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**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 **Topic:** Catch Your Dreams, Celebrate Life!

Organized For: Class 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Category: Scientific and Life Skills

No. of Participants: 400+ students from different schools across India

**Speaker/Presenter:** Dr. Awadh Dubey (Ophthalmologist and Motivational Speaker)

Other Attendees: Prof. B. B. Dhar (Former Director, CSIR-CMRI, Chairman, KAMP Planning and Monitoring Committee) Dr. Kanika Malik (Head-BDG, CSIR-NIScPR) Dr. Mohammad. Rais (Chief Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR) Dr. Kasturi Mandal (Principal Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR), Dr. Suman Ray (Principal Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR), Dr. Farhat Azad (Principal Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR)

### Overview:

On April 28th, 2022, KAMP conducted a special workshop on "Catch your Dreams, Celebrate Life" by Dr. Awadh Dubey. Dr. Dubey is an ophthalmologist and a motivational speaker. He is also the founder of R.K. Devi Eye Research Institute and The Young Achievers Group (TYAG).

Dr. Dubey has received several national and international awards and recognition for his hard work and his dedication to serving humanity. He is a true example of medico-social entrepreneurship and service. He has been serving humanity for more than 40 years with the aim of "Reaching the Unreached".



Until March 2022, he operated on 32,771 poor eye patients, examined 3,02,491, and organized 1,010 camps. This year, to celebrate our 75th year of Independence or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Dr. Dubey aims to conduct 75 eye checkup camps and motivational talks for government school students. Additionally, he wants to conduct programs for improvements in the health and living conditions of citizens over 70 years of age.



This session was graced by the presence of Prof. B. B. Dhar (Chairman, KPMC and Former Director CSIR - CMRI), Dr. Mohammad Rais (Chief Scientist CSIR-NIScPR), Dr. Kasturi Mandal (Member-KPMC PI, KAMP, CSIR-NIScPR) and our Young Aspires of KAMP.

In our session, Prof. B. B. Dhar (Chairman, KPMC and Former Director CSIR-CMRI) guided the students to have a healthy balance between studies, friends, and family. He mentions that the younger generation is very keen to learn, and as they grow, their level of confidence will increase. Eventually, it will help them succeed in life. Last but not least,

he adds that the younger generation should be prepared to face life. There is a lot of competition in India, for which they must have faith in themselves.

Dr. Kasturi Mandal, before the merger of CSIR-NISCAIR and CSIR-NISTADS to form CSIR-NISCPR, was a part of CSIR-NISTADS. She was into science and technology and innovation policy research. In our session, she mentioned that exams in schools are very subject-specific and domain-specific. So, it becomes very important to map out each child, as they are unique, and guide them to use their talent for their bright future as well as for the betterment of society. She adds that NCPL has been very actively and wonderfully taking this project forward.



We were very fortunate to have them all with us for the special workshop and support us in our aim to map the science process skills and scientific attitudes of young students based on their assessment and nurture them as future scientists of the country. At KAMP, we believe that every student is blessed with a core talent and aim to bring out the best in them through this platform. We aim to inculcate critical thinking ability within them and fill in the gaps that prevent them from achieving their highest potential.



In this special workshop, Dr. Dubey addressed the young stars or rising stars of the country that even though the last 2.5 years have been quite challenging for humanity (concerning the COVID-19 and Russia-Ukraine Conflict this year), it is our moral responsibility to remain focused on our dreams and goals. We must all have a fire in our hearts, a direction in mind, and be willing to give our 100% to achieve them. The summary of the session is provided below, in which he highlights aspects of human behavioral patterns, how to make efforts, how to sustain,

and how to succeed and continue on our journey.

He begins by saying, "Dream is like a growing child. Once it is planted in us, we must be very careful and alert because, even though it is our dream, it tends to run faster than us once it takes shape." There are times when we as a dreamer may want to rest for a short while, especially after

reaching the desired outcome. Dr. Dubey advises us to have a balance or certain amount of control over the amount of time we chase our dream and the amount of time we have to rest after achieving the desired result.

According to him, we must focus on whatever goals and dreams we have. Try to think and visualize having achieved what you want to do. Try to think of the end in your mind. Can you see the entire process unfolding before you? How does it feel?



### The highlights of this session were:

# 1. The power of now

- "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today."
  - ~ Mother Teresa
- Dr Awadh Dubey used a metaphor, relating the mind to a monster, especially when
  we have to study or maintain focus on the task at hand. He added that we have to
  train our minds and set certain conditions that enable us to become the master and
  take control over it.
- We need to keep taking breaks so that we remain focused on the task at hand.
- Anything can be achieved with practice. Similarly, we can practice mindfulness and be present at the moment with all our senses. With practice over time, we can strengthen our power to be in the here and now.

### 2. Come out of your comfort zone

- Suppose there is a plane, it is on the ground... and wants to stay on the ground only. Will it be able to achieve or perform the functions it is meant to?
- Similarly, if we have to achieve anything in our lives, we have to come out of our comfort zone. The comfort zone is a block that makes it difficult for you to achieve the desired outcome.
- Once you move out of your comfort zone, you will feel that the whole world is waiting for you, for your performance.

### 3. Always be open, alert, and focused

- Open to what you have to do, Alert while analyzing what are the things that are disturbing your routine, and Focus on the things that are productive for you.
- Again, with practice, you will have a better understanding of what are the things that
  you need to minimize from your surroundings and what are the things you need to
  focus on.

# 4. Recharge yourself with consistent discipline and time management

• We all have a synergy between consistent discipline and time management. Having a good balance between the two is the key to reaching your destination.

### 5. Tools of success

- Smart work is the key. Put your efforts in the right direction, using all the appropriate tools or resources you have.
- There are many tools you can use to ensure your progress. We are all familiar with timetable, compartmentalizing (categorizing) ,and group study.
- As a student, you can collect the study material required for a certain exam, prioritize as per difficulty, study with friends, and spend your time efficiently practicing for the exam.

# 6. The power of you

 Nobody can indeed replace you, we each have a unique talent. We all have a special place in this world. We just have to efficiently use the resources we have within ourselves as well as in our environment. Use them wisely, it will take you to places. So, like Dr. Dubey said, "You are the key to your progress".

### 7. End with happiness in mind, gratitude

• Each one teaches one, each one plants one, saves electricity, saves water, coins of sight, gift of clothes.

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