

## Two-days short duration Personality Development Programme "Igniting Minds" August 24-25, 2015

## **Feedback Report**

Venue: Seminar Hall, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Anand Agricultural University, Godhra

Facilitator: Ms. Radha, Head - Content Services, SMART Series Bangaluru

**Participants:** Total 92 students out of that College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Godhra (51-5<sup>th</sup> Semester, 34 - 7<sup>th</sup> Semester and 7 PG Students).

The two-day short duration training programme – 'Igniting Minds' was started with a brief inaugural session. At the onset, Dr. M.L. Gaur, Principal, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Anand Agricultural University, Godhra welcome all in his welcome address and the presented a floral welcome to Dr. D.C. Joshi, Dean (Agricultural Engineering), AAU, Anand and president of these function, Dr. S.H. Akbari, Director of Students' Welfare, AAU, Anand and also the facilitator of the programme, Ms. Radha, Head - Content Services SMART Series Bangalore. Then Ms. Radha briefly overview of the personality development training programme then a speech was delivered by Guest of Honour, Dr Dr. S.H. Akbari, Director of Students' Welfare, AAU, Anand. Hon. Dean, Agricultural Engineering, AAU, Anand in his Presidential address stated the importance of such programme for overall development of students as professional and as a human being. Vote of Thanks was done by Dr. D.K. Vyas, Chairman (Student's Representative Council), College of College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Anand Agricultural University, Godhra, which was followed by one to one interaction between the facilitator and individual student.

First day's training programme covered various topics, such as, "setting up SMART GOALS and ways to achieve them", "Building up effective listening and communication skills", "building up confidence" and "time management" using power point presentation and questionnaire mode.

Second day's all the sessions included various actual as well as practical activity based modules to cover the topics such as "team work and collaboration", "decision making" and "self-motivation and winning behaviors".

At the end of second day, a valedictory session was organized where five students given their feedback and the facilitator also shared her experience. The points discussed in the session are as follows:

- Students mentioned that the programme was very useful for enhancement of their communication skills and positive attitudes, building up their personalities and dealing with people, friends, peers, colleagues, co-workers etc.
- Students have also mentioned that first day's programme was little bit monotonous due to the use of only power point as medium of training and suggested for mix of both activity and power point in both the days.
- They also wished to have such programmes of longer durations (3-4 days) in future.
- The facilitator mentioned the vibrancy and energy of the group. She also appreciated the free interaction among different batches of students. She mentioned that there is a huge scope of improvement in the communication and other soft skills of the students. Ms. Radha advised all the students to read extra-academic materials at least for 15 minutes a day and she assured her availability on e-mail to each student for any future need.
- Students also thanked university authority for arranging such programme at free of cost.





