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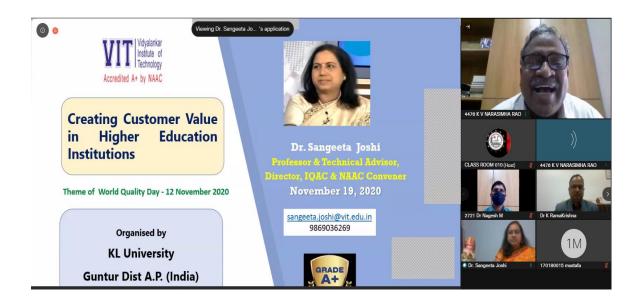
Report on the World Quality Day 2020 celebrated by IQAC by conducting Webinar Online on 19th November 2020.

Chief Guest & Invited Speaker: Dr Sangeeta Joshi, Professor of ECE & Technical Advisor & Director IQAC), VIT, Mumbai.

* Theme for World Quality Day 2020: Creating Customer Value

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, it is decided that The World Quality Day 2020 will be celebrated online. It is also decided to differ the Process of recognizing and felicitating the outstanding achievers of the University for the year 2019-20, this year.

In the light of the above resolutions, the World Quality Day 2020 celebrations began with one of the Associate Deans (Quality), Dr K V Narasimha Rao welcoming the Chief Guest and participants (about 100 No. of faculty belonging to KLEF) and requested Dr K. Ramakrishna Garu, Dean-Quality, KLEF to deliver the Inaugural Speech.



Dr K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality also welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr Sangeeta Joshi and briefly explained about the recent achievements of KLEF. KLEF achieved NAAC A++ Certification, Category 1 Status by UGC, accredited by NBA and is ranked 41 in the University category by NIRF. It ranked 58th in Engineering category and 70th rank in Overall as well as Management categories. KLEF is also a diamond rated in QS-I GAUGE Rankings and is also E-LEAD certified by QS. He outlined the importance and difficulties of sustaining such good ranks given by the ranking agencies in subsequent years. He thanked all people involved in maintaining quality in KLEF, viz. Deans, Principals, HODs,

Quality Circle (Faculty and students), monthly report In-charges, IQAC Staff, etc. He informed the audience that the theme of World Quality Day 2019 is "Creating Customer Value". He also explained the reason for conducting this year's WQD celebrations online.

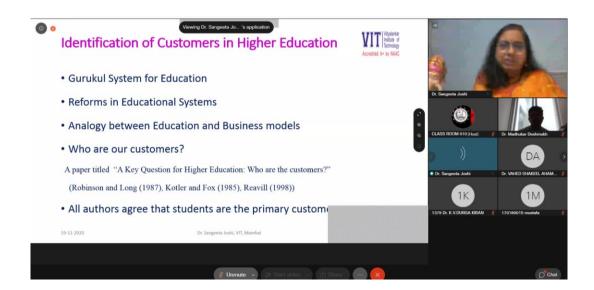


Dr K V Narasimha Rao then introduced the Chief Guest, Dr Sangeeta Joshi to the audience. Dr Joshi has obtained her PhD in Micro-electronics from IIT Bombay and has over 26 years of rich experience in academics, administration and research. Four Scholars have so far obtained their doctorates under her guidance. For over a decade she has been actively involved with quality related activities. Dr Rao requested the Chief Guest to address the gathering.

Dr Sangeeta Joshi thanked IQAC-KLEF for inviting her to deliver the keynote address on this year's theme for World Quality Day, Creating Customer Value (in Higher education Institutions). Dr Joshi briefly introduced herself and made few notable points about her Institution, Vidyalankar Institute of Technology (Autonomous), Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Our Educational System evolved from the ancient Gurukul System, with several reforms/refinements that took place in the last few millennia. Students are the primary customers. Since the (major) privatization of Education in 1980s, numerous private Institutions came to existence an some of them are offering very high quality education even now. Perhaps it would be more logical to designate Students as "Consumers" and their parents as "Customers", as the parents are paying for the education of their wards. Of course, the industry, which is absorbing most of them is a stakeholder and customer too.





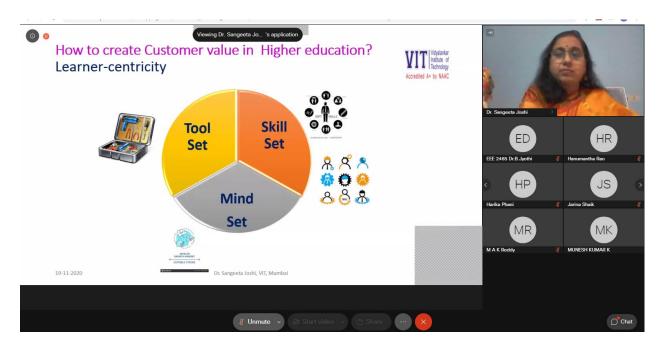
Majority of the present student community seems to be having the following:

- > Fairly good IQ Levels
- Lack of maturity; Unable to think beyond exams
- Lack of hard work/sincerity

What is customer value?

