



Sadhana Educational & Empowerment Foundation's (SEEF)
**Sadhana Centre for Management & Leadership Development
(SCMLD)**

Seminar: **“Learning from the Learned”** - Series VI

Theme: **“Creating Positivity & Possibilities for a Better World:**

Extra-ordinary Work of Ordinary People”

Venue: **Le Méridien, Pune** | Date: **30th April & 1st May, 2011**

CONCEPT NOTE

Dear Sir / Madam,

There is all round negativity – anxiety, confusion, corruption, calamity, destructive competition and rivalry all across people, business, industry, countries and nations. Situation is such that gods, relationships, religion, reputation, recognition, climate, and even natural waves are now being traded. Huge business is even made of Father's day, Mother's day, Valentine day and in some countries there is National Underwear Day. Man's insatiable and inventive greed is eating into the very vitals of all the life generating, sustaining and preserving systems. Today man has become so arrogant and blind that he talks about “environmental protection” without understanding that he is in acute need of protection and environment will regenerate itself if man is extinct. The want based business, consumption and the fight for supremacy has resulted into the wanton destruction of the environment. While the Intellectuals, the educated, the enlightened and the establishment have no more creativity left for solutions, the ordinary people elsewhere moved by their sheer conviction and concern, are breaking new paths with courage to find solutions to problems created by fellow men. The proposed Two-day seminar is to gather a few of them from diverse fields to share their experiences and efforts so that the students, staff and faculty of our institute are inspired. May be a small number of them spur into action responding to their inner calling. Others may develop confidence and faith that we men are the cause of all negativity and there are immense possibilities to create a better world around if at least a few work in concert.

We at SCMLD in our quest for living values and to stand upfront to the wrong, have travelled a painful but rewarding journey for the last seven years. In our effort towards inculcating values, ethics and doing right truthfully, we have faced all kinds of blocks on the way but still are trying to tunnel through the prohibitive & obstructive system around us. To give courage and confidence to our students, we strive to expose them to a number of inspiring action leaders through a series of seminars over their two-year studentship with us.

We seek your support in this difficult but positive and possible journey of ours. Only enlightened citizens of conviction, competence and action like you can make a difference. Hence our invitation. Your story will inspire them.

The above are our random views, thoughts and concerns. Everyone may not subscribe to our views. Therefore, please feel free to put your thoughts forward the way you see the situation and the life ahead. That is, you need not subscribe to our views.

Shri. T. N. Seshan, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Shri. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, former Director of CBI and Director General of National Human Rights Commission will be amongst us during the seminar. They have been associated with our Institute from the beginning and are our source of Inspiration and supporting pillars of SCMLD.

We cherish you speak your experiences, insights, inspiration, achievements, failures and stories as students are already bombarded with lots of theoretical & bookish presentations. The idea is to share experiences, views, reviews and the way forward so that the audience go more enlightened and re-assured, that the impossible stays only in the dictionary till someone makes it possible. Today good things and events are not news; peace, harmony, brotherhood, truth, etc. are not news. Cynicism, violence, lies, conflicts, fraud, destruction, treachery, arguments etc. are only news. As a result, the gigantic sun behind the cloud is not seen. SCMLD strives to make its students see the vast and shining sun by realising that the cloud is blocking their eyes and not the eternal sun. Your story will inspire them to see the sun in its full glory by changing the place and position they are in today. Let us inspire them to pierce through the clouds surrounding them. Also let them realise that good and the beautiful cannot exist without recurring bad and the ugly. Bad & ugly help expand and strengthen good with people like you working hard and overtime. Let us multiply that number and spread them across. That is the way to look at all the toxic bad & ugly around us today. It is an unending struggle - happy & pleasurable struggle - a Sadhana to behold truth, ethics and values, being upright, just, fair, honest and transparent. May all beings be happy.

Looking forward to your support and with warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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