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“Session on Leadership- A Life Skill Activity”

Topic :	Session on Leadership as a part of Life Skill Activity for the students of MBA Semester I
Date of event :	October 14 ,2011
Aim of the Event	<p>According to internationally recognized expert, Warren Bennis, “leadership is the capacity to translate vision in to reality.” Since a manager’s job is to support the organization’s vision and mission in his area of responsibility by turning goals into reality, it logically follows that the ability to lead is a vital skill.</p> <p>Some people think that leaders are born, a miracle of nature. However, research indicates that leadership is primarily a set of specified behaviours and skills that distinguish it from the traditional management behaviours of command and control. These behaviors and skills can be performed by anyone willing to learn and apply them.</p> <p>But progressing from manager to leader does require examining assumptions, beliefs, and understandings. This session aimed at introducing both the belief system that provides a foundation for leadership and the specific tools and techniques used by outstanding leaders.</p>

Description of the event	<p>The session started with a general discussion on the topic: Are leaders born or made? The students erupted with ideas and the discussion was further accentuated by asking students to name leaders whom they idolize and look up to. There were names varying from Ms. Indira Nooyi to Ms. Chanda Kochhar to Mr. Rahul Gandhi and Mr. Anna Hazare.</p> <p>The session was made interactive with the help of a presentation showing interesting pictures on leadership and a background score to accompany it as well.</p> <p>An activity was undertaken showcasing the leadership skills every individual may possess. This activity was showcased the result of the session and students learned by example.</p> <p>In the end, the conclusion was that Leadership is situational and that leaders emerge out of choice and their much thought over vision.</p> <p>We hope that that this session was able to stimulate the idea of potential leadership in all students!</p>
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