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A brief report on Awareness Session “Make a Difference” organized by Faculty of Commerce and Management, Integral University, Lucknow in association with Swapna Foundation (NGO)

Faculty of Commerce and Management has organized an awareness session on “MAKE A DIFFERENCE” in association with SWAPANA FOUNDATION (NGO) on **29 May 2023** at the Seminar Hall, E- Block from 10:30 am onwards. The event was graced by **Dr. Asiya Chaudhary, Professor, Department of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University** as a Guest of Honour along with the team of SWAPANA FOUNDATION of five members. The event was conducted under the guidance of **Prof. Adeel Maqbool**, Professor & Vice Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management and **Dr. Syed Shahid Mazhar**, Professor & Head of Department of Commerce and Business Management. The event was attended by eighty-four UG and PG students, accompanied by faculty members in the department.

The event commenced with the welcome of the Guest of Honour and the introduction of the theme ‘Make a Difference’ under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals agenda. **Prof. Asiya Chaudhary** debated about the responsibility of individuals towards sustainable development of society and implement practices to ensure healthy environmental growth and become responsible citizens. She has emphasized on important issues viz. Environment Sustainability, helping the underprivileged, improving livelihood, women empowerment, and child education to draw attention and all of us shall work in a direction to bring a better life to the deprived ones.

The Team of NGO led by Saksham, Yash, Deepak, Mansi and Pooja have vastly inspired the students with real-life based stories of their social activities. The team has shared their videos to make aware the students of how their initiative towards society can make a difference. Their aim is to raise awareness of issues and bring them into the public view so that most people in society who do not have a big platform of their own may get a good livelihood. The session was concluded with a thanksgiving note by the Prof. Adeel Maqbool. He expressed his gratitude towards Prof. Asiya for her time and motivational words and the team NGO for their cooperation and support in organizing the session.

Dr. Farhina Sardar Khan coordinated and hosted the program with her team Dr. Priyanka Bajpai, Dr. Nazia Akhlaq, Dr. Kainat A. Usmani and Dr. Saurabh Bajpai.

