



SHRI RAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

Industry Interaction Session Report

Learning from the Best

Event Details:

Event Name: Beyond degrees: The power of skills, TVET and New-Age Careers

Event Date: 13 September 2025 (9 AM)

Guest Speaker Details:

Raakesh Sharma

Deputy General manager,
NSDC

About Speaker:

Mr. Raakesh Sharrma spearheads quality assurance and operational strategies at NSDC, empowering skill development and livelihood opportunities across India. He is the author of the 'Skill Pulse' LinkedIn newsletter and recipient of the Kaushalacharya Award by the Ministry of Skill Development for his excellence as a Master Trainer.

With deep expertise in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), assessment frameworks, and stakeholder collaboration, he has significantly shaped India's skilling ecosystem. His previous work at Tata STRIVE (2016–2024) strengthened youth employability through CSR-driven initiatives.

He is also the creator of innovative frameworks such as the Kaushal Quotient (KQ) and SkillMark, guiding the future of skill certification in India.

Committee tasks:

- Ensured smooth coordination, guest reception, timely communication, and respectful send-off.
- Managed photography, videography, and event discipline while handling latecomers efficiently.
- Facilitated structured session flow with a well-prepared introduction, engaging moderation, and timely memento presentation.
- Encouraged audience interaction by asking relevant questions and ensuring active participation throughout the session.

Lecture Insights:

Mr. Sharrma shared his diversified journey, highlighting the importance of continuous skill development in building a world-class skilling ecosystem. He emphasized NSDC's role in bridging the gap between academia and industry through competency-based assessments and global best practices such as Germany's apprenticeship model, France's culinary upskilling, and Singapore's on-job training. He also discussed international qualification mapping to keep Indian youth globally competitive and spoke on the adoption of Generative AI, urging participants to stay open-minded, curious, and adaptable. Stressing the value of critical thinking, mindfulness, and sustainability, he concluded by advising students to follow their passion, work hard in balance, and remain future-ready through continuous learning.

Key takeaways included:

- Continuous skill-building can transform one's journey, regardless of the starting point.
- Global best practices like Germany's apprenticeship model and Singapore's training systems can inspire India's skilling ecosystem.
- Adaptability, critical thinking, and mindfulness are essential to thrive in an AI-driven, uncertain job market.

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