

World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce – Houston Event

The Houston Chapter of WZCC holds dinner events for its members several times a year featuring distinguished speakers from various disciplines. The speakers are carefully chosen for their expertise in topics that help our members in their profession, business, or personal lives.

On September 22, 2016 the Houston Chapter of WZCC presented Mr. Pradeep Anand, a corporate executive, an engineer, a consultant, a professor, an author, and a much sought-after speaker.

In his one-hour presentation titled: "Being Successful in the Worst of Times", Pradeep Anand crystallized the attitudes and behaviors that are necessary to pull one out of bad times and put him or her on the road to success. He traced his roots from the time his grandfather migrated to Bombay about 100 years back -- a very difficult time when only half the population survived past the age of seven, and literacy rates were 11% for men and 1% for women. Out of that scenario, came the emphasis of his family on two factors: health and education. In the worst of times, it pays to concentrate one's resources and focus on a couple of vital items.

Pradeep emphasized that you have to work at being successful by going through four steps: Discovery, Decisions, Recovery, and Persistence. Using a backdrop of the hard times faced by the oil and gas industry, Mr. Anand expanded on each of the four factors. Discovery involves recognition of the difficult times, and assessing one's strengths that can help to improve the situation. Decision-making involves deciding whether to make the best of the current situation (fight), or moving to a different sandbox to play (flight). Recovery requires an optimistic attitude and relies on conventional or unconventional solutions. Persistence through self-confidence and a laser-like focus on getting better will prepare us for the best of times and the worst of times.



Pradeep Anand at WZCC-Houston Dinner Meeting

Pradeep Anand traced the history of oil prices, and the ups and downs it has gone through in the last century. Coupled with the present situation of increased supply and stable demand, Pradeep warned that oil prices can be expected to remain at a low level for several more years, prolonging the difficult times currently faced by the industry.

Pradeep Anand's presentation was very well received, as evident from the animated discussions and questions that followed. WZCC (Houston) is grateful to Pradeep for taking the time to share his insights and experience with our members.



L to R: Rustom Engineer, Pradeep Anand, Aderbad Tamboli, Jehangir Mistry, Sharmeen Irani (Chapter Co-Chair), Jal Sethna (Chapter co-chair)

"WZCC (Houston) helps members succeed as entrepreneurs and professionals through career enhancement, better financial management, and enrichment of their personal lives."

- Jehangir Mistry