

Report on Global Awareness Session

The Counselling and Guidance Cell (CGC) and the Happy Thinking Laboratory (HTL) of the University of Lucknow, in collaboration with UPGRAD, organized a Global Awareness Session on 16th January 2026 at 1:45 PM. The session was conducted under the patronage of Professor Jai Prakash Saini, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow.

The event aimed to broaden students' perspectives on global opportunities in higher education, career development, and emerging trends in the EdTech sector.



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Professor Jai Prakash Saini
Vice Chancellor,
University of Lucknow
16th Jan, 2026 at 1:45 pm

**Venue: Happy Thinking Laboratory, ONGC Building, III Floor,
Lucknow University**



Guest Speaker
Swati Ranjan
Head Institutional Engagement, UpGrad.
Alumnus of IIM Indore, St. Stephen's College and Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University.
Swati has been in Edtech for more than 15 years.
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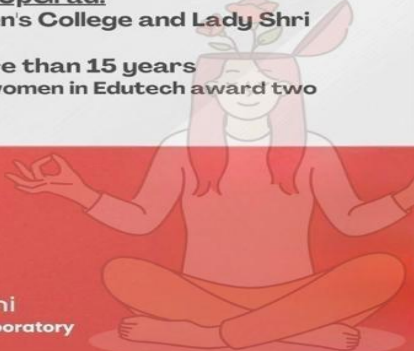
Convenors



Prof. Vaishali Saxena
Director, Counselling and Guidance Cell



Prof. M Priyadarshini
Director, Happy Thinking Laboratory



The keynote address was delivered by **Ms. Swati Ranjan**, Head – Institutional Engagement, UpGrad. Ms. Ranjan is an alumna of IIM Indore, St. Stephen's College, and Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University. With over 15 years of experience in the EdTech sector, she has been recognized with the Power Women in EdTech Award for two consecutive years.



In her address, Ms. Swati Ranjan emphasized the importance of global awareness in today's interconnected and rapidly evolving world. She highlighted emerging international career opportunities and encouraged students to prepare themselves for a competitive global job market. She also explained the growing role of online and hybrid learning platforms in enhancing employability and bridging skill gaps. Stressing the need for continuous learning, she spoke about skill development aligned with global standards to ensure professional growth and adaptability.



The event was successfully coordinated under the able leadership of Prof. Vaishali Saxena, Director, Counselling and Guidance Cell, and Prof. M. Priyadarshini, Director, Happy Thinking Laboratory. Their constant guidance, meticulous planning, and dedicated efforts ensured the smooth organization of the programme and encouraged enthusiastic participation from students across various faculties.



Students from various faculties attended the session with great enthusiasm and active participation. The interactive discussion provided valuable insights into global education trends, effective career readiness strategies, the importance of continuous upskilling, and the growing relevance of digital learning platforms and certifications. The session proved to be highly informative and motivating, encouraging students to adopt a global perspective while planning their academic and professional journeys. At the conclusion of the programme, participants were also awarded certificates in recognition of their participation.





The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Vaishali Saxena, Director, Counselling and Guidance Cell. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jai Prakash Saini, for his patronage and constant encouragement in organizing such enriching academic initiatives. She also extended heartfelt thanks to the guest speaker, Ms. Swati Ranjan, for her insightful and inspiring address. Dr. Saxena appreciated the collaborative support of UpGrad, the organizing team, faculty members, and students whose active participation contributed to the success of the programme. She concluded by reiterating the University's commitment to organizing more such sessions aimed at enhancing students' global awareness and career readiness.



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