



Learning centre organised its ... Diwali Utsav the career fair for CWSN. It was a two day event which commenced on 22nd and 23rd October'21 .As Covid pandemic restrictions continue, it was an online event. This year's Diwali Utsav's invite had an audio note too ,to make it more inclusive for the society.

The organisations and eminent professionals from around the country addressed the parents and professionals from the field ,giving a great insight in the kind of training and opportunities they are providing for CWSN.

On day one ,Learning centre's choir inaugurated the program with a Diwali song. After a welcome note by HOD Rashmi Dhawan and respected principal Mrs. Richa Sharma Agnihotri ,the chief guest Mrs. Gauri Ishawarn addressed the audience and emphasised on the purpose of the event. She shared how learning centre which was first conceived under her kind guidance has built strength to strength over the years .

The first speaker of the day was Mr. Manu Sekar , founder and CEO Hash Hack Code. His enterprise enables differently abled to train in coding . There's one to one teaching and special methods used to prepare them for the digital world .

Next his student , a young ASD adult Prem Sankar and an entrepreneur was there to share his success story; how he switched from years of data entry to creative coding and has an independent business now .

Last speaker of the day was Colonel Achal Sridharan, founder and MD, COVAICARE . He's developed a model for inclusive living and life long residential support , specifically designed for an inclusive living of a child with CWSN and their parents . The services are also extended to senior citizens of the society. It's one of its kind in the world , providing impeccable services to its members. It gives a great hope to parents of differently abled who always worry 'what after us!' There was even a resident present to give the testimony.

Second day ,the first speaker guest was Mr. Pranay Burde , a young adult with Down syndrome who has achieved a lot and lived an independent life with his family and community 's support. He had developed many skills in his life time and won roller skating championships in

Special Olympics. He was working with Leela Hotel till before the lockdown .The two time National Awardee really inspired the audience with his true spirit.

The second speaker was Mr.Rajender Nahar ,an engineer by profession and now a trustee at Umed Parivar ,NGO.He spoke with passion about his organisation,a residential cum vocational centre for people with intellectual disabilities .There was a video presentation of the daily activities at the institution which are carried out with much discipline and enthusiasm.

Last but not the least was Mrs Pooja Bhagade with her son Devansh ,who gave us an insight on a parent's initiative to self employment for her 18 year old Autistic child .She has helped her son develop a skill of making handmade soaps and their packing .Which started as an experiment for them , today has become a popular sale item and this inspired many parents attending the event .

Parents and professionals attending appreciated the fact that they were introduced to some novel vocational opportunities available .

One can conclude ,this Diwali Utsav could have enlightened someone's life.

