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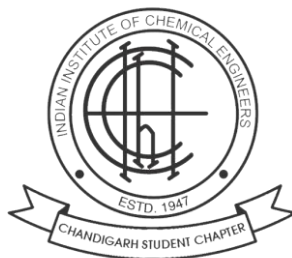
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Objective:

“No thief, however skillful can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.” – L. Frank Baum

To celebrate the founder's day of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IIChE), IIChE-Chandigarh Regional Centre organized a webinar on "The role of Chemical Engineering in MSMEs". Mr. Rakesh Rattan Aggarwal, an alumnus of Dr. SSBUI CET and a renowned industrialist was the honorable speaker for the day. The primary motive of the seminar was to roll out a red carpet for chemical engineers and let them know about MSMEs and how they can contribute to the industry.

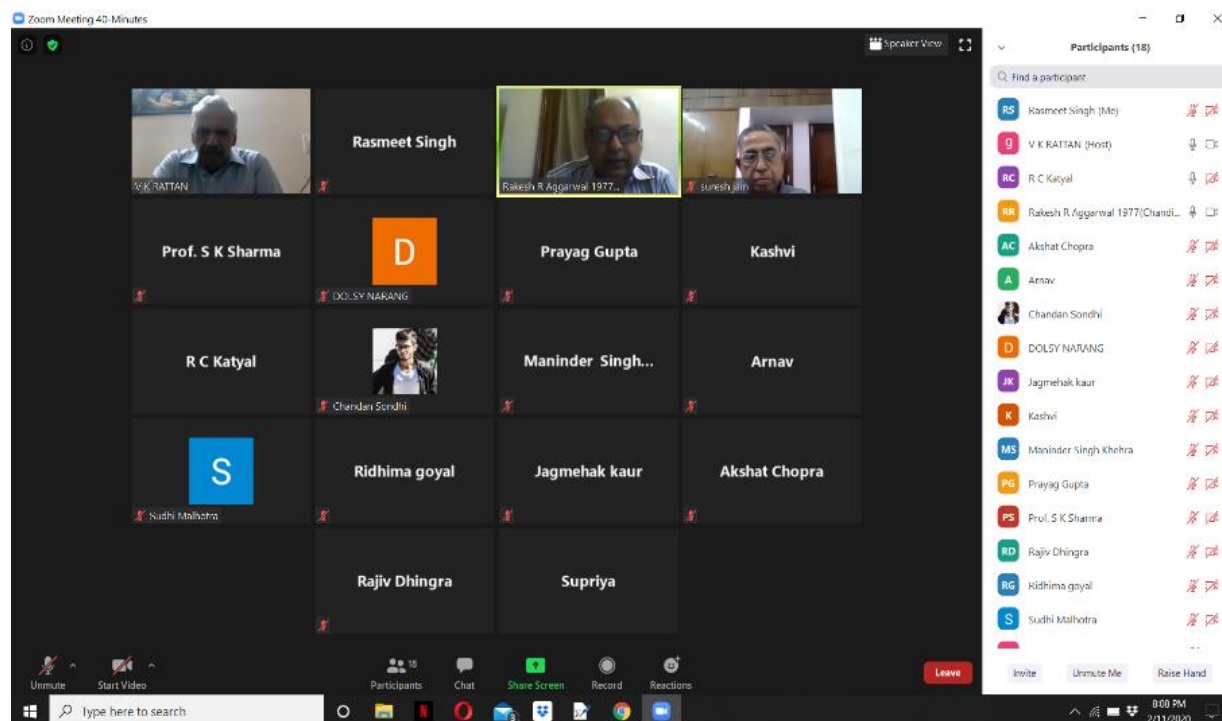
The image shows a screenshot of a PowerPoint presentation being displayed in a Zoom meeting. The PowerPoint title is "ROLE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING IN MSMEs". The main slide content reads: "I.I.Ch.E., Founders Day Celebrations on 2nd November, 2020, by Chandigarh Regional Center of I.I.Ch.E". The Zoom meeting interface is visible on the right side, showing a list of participants: Rasmeeet Singh, Rakesh Rattan Aggarwal, Prof. S K Sharma, and Rajiv Dhingra. The Zoom window also shows a video feed of Rakesh Rattan Aggarwal. The PowerPoint interface includes a ribbon with tabs like FILE, HOME, INSERT, DESIGN, TRANSITIONS, ANIMATIONS, SLIDE SHOW, REVIEW, and VIEW. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Slide 1 of 14" and "66%".

Details of the event:

On 2nd November, 2020 under the able guidance of Dr. VK Rattan, IIChE-CRC conducted a webinar to address the surplus of opportunities MSMEs have and how chemical engineers can give to the industry. Starting at 8pm, the webinar was organized to mark the day when Dr. Hira Lal Roy, a great visionary and a forerunner of chemical engineering education in India laid the foundation of a common

platform (called IChE) for all the chemical engineers to come together and produce technologies to pave the way for a better country.

Mr. Rakesh Aggarwal, an industrialist and an entrepreneur was the speaker for the day. Mr. Aggarwal started his professional life as an assistant engineer and then used his knowledge to start a Zinc Sulphate manufacturing unit in his early life. A well-known industrialist now, he has been into many other MSMEs and has inspected many government schemes which are laid to help new entrepreneurs.



He started his talk by sharing his personal experiences to inspire the young minds and then gave a general introduction of MSMEs. He enlightened everyone about the rising importance of the service sector and discussed how changing trends gave rise to the MSMED act of 2006. Then, using statistics and facts, he linked the GDP of a country to the number and success of MSMEs and informed everyone how these two must go hand in hand. Emphasis was laid on the job opportunities in this sector and how one can become an entrepreneur in the same line. Life is incomplete without challenges, right? He thus highlighted the challenges the sector faces and how they open doors to a plethora of opportunities. Focusing on the importance of Chemical engineers for the industry he answered

some very important questions like what makes a good engineer or why we are still endeavoring to be a low skilled nation or our manufacturing struggle with China. He talked about the important traits of a chemical engineer and inspired all the listeners to take steps to improve the scenario of the industrial sector of the country. He emphasized on the importance of becoming self-reliant and the need to use technology and also be aware about various government schemes.

The webinar ended with a question and answer session in which students were seen participating energetically. To mark the ending of the day, the organizing team thanked Mr. Aggarwal for his efforts and encouraged all the attendees to work upon their skills and never stop learning.

Feedback:

The students found the webinar to be really informative and interesting. Everyone was excited and passionate to learn more about MSMEs. They found this seminar knowledgeable and motivational. Overall it was a very successful event.