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Universal Human Values at IIT Kanpur

JA 40 contact hours course MBA618: Universal Human Values and Professional Ethics is being offered at IIT Kanpur. Excerpts from the Sharing "Universal Human Values and its Impact: A Teacher's Perspective" by Prof. Veena Bansal of the Industrial and Management Department at IIT Kanpur who conducted this course during the summer semester of 2023.

"I taught Universal Human Values and Professional Ethics course at IIT Kanpur during the summer term of the academic year 2022-23. 76 students registered for the course. We had 40 contact hours. Dr. Kumar Gaurav was my co-instructor and Mr. Manoranjan, and Chandan Pandit were course teaching assistants. There were 13 PG students and 63 undergraduate students".

Each week 2 sessions of 2 hours each were conducted. They were highly interactive with regular quizzes and assignments.

A significant part of the course was the projects done in groups of 3-4 students. They were designed to reinforce self-exploration and verification of the proposals discussed in class.

"A group explored if such content is useful for half-hungry people. They started off assuming that they first needed physical facilities. But to their surprise, when they talked to 40 different people, they discovered that people were half hungry because of a lack of right understanding. They have bad habits, such as drinking/gambling, preconditioning such as having to have a son. These put them into a challenging financial situation".

"A student believed that only weak students cheat. I suggested that he should explore. This became their project. The team found out that students who cheat are not only the weak students but it is more prevalent. Students who cheat start feeling the pressure by the time they're in 3rd year and then they have health issues such as anxiety and depression. These students feel insecure. A course like Universal Human Values and Professional Ethics will help".

A mid-semester and an end-semester exam were conducted. Both were open-book, focusing on the application of concepts rather than rote memorization. The questions were intended to motivate students to analyze scenarios through the lens of their natural acceptance and draw out the underlying understanding or preconditioning.

The impact of the course extended far beyond the classroom.

"A student shared that his life was already sorted. He is very active and a member of many committees. The committees approached management/faculty with a feeling of opposition and most of the meetings were unfruitful and ended on a negative note. The issues were never resolved. After attending the course, he started telling his committee students to be more receptive, look at constraints on both sides and not approach these meetings with a feeling of opposition. He shared that many issues that had been pending for a long time were resolved in the last month".

Teaching the course was fulfilling for Prof. Bansal herself, "I started paying a lot more attention to myself, my desires and thoughts more than I have ever done. My participation also became very clear to me and that was very liberating. Certain relationships in my family had gone silent. I met some of these people, I could, without any feeling of opposition, approach them and greet them. One person just melted away and said to me- Oh I have wronged you so many times, I have hurt you so many times. I could see that he is still focusing on what is the impact of his actions on me and he still not focusing on what is the impact on himself. But I also realize that he's not ready if I ask him "Were you happy when you were hurting me?" or "You thought you were hurting me?" but I did not ask. I could see that time was not right".

Most of the students said that the course was valuable and should be made available regularly to all students.

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Upcoming Face to Face FDPs

Introductory UHV FDP (3-day, face-to-face, self-funded)

1-3 Sep Jai Sai Ram Engineering College, Tirupur, T.N.

6-8-Sep at R. M. Dhariwal Sinhgad Management School, Kondhapuri, Pune, Maharashtra.

7- 9 Sep at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, Karnataka.

8-10-Sep at Sant Hirdaram Institute of Management for Women, Bhopal, M.P.

8-10-Sep at Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Sambalpur, Orissa

11-13 Sep BK Birla Institute of Engineering & Technology, Pilani, Rajasthan.

11-13 Sep SKN Sinhgad College of Engineering, Pandharpur, Maharashtra

11-13 Sep Mahendra Engineering College, Nammakal, T.N.

14-16-Sep R V Institute of Management, Bangalore, Karnataka.

14-16 Sep Ambalika Institute of Management and Technology, Lucknow, U.P.

18-20 Sep Loyola Institute of Technology, Chennai, T.N.

22-24 Sep School of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Subhash University, Junagadh, Gujarat.

28-30 Sep Divine Institute of Engineering & Technology, Baripada, Odisha.

UHV-II FDP (5-day, face-to-face, self-funded)

5-9 Sep Institute of Technology and Science, Ghaziabad, U.P.

Upcoming Online FDPs

Introductory UHV FDP (5-day, online)

11-15 Sep in English

18-22 Sep in Hindi

25-29 Sep in English

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Introductory UHV SDPs (6 days online)

18-23 Sep in English



Online FDPs in August

Introductory UHV-I FDP (5-day, online)

21-25 Aug in English with 992 participants.

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UHV-IV FDP

(8-day, face-to-face, self-funded)

19-26 Aug 2023 at Ajay Kumar Garg Engineering College, Ghaziabad, U.P. was conducted under the aegis of AKTU. Mr. Gopal Babu was the Resource Person and Prof H.K. Rai was the Observer for the FDP.

41 participants registered, 23 attended, 21 recommended for the certificate.



UHV-II FDP

(8-day, face-to-face, self-funded)

31 Jul - 7 Aug at KIET group of Institutions, AKTU, Lucknow, U.P. Mr. Moti Chand was the Resource person, Dr. Manishi Mishra was the Co-facilitator, Mr. Raghavendra Pratap Singh was the Observer for the FDP.

63 participants registered, 48 attended, 48 recommended for the certificate.



Introductory UHV FDPs (3-day, face-to-face, self-funded)

31 Jul-2 Aug at Loknete Gopinathji Munde Institute of Engineering Education & Research (LOGIMEER), Nashik, Maharashtra. Mr. Vinay Chidri was the Resource person, Ms. Nirmala Aher was the Co-facilitator, Dr. Ajay Talwekar was the Observer for the FDP.

110 participants registered, 56 attended, 53 recommended for the certificate.



1-3 Aug at Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Punjab. Mr. Ajay Kumar Pal was the Resource person, Ms. Priyadarshini was the Co-facilitator, Ms. Banisha Prinjawas the Observer for the FDP.

99 participants registered, 47 attended, 29 recommended for the certificate.

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10-12 Aug at Sanjivani College of Engineering, Kopergaon, Maharashtra. Mr. Mahesh Kolte was the Resource person, Mr. Umesh Jadhav was the Co-facilitator, Mr. Ravindra Surase was the Observer for the FDP. 86 participants registered, 59 attended, 56 recommended for the certificate.



18-20 Aug at SCTR's Pune Institute of Computer Technology, Maharashtra. Mr. Umesh Jadhav was the Resource person, Ms. Aprajita Singh was the Co-facilitator, Dr. Anita Mane and Ms. Amita Karandikar were the Observer for the FDP. 64 participants registered, 37 attended, 35 recommended for the certificate.

24-26 Aug at Hi-Tech Institute of Engineering and Technology (HIET), Ghaziabad, U.P. Mr. Alok Kumar Pandey was the Resource person, Ms. Nitya Sharma was the Co-facilitator, Mr. Sumit Maheshwari was the Observer for the FDP. 94 participants registered, 71 attended, 66 recommended for the certificate.



24-26 Aug at Kanpur Institute of Technology, Kanpur, U.P. Dr. Pankaj Singh was the Resource person, Dr. Manisha Shukla was the Co-facilitator, Shri Akash Mishra was the Observer for the FDP. 99 participants registered, 81 attended, 76 recommended for the certificate.