

## **Report on leadership talk with Dr. Anand Deshpande, Founder, Chairman & Managing Director, Persistent Systems Ltd on 14th April 2020**

On 14th April, 11:00 AM the session (<https://www.pscp.tv/w/1IPKqVkryjnGb>) called leadership talk which is with Dr. Anand Deshpande, Founder, Chairman & Managing Director, Persistent Systems Ltd and Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, Ministry of HRD. The session was a discussion about opportunities youngsters/start-ups will have in the post COVID world.

It was an eye-opening session for students, faculties and researchers it is our responsibility to prove youth could be a true power of country if we use our time and energy to enhance technology and help society. It was an excellent interaction information-packed session and it was truly an eye-opener. He shared his views of updating faculty through FDP, and Atal Labs. He also laid emphasis on how online education is helpful in this period. The session provided attendees with vast amounts of knowledge and determination to functionally utilize this moment to the fullest and work in a meaningful way to get skills. He also put a lot of emphasis on how the process of skillification can help youngsters and start-ups in this time to remain afloat. In his talk, Dr. Deshpande advised the participants to make the most of the resources available and gradually adapt to changing times and technology.

Dr. Anand said that 'I always thought that mentors or business coaches should help us run the business correctly. However, now the audience must have a clear idea that business coaches or mentors are people who guide us the path, ask questions to help us introspect and get us introduced to new meaningful networks of people.' Dr. Deshpande also stressed that as entrepreneurs we should look after the customer's journey rather than worrying about generating new leads all the time. In the end, he asked the students to give back to society, where he shared his story about deAsara foundation which helps individuals willing to bring their business ideas to life.

Mr. Deshpande emphasized creativity among the students. He also insisted on start-ups and said there are many businessmen who are exploring a sound idea to invest. Mr. Deshpande explained the importance of patience in order to achieve success in the future. The students were very excited to listen to such a great technocrat and gain knowledge of light in such a dark Covid world period.

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