"Dronacharya College of Engineering, Gurgaon organized a "Dronathon - A technical event"

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It was a soul touching experience addressing these hundreds of young gals n guys as well as the esteemed faculties from [Dronacharya College of Engineering](#) during this inaugural ceremony of the Tech Festival in the trail post as the Chief Guest. The formal interactive session was on the theme of "Your wings - Your career" where in I tried reaching out to this intellectual Next Generation in the esteemed institution by giving a perspective of the career choices they need to make to reach their individual milestones of life.

The importance of doing your own research as an individual rather than solely depending upon 'gyan' from the peers, seniors and anyone in life for making the first and subsequent career moves was brought out. Linking the discipline of choice as well as career choice with passion rather than pay package offered by the corporate world was highlighted. An ability to distinguish between a career and a job itself was also developed in length.

Looking at the academia as a tool to get your first career move in the known arenas (previous knowledge) was discouraged. Rather exploring the alternative careers in Science and Technology (STEM) especially for the PhDs was emphasised.

An exclusive emphasis was laid on the need of soft skills and life values to remain joyous as well as successful per-se during the career progression.

Last but not the least the need of looking into the horizon of next 20 years as to which technologies or business domains are going to be emerging, relevant and powerful in the market, rather than the current scenario was stated bold.

The talk concluded with the need of making well informed and well-intended career choices through a holistic approach of making decisions that brings the 360 degree outlook towards life and develop personal virtues as a future leader (rather than the rat race for the CTCs). Importantly which career lines up with your own belief system.

The response of the students was overwhelming. Their curiosity and intellect really made an impressive dent in the mind of this seasoned veteran.

This talk was followed by the skill oriented capacity building sessions on "cybersecurity" and "design thinking" by another two guest speakers [Sandeep Jain](#), the founder [GeeksforGeeks](#) and @Dr.Sangeeta Taneja the founder member @innovative design respectively.

Further I had the privilege to declare the parallel events of the tech festival @DronaThon open at the college.