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Foundations
of Leadership
Excellence:
Mastering
Leadership Skills
for First-Year
Graduate Students

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Kapil Arora

Director, Grant Thornton

Kapil Arora is revered for his expertise in leadership development and financial consultancy, and is currently the Director at Grant Thornton. His career is characterised by significant roles at Grant Thornton's Learning and Development Academy, as well as, renowned firms like Ernst & Young (EY), KPMG India and Axis Risk Consulting, underscoring his dynamic and impactful journey.

Kapil's reputation as a thought leader extends across various domains; with a primary focus on fostering leadership acumen and professional growth. With a proven track record of spearheading innovative programmes, He brings a wealth of experience to the realm of learning and development. His proficiency spans critical areas such as International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), Management Information Systems (MIS) and Business Planning, reflecting his comprehensive grasp of strategic decision-making.

Driven by a commitment to education and leadership excellence, Kapil Arora's influence resonates not only within Grant Thornton but also throughout the broader landscape of emerging talent development.

Writing your Story, Creating your Legacy

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Subhashish Acharya

Teacher, Consultant & Coach

Subhashish Acharya's journey is one of relentless ambition and achievement. His professional path showcases his strategic prowess across diverse sectors in noteworthy positions as Chief Distribution Officer at Future Generali India Life Insurance, Zonal Head at Kotak Mahindra Bank and Head of Proprietary Business at PNB MetLife Life Insurance. He laid his educational groundwork with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from BITS Pilani, followed by a PGDM from IIM Bangalore and further honed his skills as an ICF Certified Coach.

With a knack for identifying critical success factors, he's an innovative thinker unafraid of calculated risks. Subhasish's legacy shines through his ability to nurture and lead high-performing teams, making him a symbol of strategic leadership.

A dynamic business leader, Subhashish Acharya, with a 30-year journey, embodies excellence. His academic foundation in engineering and management set the stage for remarkable accomplishments. Armed with a strategic mindset, he's unafraid to chart new paths and has a proven track record of scaling businesses. His legacy lies in his adeptness at shaping high-performance teams and his unwavering commitment to strategic innovation.



Understanding Public Speaking and How to Use it Effectively

18th August 2023 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Noopurr R Chablani

Vice President, Mavcomm Consulting

Noopurr R Chablani is a highly experienced communications professional with over 20 years of expertise in integrated marketing communications. She specialised in internal and external communication and is best known for her strategic planning, system design skills for improving marketing performance. She has completed her Marketing in the Digital World from University of Illinois. She's skilled in managing administrative and operational aspects of corporate communications, helping organisations enhance their reputation through effective communication strategies.

Passionate about girls' education rights, Noopurr co-founded Women in Aviation International. This organisation focuses on promoting careers for girls in the aviation industry. Currently, she serves as Vice President - Business at Mavcomm Consulting, where she continues to demonstrate her strategic abilities. In her previous role as General Manager at The Bird Group, she managed various communication tasks such as marketing campaigns, brand management, advertising and event planning. With a strong educational background, Ms. Chablani's diverse expertise shines through her career and contributions to the field.

Importance of Constitutional Values for Citizens of India

18th August 2023 03:00 - 04:00 PM



Hon'ble Justice Dharmesh Sharma

Judge, Delhi High Court

Hon'ble Justice Dharmesh Sharma holds a prominent position in India's legal system. He earned a B.Com (Hons) degree from Kirorimal College and later pursued LL.B and LL.M degrees from the University of Delhi, marking a remarkable trajectory in his legal pursuits. His expertise lies in Civil & Service Law. He commenced his legal journey as the Additional Standing Counsel for the Union of India before joining the Delhi Judicial Services in 1992. Over the course of his career, he assumed various significant roles including Metropolitan Magistrate, Extradition Judge and Special Judge handling cases related to terrorism, CBI matters, and offences such as POCSO and SEBI violations.

In addition to his courtroom responsibilities, Justice Sharma displayed a strong commitment to mediation. He received training in mediation in the UK and subsequently imparted this knowledge to fellow legal professionals in India. His administrative acumen was evident as he played a pivotal role in digitising Delhi District Courts, implementing e-filing and e-court systems, and leading the Central Recruitment Committee. His tenure as Secretary of the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee, followed by his role as Member Secretary at the Delhi State Legal Services Authority, highlighted his unwavering dedication to advancing legal aid, promoting alternative dispute resolution (ADR), and ensuring social justice. He has delivered landmark judgements including the verdicts in Unnao rape & murder case and Uphaar fire tragedy evidence tampering case.

May 2023 marked a significant milestone in Justice Sharma's journey, as he was elevated to the High Court of Delhi as an Additional Judge. His multifaceted career underscores his enduring commitment to upholding justice, driving legal innovation and contributing to the betterment of society.



The Idea of a Gender-Neutral India

23rd August 2023 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Dr. Ranjana Kumari

Social Activist & Director, Centre for Social Research

Dr. Ranjana Kumari, a renowned social activist and esteemed academician, holds the distinguished position of Director at the Centre for Social Research and serves as the Chairperson of Women Power Connect. With a fervent dedication to advancing women's empowerment in South Asia, she has authored influential publications and taken a resolute stand against prevailing societal injustices. Hailing from a family rooted in social activism, her paternal grandfather's legacy as a freedom fighter has fueled her commitment to change. She pursued her education at Jawaharlal Nehru University, where she obtained her MA, M.Phil, and Ph.D. in Political Science.

