

AWARENESS EVENT

Under

EK Bharat Shrestha Bharat Program

Resource Person: Mr Drone Pratap

The Very famous “Drone Man” of India, Drone Pratap was the chief guest of the inauguration function of our Awareness Event under EBSB Program. This program was conducted on 18th of November, 2019 in IS seminar hall of the college.



Even after being such a great personality, who has travelled worldwide MR Drone Pratap started his speech in Kannada. The audience who were listening silently became all excited and welcomed him with huge applause. He says he was very proud to be a farmer's son. The time where farmers are committing suicides, here stood the proud son of a farmer who has raised Indian flag in place where no one expected India would have gone. Even though he travels to different countries often, he isn't tired but trying to bring the best of him. This shows his simplicity level. He said he always miss the south Indian food wherever he goes. He remembered the delicious masala dosa, idly-Vada and his expressions while interacting conveyed how much he missed these food materials. Then he spoke about the drones he has manufactured and the area where they are all being used in the world. He also remembered an incident that happened in Africa and it went like this. Black baba is a poisonous snake found in Africa. Its bite can kill a person within 15 min of the bite. But the people who live deep inside the forest can't be reached within 15 min with the medicines that could save them. Hence death was inevitable there. But, Pratap located the place where the person has got bit by the snake and combining with the Red Cross society and using his drones, he sent the medicine to that place within 10 in and the person was saved from the death. The name of that girl was Numba. To see the satisfied and happy eyes of her mother was the biggest happiness he has got according to him. He continued and told his plans about using the drones to send the organs from one place to another in big cities. Usually the big cities encounter a lot of traffic and the success of organs being sent from one place to another is a challenge. But with the help of his drones, it will be a boon to medical field which can save the life of many people. He has also worked hard in the Shrivedi ghat helping the government do some projects and this man rejected an offer of 32 lakh/ month offered by USA just to stay in this country and to create employment opportunities to the people of this country. His selfless deed was greatly appreciated by the audience. MR Pratap even after reaching the sky, he knew from where he started and his humbleness made everyone look at him with more respect.

Then he told about how his childhood went. His was a bit emotional during this part of his speech since his childhood has not been that awesome. "Never cheat anyone financially. Treat everyone as same" were the words of his mother and he still stands by them. He said he was a very shy boy in his class who was not good in studies because of which people laughed at him and discouraged him. But, he never lost his hope. He was busy with his own flock of sheep's. He took them out to feed every day and there during that time he got inspired to fly in the sky and he told the story about that too. When he used to take the sheep's out, he used to rest on a rock facing the sky every day. The giant eagle that flew above everything always caught his eyes. Its vibrant feathers, its balanced technique and its speed made him mesmerized

and right from that moment he wanted to fly. Today with his all efforts he has proved that sky is the limit! He remembered himself to be a very shy and dull person and now he compared that old him with this new so confident, successful man he has become. With his proud wide eyes and a bit of tears at the edge of his eyes he remembered his journey. His 3 passports are full and he has visited 82 countries till now and his achievements follows very big list. One of the very interesting interactions was followed like this. He defeated the MIT College in Japan for the very first time and received the gold medal from there. Model in 3D, holograph and presentation rounds were very difficult for him but in the end round where the drones have to fly, his drones flew far height and he broke all the record and came out victorious. Right now, he is working on underwater drones that could help people and save the lives of those who will be drowning. He is getting the scholarships from various institutes to work for drones.

He explained his entire life's journey in a single sentence like this "My life has started with nothing to eat condition and has transformed into everything I can eat". He builds the drones with the waste materials that are thrown considering them as useless. Therefore, 40% of the cost is reduced because of this. He has improved his English skills by watching the English series and F.R.I.E.N.D.S, The Ellen show are his favourites. He is very much interested in aliens and wants to have contact with them. He strongly believes that aliens exist and want to explore them in future. His main dream is to launch a rocket of his own. He remarked "if you can't understand others pain, at least don't hurt them." And everyone in the audience welcomed this with a great applause. He also said "it's good to be imperfect sometimes" and it felt so hard. When a random question was thrown at him from the audience asking about his motivation that he has got to reach up to here, he replied politely by saying Hunger has been his greatest motivation which has led him to this platform. During his tough times, he has stayed 36 nights in the Chennai Railway station just for a sign from a professor. But, the professor wouldn't sign as he was from a BSC background. After the sign his life was changed completely. One thing that keeps him in India is the National Anthem that will be sung during the Hoisting of the flag and when he won the medal in Japan this happened and he still remembers that time and smile. He remembered his journey to the Japan where he stayed in posh hotel for the first time. He took 3-4 personal computers along with him which reduced the dress materials he should have taken. Not having money and unable to buy a laptop, he suffered a lot in those conditions. He says "Nobody is going to help you until you want to help yourself" and the days he didn't have money even to buy food are like the nightmares but now, with his all hard work and dedication he is flying in the sky of success. He is JSS Ooty College passed out student and during that time when he had no money some good person gave him a room near Surya bakery in Vijaynagar from where he went to his college

daily. When a random question was thrown at him regarding his first drone experience he answered it smilingly. He bought 4 motors from the KT Street, Mysore and tried building drone using his plan for about 6 months and he was unsuccessful. 88 times he tried flying it but he failed and in the 89th time it flew. He told us not to stop at our failure but to convert that failure as the steps to reach the success. His patience and dedication and the result of the drone took him to IIT. The institution which is the dream for many, today Pratap stands there giving lectures on building Drones.



His entire journey has been a great fight to him and it's a great lesson for us all. He also gave an open call to everyone in the audience who wants to work with him for the betterment of society. He engaged the entire 3 hours and it was filled with interactions related to his life's journey and also the science. Some audience who came from Mandya to meet him were all soo happy to meet him and the section ended with the beautiful smiles on everyone's face.

