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**New Delhi, India:** The Real Life 'Phunsukh Wangdu' of 3 Idiots Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, who has been recently awarded the prestigious 'Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2016' for his innovation of Ice Stupas, was the guest speaker for the evening at a Talk Series organized by the Future Institute in New Delhi. He shared his journey and vision of transforming the conventional education system to an alternative learning approach

through his visionary project of establishing a university for alternative learning in Ladakh.

Sonam was invited as the first speaker of the Future Talk series titled "The Next Learning Revolution", at the India International Centre, that seeks to bring some of the world's most renowned urban thinkers and practitioners on an integrated platform. Aptly named "Future Talks", this prolific and noble initiative is a step towards creating a more responsible, resilient and liveable future and transforming the potential of our nation. The event witnessed the presence of many distinguished intellectuals from diverse fields; with Mr. Naeem Akhtar, Minister for Education, J&K, as the Chief Guest along with many distinguished names from the industry including Mr. Nawaaz Rigzin Jora, Minister for Urban Development and Urban Local Bodies, J&K, Prof. Ajay Mathur, Dr. Ashok Khosla, and others gracing the occasion, and Mr. Sonam Wangchuk- a renowned engineer-turned-education reformist from Ladakh as the Guest Speaker.

Announcing the proposed Alternative University (with Future Institute as the master planning partner) in Ladakh, Mr. Wangchuk said, "We are preparing to launch our most ambitious project till date – Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL), an alternative university for mountain development, which will use our 25 years of

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