Dr. Kumari's activism was triggered by a dowry-related tragedy, propelling her to the forefront of the fight against such atrocities through her renowned work 'Brides Are Not For Burning'. Her impactful roles within governmental committees and international organisations, like the Central Advisory Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Women and Children, exemplify her dedication to women's causes. Simultaneously, she showcased her academic prowess with an array of publications, including 'Reign She Will' and 'Gender, Work and Power Relations'. Dr. Ranjana Kumari's indomitable spirit, seamlessly merging her roles as an advocate and scholar, continues to transform lives, making her an inspiring voice for change.

She is a member of the National Mission for Empowerment of Women, GOI, Central Advisory Board (statutory body), Central Advisory Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Women and Children, Government of India, Regional Complaints Committee (against sexual harassment) Reserve Bank of India, Government of India and Committee on EU-India Relations, India Office, European Union. She was featured on the Apolitical's list of 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy 2019.

A Recipient of United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Achievement Award, she has been awarded with Honour of the Nation award as well as The Sally Mugabe Memorial Awards. She has authored over 10 books, seamlessly blending the strengths of a women's activist and scholar within her.

Fundamental
Duties:
Jurisprudence
& Enforceability
Vision and
Mission for
a University
Student

28th August 2023



Shreya Arora Mehta

Officer on Special Duty, NALSA, Supreme Court of India

Shreya Arora Mehta's legal journey is a testament to unyielding dedication and a quest for justice that knows no bounds. Currently serving as Officer on Special Duty at the esteemed National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in India's Supreme Court, she's navigated a spectrum of judicial roles, from Sessions Judge to Metropolitan Magistrate, each adding vibrant strokes to her versatile canvas.

Before becoming a Judge, she immersed herself in diverse and prolific legal experiences. Learning from luminaries like Hon'ble Mr. Justice A K Sikri at Delhi High Court and at Luthra & Associates, she grasped the intricacies of legal practice. Academically, she shone bright, leaving her mark on National and International Moot Court Competitions and Essay Competitions, winning medals and awards that underscored her expertise. Beyond academia, her voracious reading appetite fueled a cascade of publications across realms from Human Rights to Environment Law. Her passion for enlightenment found expression as a speaker, engaging audiences from judges to students. Her leadership shines through administrative roles, underscored by a 2017 commendation from NALSA.

In her 13-year career, she graced judicial roles like Sessions Judge, Senior Civil Judge, Metropolitan Magistrate, Civil Judge, and Secretary of Delhi Legal Services Authority. She has numerous publications in domains ranging from Human Rights, Criminal Justice Processes, Victimology, Environment Law and Alternate Dispute Resolution. She has also been awarded with a Certificate of Commendation in 2017 by the National Legal Services Authority, operating under the aegis of the Supreme Court of India.



Be a Leader – Tenets of Success for Fast-Tracking Career Growth

29th August 2023 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Raj Gupta General Manager, HR, Tata Consultancy Services

Raj Gupta possesses over 25 years of senior management experience in global organisations such as Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and General Electric. With a strong background in HR, he currently holds the position of GM Human Resources at TCS. His achievements span authorship, speaking engagements and HR expertise, highlighted by accolades like the '101 Most Fabulous HR Tech Leaders' and 'Top HR Influencer & Author.'

Raj's influence extends beyond corporate roles. He's authored many books, contributed to over 1000 articles and engaged as a speaker in 100+ seminars. As the founder of www.rajgupta.in, his mission is to empower emerging HR professionals. Holding certifications as a Leadership Development Coach and honoured with titles like the Global HR Excellence Exemplary Leader Award, Raj Gupta's career exemplifies impactful contributions and a dedication to advancing HR and leadership practices.

His most notable publications include 'Walk Through HR Maze', 'Caterpillar to Catalysts' and 'Workplace Romance & Its Perils'Featured on '101 Most Fabulous HR Tech Leader' by World HRD Congress and also received the award for 'Top HR Influencer & Author' by IHRC. He is an Honorary Fellow & Chair, India at Leaders Excellence Harvard Square from 2020 onwards.

Navigating the Transition from School to College Life

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Vidya Bhushan

Co-Founder, Dalchini Technologies

Vidya Bhushan, an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad and IIT Kharagpur serves as the COO and Co-Founder of Daalchini Technologies. With a rich professional journey spanning over 14 years, he has garnered invaluable expertise in the industry. Notably, he spent 7 years in pivotal leadership roles at esteemed IT enterprises like Paytm, Jio Money, Ericsson R&D India and Paysafe Group.

At present, as the driving force at Daalchini, Vidya's contributions' have been pivotal to the company's remarkable trajectory. With a footprint extending across 25 cities, Daalchini now boasts of an impressive network of 610+ smart stores, capturing a user base exceeding 2 lakh monthly active users. Under his astute guidance, Daalchini has evolved into a pioneering brand, having established 200+ franchises of India's pioneering 24*7 instant food vending machines.

He has received a WISE Fellowship from Govt. of Germany.

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