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Great Lakes institute organises karma yoga convention

Great Lakes Institute of Management organised the first annual 'Karma-Yoga Convention' on its premises. The Convention created an opportunity for the villagers to identify their leadership qualities. It also encouraged them to participate in activities such as discussion forums, leading the work force, networking with visiting organisations and also take part in cultural activities such as performing music, dance and theatre. The Convention aims to link all stakeholders and prospective collaborators directly with the villagers for perpetuating enduring partnerships for community development.

In his inaugural speech Dr. Bala V. Balachandran, Founder and Dean of Great Lakes Institute of Management said, "It is important that the students get exposure to the external world from the campus during their academic period. This helps them understand what the community requirements are, and what should they, as leaders".

One of the participants said, "Karma-Yoga programme has helped us look at the leadership qualities within us. Having been brought up in a different set up, opportunities to seek knowledge and learn new things had always been minimal until now. Through this programme we aim to manage our village in a more organised way."

"The knowledge shared by the students made us think like a strategist," said another villager who participated in the convention.

Karma-Yoga is a Leadership Experiential Program (LEP) for the students of Great Lakes Institute of Management. The program is designed for the students to connect with the ground realities and experientially learn transformational leadership besides inducting them on to social responsibility early in their careers. The LEP creates a mutual win-win situation for both the students and the villagers – the villagers of the 20 villages that have been adopted by Great Lakes and the students of Great Lakes.

A program to help students learn transformational leadership

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