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Holistic Education for Students of Post-Graduate Management Schools in India

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Abstract—Education should be concerned with the totality of life and not with immediate responses to immediate challenges. The ambition of students in today's world is to secure a job in the business, industrial or service sectors and settle down well as early as possible. It is evident that management education is needed to infuse professional ability among students, but how they respond later to societal needs is equally important. Unfortunately, education has been so distorted and diluted and emphasis is laid on the knowledge content. The knowledge they gain is highly theoretical and is not backed by practical experience. Hence there is a little scope for enlightening ethics, culture and values.

In today's educational environment students in post-graduate management schools require quality oriented Holistic Education to expand their inner and outer dimensions in all respects which includes:

- Working with the downtrodden
- Developing the entrepreneur skills
- Participation in social service activities
- Character building to strengthen the will of doing and facing challenges

The post-graduate management schools should also be interested in all round development of a student (a five dimensional approach) which increases their physical and mental strength to lead a purposeful and meaningful life.

Keywords: Holistic Education, All Round Development, Five Dimensional Approach

INTRODUCTION

In the present times of unprecedented changes dislocating traditional values and creating conflict between traditional and new values there is a universal concern in respect of erosion of values, promoting values and culture which fit in with the needs of the modern times. Education is about the preparation of unprepared minds. As a process, preparation of mind involves enormous inputs and efforts on the part of all stakeholders viz., parents, teachers,

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