

# THE AIE TIMES



A Glimpse of activities conducted during Amity Human Value Quarter

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Best of Western education combined with the best of Indian values, culture and sanskaars can produce “Super human beings”. In order to bring Amity students closer to human values of caring and sharing, selfless love and affection and make them principled and complete human beings, Amity University observes “Human Values Quarter” every year, concluding on the birthday of Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan- Chairperson, Amity International Schools. The Value Quarter concluded on April 29, 2013.

Values neither can be learnt through books nor they can be imposed; they are learnt in groups at home through role models. It is imperative to entwine the basics of human values into education in order to churn out humane and successful professionals who are globally sought after. Thus, Amity Human Value Quarter is entirely driven by the students with the support of faculty members, aiming to sensitize students towards the plight of vulnerable sections of the society.

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE QUARTER



**Amity Institute of Education, New Delhi jointly with National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) organized two day Seminar on “Quality in Higher Education: Identifying Developing and Sustaining Best Practices” on May 16 & 17, 2013 at Amity Campus, Saket, New Delhi.**

**Dr. Ranjana Bhatia-Prof. & Principal, Amity Institute of Education, Delhi and Prof. J.S. Rajput, Formerly Director, NCERT inaugurated the Seminar.**

Sharing his views during the occasion, **Prof. J.S. Rajput, Formerly Director, NCERT** emphasized the need of developing sustainable policies for ensuring quality in higher education. He remarked that strengthening of primary and secondary education is essential for increasing Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in higher education. He stressed upon the need of value based education and the need to imbibe social and work cultural qualities like punctuality, persistence of learning, pursuit of excellence, responsibility towards social changes and analytical approach in ensuring quality in higher education..

The participants of the seminar included faculty members of the Teacher Training Colleges of various universities across the country and school teachers from several schools of the NCR. Some of the participating Universities included *Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Banasthali University, Rajasthan, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad, Delhi University, Gurukul Mahavidyalaya, Haridwar, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Aligarh Muslim University and Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Noida*

During the day, four sessions unfolded on the sub-themes- **“Quality assurance in higher education- Internal and external approaches”, “Approaches to overcome challenges for ensuring quality”, “Identifying existing quality standards for teaching and administration in the institutes of higher education” and “Developing best practices for sustaining quality in higher education”.**

The participants presented their views on the sub-themes in a very lucid manner bringing about the internal and external approaches for assuring quality in higher education, talking about the challenges in maintaining the quality and ways of overcoming those challenges. Some of the participants talked about the best practices in sustaining quality in higher education.

The two days seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation by the teachers who came up with innovative ideas and suggestions on the main theme and the sub-themes of the seminar.

## TÊTE-À-TÊTE

**Ms. Pratimam Saxena, Assistant Professor has been associated with AIE, New Delhi from the year 2008.**



**Q1. Ma'am, If not teaching, which other field you think you would have joined?**

Ans. I wanted to be a scientist working in Bhaba Atomic Research Center (BARC). I also dreamt of becoming a singer. So, I would have been very happy to be a singing scientist.

**Q2. Ma'am, What are your views on present generation?**

Ans. Every generation differs from previous one and the tendency is to show concern for the new generation as they seem less and less connected with reality. Let me say this that it is a blessing as well as a challenge at the same time because today's generation is always testing, trying and discovering ups and downs of being human. The current generation is very focused and full of energy so I sincerely hope that they are not going to be distracted too much by technology which surrounds us more than ever and will not lose the touch of humanity.

**Q3. Ma'am, As an experienced teacher, what advice do you have for future teachers?**

Ans. My first expectation from future teachers would be that they need to be comfortable with the emerging technologies like social media and use them as discussion rooms to supplement their resources. The future teachers need to be enablers helping students to identify their strengths, weaknesses and most importantly their aptitudes so that their students can realize their true potential.

**Q4. Ma'am, Who is your role model?**

Ans. Role model..! Actually it is very difficult for me to select an individual as my role model and if I do so then I am not doing justice with so many other persons who have made impressions on my mind. Well I am quite influenced by the Philosophy of J. Krishnamurti and Rabindra Nath Tagore.

**Q5. What do you do in your leisure time?**

Ans. I love watching Bollywood and Hollywood movies, I also enjoy listening to light classical music and of course I would love to go for long drives with my family when I have enough time.

**Q6. Which is your favourite food or cuisine?**

Ans. I love eating sweets and enjoy Indian curries with tandoori roti or naan.

**Q7. Which song do you like the most?**

Ans. Again very difficult selection...Ok ! I like songs sung and lyrics written by Swanand Kirkire under the music direction of talented musician Ram Sampath for SATYA MEV JAYATE.

“O Ri Chiraiya Nanhi si chidiy Angnaa mein phir aaja re”

**Q8. Which is your favourite film?**

Ans. Undoubtedly, TARE ZAMIN PAR made by Aamir Khan and LIFE OF PI Directed by Ang Lee

**Q9. If u had a magic lamp, what would be your three wishes?**

Ans. Teachers have been the most neglected community in our society in the present time so I would want that all teachers get the respect and place of honour in the society that they truly deserve.

Secondly, nowadays education has become a means to acquire money and physical comforts at any cost. I think this is the failure on the part of the teacher community. I wish to see a change coming in the society in this area and teachers becoming the cause of this change.

Lastly I wish that my students still recognize me when I am retired and old for something that I did to bring in positive change in their lives.

### RIDDLES

1. What goes up and down stairs without moving?
2. Give it food and it will live; give it water, will die.
3. What can you catch but not throw?
4. Take one out & scratch my head, I am now black but once was red.
5. Remove the outside, cook the inside, eat the outside, throw away the inside.

**ANSWERS -**

Carpet, fire, a cold, nose, corn,

## WHY WE SHOUT IN ANGER ??

A Hindu saint who was visiting river Ganges to take bath found a group of family members on the banks, shouting in anger at each other. He turned to his disciples smiled 'n asked.

'Why do people shout in anger shout at each other?'

Disciples thought for a while, one of them said, 'Because we lose our calm, we shout.'

'But, why should you shout when the other person is just next to you? You can as well tell him what you have to say in a soft manner.' asked the saint

Disciples gave some other answers but none satisfied the other disciples. Finally the saint explained, .

'When two people are angry at each other, their hearts distance a lot. To cover that distance they must shout to be able to hear each other. The angrier they are, the stronger they will have to shout to hear each other to cover that great distance.

What happens when two people fall in love? They don't shout at each other but talk softly, Because their hearts are very close. The distance between them is either nonexistent or very small...'

The saint continued, 'When they love each other even more, what happens? They do not speak, only whisper 'n they get even closer to each other in their love. Finally they even need not whisper, they only look at each other 'n that's all. That is how close two people are when they love each other.' He looked at his disciples and said-

'So when you argue do not let your hearts get distant, Do not say words that distance each other more, Or else there will come a day when the distance is so great that you will not find the path to return.'

*“Let go of anger, hatred and negativity. Maintain pure thoughts of Love, Kindness and Positivity”*

