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TEDxYouth comes to Doon



The team in Doon and (below) screening of interviews with Manmohan Singh & Mani Shanker Aiyar



t was first in three years that The Doon School succeeded in putting together
Dehradun's first TEDxYouth event. Lecture Hall in the Art and Media Centre served as a perfect setting for a discussion on a wide range of subjects from politics, rearing of sheep, rapping live on stage and more.

The event kicked off by curator Tejveer Kohli giving his inaugural speech where he spoke about his journey through the gates of Chandbagh and how he came to idealizing TED at Doon. After the initial speeches, two engaging interviews of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and diplomat Mani Shankar Aiyar were screened.

Aiyar, who was present on the occasion, pointed out that the educated youth should aspire to join the world of politics. Jo Chopra, a writer and photographer and social worker also joined the talk.

Akshit Batra an ex-Dosco spoke about his journey from fighting serious depression to becoming the happy-go-lucky part comedian and social worker that he is. Other fascinating personalities included Babur Afzal, who left McKinsey Co to becoming a





pashmina shepherd in Kashmir. He spoke about how he wishes to bring social and economic change in the valley through the use of pashmina.

Navin Gulia, a record holder in adventure sports, explained how he fought his disability which left him unable to walk after the age of 22. The next speaker was ex-Dosco Yash Johri, who wanted the young audience to understand why he took the decision of staying in New Delhi, rather the United States, where he went to University.