International Leadership Summit 2022 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.)

(16th Dec to 18th December 2022)

Theme: Diversity and Inclusivity

Key Points of Focus

- 1) Creativity & Innovation
- 2) Technology & Social
- 3) Inclusivity & Diversity

Total Number of Participants: 120

Total Number of International Delegates: 50

Mr. Ashhar Ahmed Ashfaque Ahmed, Student Innovator from GSMS GTU (MBA IEV 3rd Semester) representing his Startup SkillShark (Incubated at GISC & GTU DIC) attended International Leadership Summit (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) envisioned with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. This summit aspired to establish a culture of young leadership and train exceptional future leaders through a morally based approach to education that emphasizes the cultivation of nationalism, character values, and international culture in the young generation. At the summit, young leaders from worldwide gathered to discuss and share strategies for safeguarding and empowering young people in their respective communities. The summit explored the role and importance of education, economic recession and recovery post-Covid-19. It was intended to engage youths and give them a deeper understanding of current global issues. It required skills in speaking, debating, and writing, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership. As an Indian delegate, Mr. Ashhar Ahmed Ashfaque Ahmed Shaikh (Student Innovator, MBA IEV, GSMS, GTU) has gained diplomatic skills and knowledge of global issues through this summit, besides being embedded with the significance of diversity and inclusion. Seven years after the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Goalkeepers Report 2022 stated that & "the world is on track to achieve almost none of the goals". According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the COVID-19 pandemic has wiped out six years of progress on the SDGs globally. To set the world back on track, the UNDP has recommended a concerted global "SDG Push." The UN believes there are four key areas to achieving this, which include governance, social protection, green economy, and digitisation. The UN is also advocating the use of Digital Public Goods (DPGs) and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to help achieve the SDGs. If there ever was a good time to speak about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India, it is now. India is already a global pioneer in the use of DPIs to drive transformation. We have all seen the impact of our homegrown DPIs,

Aadhaar and UPI (combined with Jandhan and Mobiles) in driving financial inclusion and helping improve benefits targeting which have been crucial to India's progress. Being an International Innovative University, we at GSMS & GTU are having our strong focus on achieving the SDGs in key sectors including Good Health and Wellbeing, Clean Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Cities and Communities, and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.



Figure 1 Group Discussion about Creativity & Innovation at Hotel Santa Grand Signature Kuala Lumpur



Figure 2 Runner-Up SDG Quiz at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris

SDG Quiz was intended to assess the general awareness understanding about Sustainable Development Goals amongst the participants. The quiz was Online with time limit of 20 Minutes, conducted at UPSI, Malaysia.



Figure 3 Rising Start Award for excellent presentation during the Summit

Rising Star Award signifies the Outstanding Performance of the Delegate during the Summit. The award was given based on parameters of Leadership, Communication, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.



Figure 4 Representing India at a Global Summit