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Sub: Human Values Course and Related Outreach Activities at IIIT Hyderabad.

Dear Sir,

IIIT Hyderabad is an autonomous, self-supporting not-for-profit research university. Since its inception institute believes that education implies giving holistic inputs towards preparing the future generation, to understand the essential harmony in the world around and to empower students to participate proactively in its dynamics.

To cater to this requirement, I am happy to inform you that IIIT Hyderabad has introduced **Human Values** as an essential course to its undergraduate students in the year 2005. Since then students take this course as 'Human Values I' in their first semester and as 'Human Values II' in their fourth semester. The contents of this course take reference from 'Jeevan Vidya' propounded by Shri A. Nagaraj. The course is conducted through discussions in small groups, each mentored by a faculty member. There are no formal lectures in the course. During every class the faculty mentor introduces a topic and initiates the discussion. While analyzing and discussing the topic, the faculty mentor's role is in pointing to essential elements to help in sorting them out from the surface elements.. For the above topics, scenarios are used to initiate discussion. Depending on the nature of topics, worksheets, home assignment and/or activities are included. What makes it challenging is the fact that the ability is to be developed not for a narrow area or field of study, but for everyday situations in life. Therefore, at the end of the course a workshop on 'Jeevan Vidya' is conducted as a co-requisite, which allows students to reflect on questions pertaining to life.

I am also happy to inform you that institute is running a strong outreach activity through its Human Values Cell. HV Cell has contributed in a major way in introducing an essential course on Human Values & Professional Ethics to UG students in over 2000 colleges in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states. Course material prepared by faculty of our institute is used as text books and also as reference books.

Warm regards,

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