



Celebrity Lectures - NUV SAMVAAD

Samvaad is a celebrity public lecture series hosted annually by NUV. The program provides the participants with a rare platform to engage in stimulating discourse and dialogue with eminent personalities from various walks of life.



SAMVAAD 1

The first NUV Samvaad was held in February 2011. The invited dignitary was the eminent designer, author and speaker Prof. John Thackara. Prof. popularly known for his books 'Design after Modernism', 'Lost in Space: A Traveler's Tale' and 'Winners! How Successful Companies Innovate by Design'. Also, he is the director of 'Doors of Perception' and is involved with the 'Doors of Perception blog' and 'Newsletter' since 2002. The topic of this session was, "Life's Work: Opportunities in the Restorative Economy".

SAMVAAD 2

The second lecture in The NUV Samvaad Series was held in August 2011. Prof. Vivienne Baumfield, an internationally renowned Educationist, Researcher and Professor of Pedagogy Policy at University of Glasgow, U.K, was invited by the University to conduct a lecture on her research area 'Innovation in Pedagogy and Teacher Education'. She also spoke on a topic that reflected her interest in the field - "Teacher's for 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities for Professional Learning".

SAMVAAD 3

Held on 1st December 2012 Saturday at 6:00 pm at Jyoti Gardens, Vadodara, this session of NUV Samvaad was hosted by Navrachana University in association with Baroda Management Association (BMA). Shri R. Gopalakrishnan, Director Tata Sons Ltd, was invited to deliver the talk. Shri Gopalakrishnan is a professional manager with over 45 years of experience. He had served in Jeddah as Chairman of Unilever Arabia, in Bangalore as Managing Director of Brooke Bond Lipton India, and finally as Vice Chairman of Hindustan Lever. Shri Gopalakrishnan Spoke on the topic, 'Decision Making: Why we lead our lives through intuition but pretend to live through rationality.'

SAMVAAD 4

The fourth in NUV Samvaad series was a talk by Shri Ashoke Chatterjee, Ex-Director, National Institute of Design, on April 11, 2014 at Jyoti Gardens. The topic was "The Rural University: Past, Present and Future". Prof. Ashoke Chatterjee is former executive director of National Institute of Design (NID) from 1975-85. In 1975, NID was invited to be involved with the Rural University, a new concept in education and rural development initiated by Professor Ravi Matthai, first director of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad. Ashoke Chatterjee became part of the Rural University team that worked with people of the Jawaja block, which included about 200 villages with a population of approximately 80,000 people in a drought-prone district of Rajasthan.

SAMVAAD 5

The fifth in NUV Samvaad series was talk by Padma Shri Geeta Chandran, Bharatnatyam Dancer, who delivered her lecture on "Endancing the Universe".

Geeta Chandran is Founder-President of Natya-Vriksha and Artistic Director of the Natya Vriksha Dance Company, known for the high aesthetic quality of its group presentations that showcase Geeta's metier as a visualizer par excellence. Geeta has also created innumerable solo performances that spotlight her aesthetic persona as an eclectic classical choreographer.

SAMVAAD 6

Navrachana University's Sixth Samvaad Lecture was delivered by Sri M, a spiritual guide, social reformer and an educationist. The Lecture was in the form of a Conversation between Sri M, spiritual master and founder, Satsang Foundation, and eminent writer and thinker Padma Shri Gunvantbhai Shah. It centred around Sri M's book, "The Journey Continues ..." that was launched on the same evening by Rajmata Shubhanginiraje Gaekwad, Chancellor, M S University of Baroda.