

National Youth Conference 09

An Overview

To commemorate the 146th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, IIM Indore organised a National Youth Conference from January 12-14, 2009. The goal was to sensitise the young men and women of India to issues of national concern and to identify the role that the youth must play to take India forward in its march towards being counted among the best.

Mr. Shekhar Gupta's keynote address dealt with the heartening changes he has witnessed because of the involvement of today's youth in politics and society. He applauded the fact that the youth of India have shown concern about the future rather than complaining about the past.

An important issue discussed during the conference was micro-finance and its contribution to inclusive growth. Speaking on the topic, Mr. Vijay Mahajan, the Chairman and Founder of BASIX India, explained various micro-finance models as well as different lending methods to the participants and encouraged them to develop an interest in this innovative way of banking.

Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon addressed issues such as the challenges India is facing today and how responsible citizenship can help the country overcome them. He talked about the role of the Constitution and the functioning of good governance in which youth could play a great part.

Other speakers threw light upon the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and illustrated the pertinence of his teachings with regard to the situations present in India. The National Youth Conference is being seen as an annual event on campus and promises to influence youth to view things from completely new perspectives.