



Panel discussion at IIM Rohtak on “Governance Initiatives for Better India”

The Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak organized a panel discussion on 18th Aug 2018 on “Governance Initiatives for better India.” The discussion was held to enable students to have deeper appreciation about the functioning of the government and its key initiatives in India.

Director, IIM Rohtak, Prof Dheeraj Sharma set the tone of the event by addressing the issue of how innovation and technology are not necessarily synonymous, he said “We often confuse technology with innovation; technology in itself doesn’t necessitate advancement. The simplest of changes can result in vast improvements in processes and lives of our citizens”. Speaking about government and innovation he said, “We often associate words like archaic and inflexibility with Government but it is not the case, it is just that we are unaware of the innovations in the government”. He concluded by urging the panelists to enlighten the audience on how innovation in their departments has helped change processes and impacted the lives of millions of people in India.

Mr Rajeev Kapoor, IAS, Chairman, PICUP, Government of U.P. began by talking extensively on challenges faced by India in the 21st century and what good governance entails. He said “We have reached Mars yet we are not able to provide safe drinking water to millions, we have a good number of dollar billionaires yet millions of people live on less than a dollar a day, we are the second most unequal society in the world”. Speaking of education, health and prosperity he said “We cannot expect India to prosper if we can’t take care of our young. We have failed to provide basic neonatal care. He stated that compared to China, India has a strong society but weaker state.

Mr Sudhir Garg, IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of UP defined the good governance as the one which often emerges as a model to compare ineffective economies or political bodies with viable ones. He further elucidated by saying, “Good governance is a government which moves on from providing service at the doorstep to being a catalyst in the provision of these services to common people from private sectors”. He said that for sustainable growth, efficiency and stakeholder’s profits we need good governance which would arise from the government being more competitive, more community owned and aimed at holistic social welfare. Talking on the theme of the event, he said, “Innovation is a different way of doing the same thing and technology is one part of it”. The students enthusiastically participated in the discussion on innovative ideas on judicial, health, and education reforms. Significant discussion took place on innovative ideas to handle corruption in India. Mr Kapoor said that corruption can be handled by Good governance based on capability, accountability and responsibility. Prof Sharma said that corruption is inherent in every society and can be best managed by strengthening institutions that offer transparency process and outcomes in an innovative way. Mr Garg added to the debate on corruption by providing examples of various sector where innovation has augmented transparency that has helped reduce corruption.

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