

Program Report



Event held on Tuesday, 18th September

Kokan Chamber of Commerce & Industries (KCCI) held their inaugural seminar on "Entrepreneur's Business Networking Platform" at Hotel Taj, Santa Cruz, Mumbai on 18th September 2018. KCCI founder Intikhab Chougale described this event unique daylong seminar as a unique event because for the first time, the koknis from coastal region called Kokan found a platform to display their talent as established and emerging entrepreneurs.

The presentation of Mumbai based and global eminent experts were so engrossing that the audience remained glued to their seats over a two hours extended session until 7 pm instead of the scheduled duration from 9 am to 5 pm. The keynote speaker Abdullah Thakur, CEO of Dhow capitals, Kuwait in his two hours presentation covered all essential aspects of entrepreneurship in a mesmerising manner. Mr. Habib Fakih, ex VP of Maulana Azad Education Trust praised the initiative taken by KCCI team in launching the much-needed platform for the young entrepreneurs. Najeeb Mulla, Chairman of KMCB and corporator from Thane congratulated the emerging entrepreneurs for the bold and courageous step taken by them and assured full support of KMCB in providing the needy the financial assistance. Dr. Zaheer Kazi, president of one of Mumbai's premier institution Anjuman-I-Islam emphasised the importance of passion and commitment to achieve the goals with sheer determination through a story of a young kokni girl who came from a very humble background but today is a successful entrepreneur facing tough times but showing her grit to finally achieve her goals.

The speakers were presented mementoes by Dr. Iqbal Vanoo, Co-Founder of KCCI and CEO of Kuwait Oilers Company, in appreciation of their support to the event.

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Message from Janab Abdullah Thakur



Assalamualaikum warahmatull

Let me begin by congratulating KCCI team and all guests for a wonderfully arranged event. The DNA of which was so unique that I felt privileged to have been invited to be part of this event.

The content was very well placed and gave a good view for the audience on how entrepreneurship can be pursued and how to be prepared to face challenges

The seniors were kind enough to both take time out from the schedules and share with the audience moving and emotional learning curves they went through in their lives, while the young showed their zeal of what young Kokan is all about with their start-up ideas

All in all "5 Stars" 👍

Indeed, a very class A event.

Hats off to Intikhab, Iqbal bhai and Hasan bhai for taking a massive responsibility and delivering it with such ease...

The afternoon session began with a presentation by Hasan Wangde , CEO of Great Value Investments. He shared his experiences regarding start-ups and reasons of their failures and downfalls. Parvez Hamdulay, a successful businessman from Dubai in food and restaurant sector narrated his own story of how sometimes vulnerability creeps up into start-ups and how it can affect the business and if not taken head-on may result in total collapse of the whole project. Majid Baig, CEO of TeaFlection described his voyage from a Merchant Navy captain to a passionate entrepreneur launching Fili tea of Dubai in Mumbai. Entrepreneurship is no more a monopoly of males amongst Koknis. There are many kokni women who are running businesses successfully like Ms. Sana'a Kazi, Joint MD & CXO of Sasha Facility Management Company. While she described the challenges, she gave a glimpse of the potential in the facility Management sector. Asif Kitekar a prominent Legal advisor to Small and Medium Corporates and Start up spoke about the importance of having your business ventures covered up legally through right Contracts and Agreements.

It was a pleasure to listen to the ideas and thoughts of the emerging entrepreneurs. Gulzar Wangde presented his idea about dairy business, Mohammed Kapdi and Amanullah Rajapkar spoke about thier food delivery app-based business, this was followed by presentations of ideas from Umar Rais in the field of Academics, Shahab from the field of wi-fi marketing and Zaid Mahimi about importance of cyber security.

Iqbal Vanoo briefed the audience on the future agenda of KCCI and appreciated the keenness of the community seniors and established entrepreneurs to support and mentor the upcoming start-up projects and requested all to join and strengthen the hands of KCCI. Intikhab Chougale thanked the Event Coordinator, Manzoor Nadkar, Co-Founder Hasan Wangde and honoured the team comprising of Aliya Ahmed Dalwai, Awwab Fakhri and Imran Nadkar by presenting a Memento for their excellent work in supporting the event. The entire day proceedings were arranged to be shown live on KCCI's FB page. And the response for online views was very impressive and the team has received encouraging response for this initiative.

Team KCCI founder Intikhab Chougale has assured the participants and viewers that in sha allah the team will be back very soon with their next announcement for the emerging entrepreneurs.

Picture Gallery