Answer: The extent of which the customers are satisfied.

This requires "Lerner Centricity" in the Teaching-Learning. Tool set, mind set and skill set – all three need to be upgraded/enhanced.



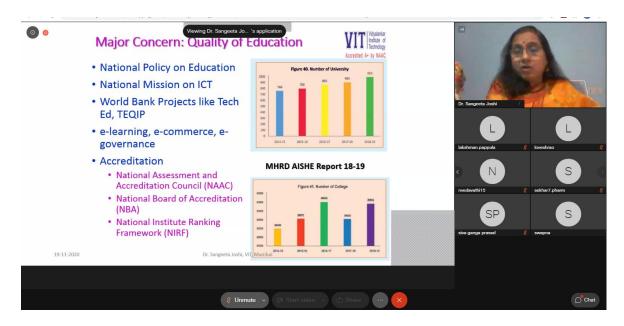
How to create customer value?

- OBE/Washington Accord/NBA
- > Sensitize and motivate students (This is very important)
- > Autonomy/Flexibility in Curriculum/Course Design



That way, being a Deemed to be University, KLEF is in a superior position to design its own curriculum and syllabus and has enough flexibility to make changes as often as required, depending on the industry requirements.

Dr Joshi emphasized the importance of IQAC in enhancing and sustaining quality in higher education institutions. Alongside the other tasks, IQAC should also act as a Repository of data and should be able to analyze and provide the necessary inputs to the Institution.



Dr Joshi also suggested that IQAC-KLEF could try to get the IMC's RBNQA Quality Cycle Certification, for which she offered to provide necessary guidance. Strategic Planning involves the following KPIs:

- Visionary Leadership
- Customer focus
- Measurement



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advocated to work on "Student-Centric Quality Culture. WQD gives us the opportunity to highlight how quality can help create customer focused organizations.

Voice of Customer:

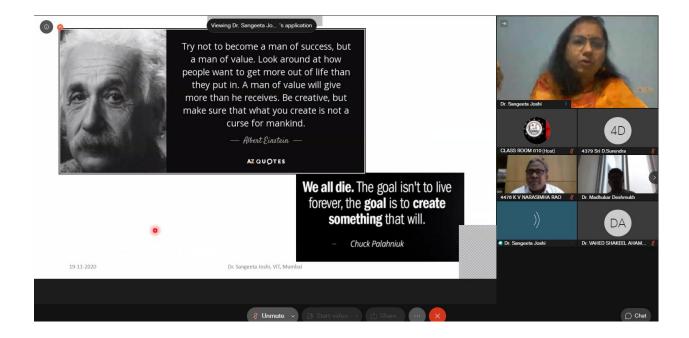
Voice of customer is very important. Student feedback should be taken seriously. The motto should be: Student (Customer) First. Some of the issues could be: Choice of course, feedback on faculty, convenience in time-table, late-hour functioning of Library and laboratories, etc. The students should be given a choice to attend the lectures delivered by a particular faculty, even in online mode. Every HEI should try to meet the expectations of the students.

Jim John said:

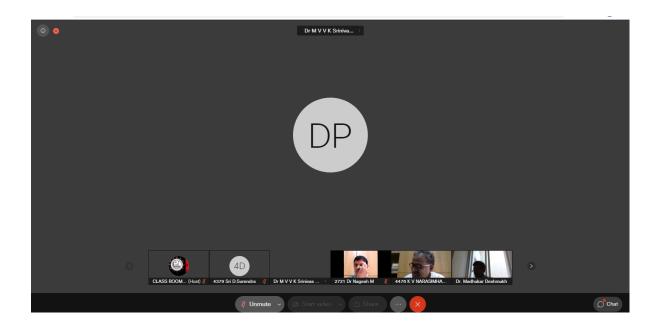
"You don't get paid for the hour.

You get paid for the value you bring to the hour".

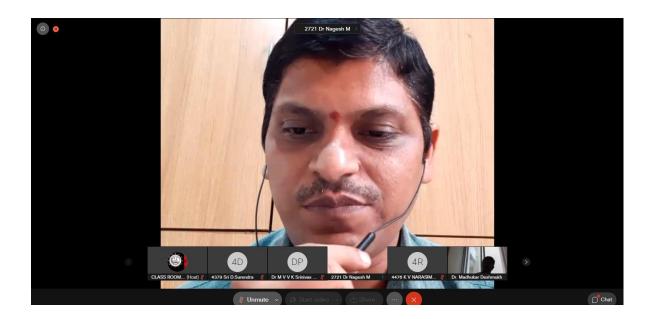
Dr Joshi emphasized the importance of data and it analysis in creating value. Dr Joshi concluded her address by quoting the great Albert Einstein, emphasizing "success and values".



Dr M V V K Prasad, Associate Dean-Academics asked the speaker to elaborate on the "Student maturity". This resulted in a short discussion and debate.



The Celebrations concluded with Dr M. Nagesh, Associate Dean-Quality proposing a vote of thanks.



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