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### **TEDxACE 2020 Report**

The second edition of TEDxACE took place on the 19th of December 2020. The theme for the event this year was “Bridges”. Having had the pandemic hit us, the team put in their best efforts to provide a TED like experience virtually. The event was live streamed on YouTube on 19 December, 2020 at 4pm IST. It was attended by 100 attendees comprising of students, faculties of Atharva Institutes as well people from outside.

The event was kicked off with an amazing throwback to the glimpses of the very first edition of TEDxACE i.e TEDxACE 2019 and how there was something special and unique this year. This year's event saw a diverse pool of 5 speakers and 2 TED talks. Menstruation and Mental Health both being taboo topics, our first speaker, Ms. Sonal Jain(co-founder of Boondh) addressed the crowd on [“Menstruation-Owning your Lived Experiences”](#). Our next speaker Mr. Akshay Bhosale came in with enthralling energy, made our feet tap to some dance moves and spoke about “How Dance helped him rise back on his Feet” after a life shaking accident. Akshay's talk was followed by an intriguing TED talk by Simone Giertz on [“Why you should make useless things?”](#). The next speaker Ms.

Haimanti Sen opened our eyes to some heart breaking realities about the kids by the skywalks and shared how she’s doing her part to help make their lives a little better. She shared her journey of building Junoon(an NGO for these kids) in her talk titled [“Skywalks to Schools”](#)

After which the spectators were allowed a quick snack break of 15 minutes and the stage was all set to shed light on one of the most important issues of the moment, water crises. Mr. Ravindra Desai from the Art of Living River Rejuvenation project, brought to our notice the water issues of rural India and how he along with his team is trying their best to help the nation, in his talk: [“Solving Water Scarcity with River Rejuvenation”](#). This was followed by a TED talk by Mr. Chuck Nice on the topic [“A funny look at the unintended consequences of technology”](#) which had us all laughing hard at the same time conveying some very important insights. The last and the most anticipated talk of the event was given by Mr. Mitch Altman, a passionate educator and the inventor of TV-B-Gone, all the way from California who spoke on [“Why is it important to teach kids about Technology”](#)

The talks were then followed by a 45-minute-long Google Meet where the audience had a chance to interact with all the 5 speakers directly. The session started off with Mr Akshay making us get up

from our seats and dance to some of the Bollywood classics and was followed by the QnA with the speakers.

Here are some excerpts from the event:



Hosts

(Ms. Shrilatha Shripathi & Ms. Krupa Doshi)



Mr. Akshay Bhosale



Mr. Ravindra Desai



Miss. Sonal Jain



Miss. Haimanti Sen



Mr. Mitch Altman

After Event QnA session on google meet:

