Genesis 2020: E'nfluence - Design with sustainability.

Garodia School of Professional Studies – GSPS is a specialized institute imparting Interior Designing and Fashion Technology Courses. The GSPS curriculum is structured to be innovative, flexible and Industry ready and is the place for amalgamating aspirations & professional competence for turning dreams into reality.

As an integral part of the curriculum to encourage student & industry interaction, the Institute organizes an Annual Exhibition – Genesis to help students explore their talents. The Exhibition houses a retrospective display of the academic work of both, the Interior Designing and Fashion Technology along with creative displays made especially for the Event . It is an amalgamation of the hard work of the students as well as the faculty during the year.

Like every year, even this year, Genesis had a theme, most critical and relevant in today's time – **'E'**nfluence, emerging from the urgent need of saving our planet for the future, this year's theme is about our very own Mother Earth. Becoming aware of our own environment & living in tandem with the eco-system is a need and necessity of today's society. Creating an eco-friendly influence on the young energetic and dynamic student community is the target of our theme – 'E'nfluence - Design with sustainability.

The Event was inaugurated by Honorable Chief Guest – Shri Parag Shah – M.L.A, a visionary, philanthropist, tirelessly & selflessly working for the community en-masse, asked the young generation to look into the environment & emphasized all to do their bit for the society / country in whatever manner, they can. Our Director – Mrs Shruti Garodia spoke about her vision and taking the institute to the next level & expressed her satisfaction over the achievements of the students as well as the faculty so far and making the Event happen. Our Guest of Honor – Dr. Ela Dedhia – a pioneer in Textile Designing and Clothing, who needs no introduction, requested all to work with full passion and eventually they will succeed. She emphasized that her motto of life was to challenge herself, more than anyone else and she said that everyone should do the same. Also present at the inauguration were Trustees – Mrs Sarita Garodia and Mr. Abhishek Garodia, and Faculty – Ms. Nisha Kadam. Ms Mili Gada – Fashion Designer who said a few words of encouragement and emphasized that there are opportunities agalore for anyone to pursue and we would like to work in tandem with everyone. Ar. Megha Sarkar recalled the past liaison with the institute and the fond memories she had. Other eminent persons present were Ms. Abhishri Rai, Mr Nilesh Kenkare and Mrs Bhavya Kenkare.

There were various awards / scholarship that were given during the Inauguration, namely –

Academic – Mr Amit Chauhan / Ms. Aarti Hulikal / Ms. Kajol Ghag & Mr Vinodgiri Goswami

Fashion – *(Jury Ms. Jignyasa Shah – HOD – Sophia Polytechnic Collage)* – Ms. Saloni Pomal / Ms. Tanya Thapar / Ms. Mulani Uzma Amin

Inter-collegiate Design Folio Competition – First time ever, GSPS felicitated the academic projects of other collages as well, such as L. S. Raheja School of Architecture, Pearl Academy, Bhartiya Vidya Peeth & the likes, which received an over-whelming response – Total Prize of Rs 20,000/-

Scholarship – *(under Smt. Parmeshwari Devi Garodia Charitable Trust)* – Rs 51,000/- - Mr Mohan Muruggan

The students of the department of Fashion Technology displayed various creation of their garments, keeping the environment friendly and sustainability concept in mind, which was implied even in their backdrops and crafts. All the creations were unique and stood out as a piece of Art, in todays time. This whole experience of incorporating theme based ideas induced team-work, co-ordination and time and man management skills. Apart from the Faculties, Students made a notable contribution towards the same.

The students of the department of Interior Designing put up model mock displays of varied themes like Coffee Stop / Flimistan / Forestra – Open Bar, all these creations and mock displays were made out of environment friendly re-useable materials, emphasizing the need for conservation and at the same time, being of relevance in today's time. The displays were set-up by the students with the assistance of the faculty alone and no outside assistance was sought for the erection of these mock spaces. Apart from the Faculties, the notable contributors were Veena, Devendra, Vighnesh, Krutik, Tejal, Jayshree, Siddhi, Riki, Poonam, Saraswati & Khushboo.

A plethora of Workshops & Competitions were organized during the three days event such as –

Competitions – Cooking / Face & Body Competition / Mehendi / Fashion & Talent Show

Workshops – Bhangra – *Ms Tanya Thapar – GSPS student* / Refurbishment - *which will teach the re-use of old objects in sync with the theme of conservation /* Doodle Art / Zumba & Hip Hop Workshop

Fashion and Talent Show Competitions had several collages, & again, the response was over-whelming – judged by an eminent jury

Ms. Lina Tipnis took a Business of Fashion & Styling Workshop – Stylelogue and gave a brief about it, which is going to be launched in association with GSPS.

There was a Panel Discussion on Design with Sustainability. On the Panel were : Mr Ankit Pallan,- Exhibition Design Specialist, Mr Sameer Kulkarni – Interior Designer & Photographer, Ms. Bhavini Parikh – Upcycle Lifecycle Designer and Mr Amit Ghule – Sustainable manufacturing Process Specialist – Global 3D Lab

Genesis – 2020 was a great success, which not only brought home the point of Conservation, but show-cased that mankind can progress in all streams without incurring any further harm on our own Mother Earth. This **'E'**nfluence – theme based exhibition, which was not only open for GSPS students, but were successful in presenting it to all the visitors who came for the exhibition.

Garodia School of Professional Studies located at Ghatkopar, offers Part-time and Full Time government Diploma & Degree courses and has eminent members in its Advisory Board from the fields of Interior Design and Fashion Technology. The courses are recognized by Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education – MSBTE