## <u>Delphique'23: MDI Gurgaon's Triumph in Academia,</u> <u>Innovation, and Culture</u>

<u>India, 2nd January 2024:</u> Delphique'23, the flagship event of MDI Gurgaon, unfolded with grandeur and purpose, leaving an indelible mark on the academic and cultural landscape. The two-day extravaganza, held on December 16 and 17, showcased a diverse spectrum of events, blending intellect, entertainment, and creativity. With an overarching goal of fostering knowledge exchange and celebrating creativity, the event left an indelible mark on participants and spectators alike.

The event was connected with a momentous keynote speaker session on December 16, 2023, featuring a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and opening remarks from **Prof. Arvind Sahay and Prof. Vidhu Gaur**. The Guest of Honor, **Mr. Arun Maira**, delivered a thought-provoking speech on "**Transforming Capitalism: Improving the World for Everyone**," drawing insights from Gandhian principles. The dynamic Q&A session facilitated direct engagement with **Mr Maira**, enhancing the event's impact on the 120+ participants. A post-session lunch fostered personalized connections, solidifying the bond between the visionary guest and the academic community. Mementos and a symbolic plant were presented as means of appreciation and growth.

The intellectual discourse continued with the **Model United Nations**, hosting two committees—the **All India Political Parties Meet** and the **United Nations General Assembly**. These committees delved into discussions on electoral reforms in India and the global refugee crisis, respectively. With footfalls of 29 and 25 members, these discussions culminated in actionable insights and calls for the effective implementation of expert group recommendations.

Simultaneously, **Cerebro 12.0**, MDI Gurgaon's national case study competition, unfolded in collaboration with **Paytm Money.** With a staggering **839** registrations, the competition navigated through simulation rounds and case submissions; they were identifying the top 8 finalists who presented their solutions to real-world challenges in the finance industry. The winners walked away with cash prizes of INR 1,00,000, marking a triumph in strategic thinking and problem-solving.

The day concluded with **The Corporate Ramp Walk**—a celebration of style, elegance, and gender equality. Judges **Sandhya Raman and Shreya Chopra** lent their expertise as 24 participants, including 12 males and 12 females, showcased fashion prowess.

Day 2 kicked off with the continuation of Model United Nations discussions, followed by **Vincenza**—the flagship business-plan competition under **Delphique**. With over 550 nationwide registrations, Vincenza provides a platform for entrepreneurial growth, offering exclusive mentorship and funding opportunities. Out of 5 teams that enjoyed exclusive mentorship with partner **VC firms, YourNest VC and Crest Innovations**', the top 3 teams secured cash prizes totalling INR 1,00,000 and a 6-week incubation with Crest Innovations.

During Delphique, IMpulse - the International Business and Public Policy club, orchestrated a Live Panel Discussion on "Empowering Business Growth Through Strategic Public Policy: Navigating Regulatory Dynamics and Championing Innovation". The panel discussion aimed to delve deep into the intricate relationship between public policy and the business environment, exploring how effective policy dynamics catalyze business growth, enabling businesses to flourish and innovate within the ambit of well-considered governance. The esteemed panel included speakers: **Dr Jayashree Gupta, President of Consumers India; Mr. Biren Anshu, CHRO of The Hi-Tech Robotic Systems Ltd.; and Dr. Rohit Prasad, Author and Area Lead in Economics & Public Policy, MDI Gurgaon**. The panel was moderated by Prof. Sunil Ashra. Throughout the session, the panelists provided invaluable insights, and their collective expertise and real-world experiences illuminated the quality of the discourse. The event provided the students with a platform for rich discussions, insightful exchanges between the panelists and the students, and a deeper understanding of the symbiotic relationship between public policy and business prosperity.

Meanwhile, Mandolins serenaded the evening, setting the stage for the much-anticipated **Comedy Night with Vipul Goyal.** The auditorium was filled with laughter as the newly learned comedian maintained a 500+-strong audience, providing a humorous take on the professional world.

**Delphique'23** concluded on a high note, with branding knowledge, laughter, and glamour. The meticulous planning and execution resulted in cherished memories and valuable insights. MDI Gurgaon's Delphique'23 truly stood as a testament to the institution's commitment to holistic education and fostered a vibrant community of thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

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