivated everyone. He also stressed on going for an optimal solution if not the best solution.