



My INDIA



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I am pleased to release the online newsletter-2 on the first anniversary of our My INDIA. This reminds me of the day when I along with some of my friends discussed the idea of creation of a platform to put our zeal to serve the Nation. It brings to my mind the initial days when we five members went round the campus and pasted the posters. I am glad to see our organization growing from such small numbers to a big student's movement and spread to many other places giving an opportunity to many other patriots like us throughout the country. The transformation which we have seen in this one year of time is immense. I am sure that the same zeal continues in the next coming one year and would benefit many people. This newsletter apart from the news and articles related to My INDIA and our country, also consists of an interview of Professor Vimal Bhanot

--The editor

Its one year for our mission My INDIA

My INDIA, the patriotic organization started last year at Pilani with the grand mission of building a great nation completes its one year of work and celebrates its first anniversary on Feb 12th. Soon after it was launched, it has become familiar to almost all the BITSians and has become a part of daily lives of nearly a hundred to one fifty of them. With the blessings of great people like our Pro-Vice Chancellor and the Director, Prof L K Maheshwari and with the dynamic leadership of executive committee, from a small group of ten people, My INDIA has grown big enough that it has its chapters at four other places of this country and could provide a platform for patriots across these places to work for a developed Nation. The one year of uninterrupted work saw many developmental activities like Gyanbodh, Village knowledge centers, Village visits and competitions in government schools, movement on conservation of natural resources like water and electricity, clothes distribution, "Call to the Nation" distribution, providing medical expenses for needy persons etc. The activities of the entrepreneurial division of Hyderabad chapter, the programs that were organized on Independence day, Republic day, and the National youth day and the events conducted during APOGEE-2005 by Pilani chapter are worth mentioning. Apart from these activities, the step to raise the social consciousness of students was remarkable.

Inspite of the unending pressures, the mission has taken up the pace without any disappointment or demotivation and could produce six life time workers for itself till now. Though we could set some major landmarks in this one year of time, whatever we have achieved is like a drop in an ocean. we still needs to work harder and take the mission to heights. In the coming days, we should plan to engage in fully involving the faculty who want themselves to be involved, speed

up the process of registration, take our movement into our alumni and spread to other major Universities. Such processes are to be focused in order to intensify the movement and to arise as a hope for the Nation.

Patriotism never dies

Here is an incident to prove that the patriotism never dies in a real man. It lives inside every true Indian irrespective of the age. Krishna Bharathi, an old man of age around 75 has come all along the way from Bhiwani, a place which is 80 KM far away from Pilani to meet our Bharat Uday Mission's nav javans. The strong confidence he had that he could meet the BM members here at our campus without even having their complete address is a great inspiration for each one of us. His enthusiasm to render services to the humanity in such an old age is a great lesson for today's youth. The experiences in his whole life in rendering services to the nation that he shared with BM members were felt as a good learning experience by them. His words "I am expecting such a mission for the nation to be started by youth from a very long time and was waiting to realize my dreams. Now seeing such mission arising, I can leave this world happily" has brought tears to all the members who have interacted with him.

Kudos to My INDIA: Bharat Uday Mission

This is an incident which makes us elated and more confident. Bharat Uday Mission is a big patriotic socio-political organization started by the students of IIT, Kanpur and is now spread all over the country with nearly 2000 members. Two of the My INDIA members who are of course the members of Bharat Uday Mission too, attended its first annual convention held at IIT Bombay from 17th to 18th December last year. The presentation given by them upon the activities that My INDIA has taken up in and around Pilani during last 9 months since its inception was greatly applauded. The members of BM, most of them who belong to either of the IITs were pleasantly surprised to look at the way in which My INDIA organizes its projects. The Idea of VKC and "Save one Rupee per Day for the Nation" policy caught their attention. This led BM to announce in the convention that 1 Re concept would be adopted as their National financial policy since then. Three of the My INDIA members who attended the annual conference of Association for India's development at Delhi also came across the similar kind of experience over there. BITSians touch makes the whole difference. Isn't it?

Is My INDIA confined only to BITS Campus?

Till now, most of the BITSians used to think that My INDIA is a BITS organization and does the community reach out programs on behalf of the institute. Now, it is the time to make open everyone's eyes to the fact that My INDIA is not restricted just to BITS campus alone. It's no more just the BITSians organization. The echoes of My INDIA have spread far and wide with the opening of new chapters at 5 other places of our country. The dynamic leadership of Paresh Masade, the president of Hyderabad chapter has made the chapter enthusiastic enough to initiate an entrepreneurial division apart from the three divisions we have here at Pilani. Hyd chapter is also the first one to have a portal on the world wide web. The Vizag chapter has gone a step ahead and financially assisted a needy person in his medical requirements with their monthly savings. The strong passion of Chandra Shekar, one of our coordinators has paved way to the start of a new chapter at Vikarabad. The inauguration of a new chapter of My India at Bangalore by few of our Ex-BITSians is also on the cards. Isn't it a great pride for our BITS community to know that its own organization has been spreading all over the country?

1 Rupee per day for the Nation

The slogan “Save one rupee per day for the Nation”, My INDIA’s brainchild, was received very well by the members, BITSians and faculty alike. Since each person saved a rupee of their own money everyday and contributed it to the national cause, the spirit of nationalism truly seeped deep down. This concept is simple yet powerful, and an effective way of involving every citizen in our movement for a developed India. The scheme has also been adopted by Bharat Uday Mission, and incorporated in all its chapters in the country and overseas. People who want to be a part of this scheme are requested to contact f2003694@bits-pilani.ac.in

Interview with Professor Vimal Bhanot

Lets see what Professor Vimal Bhanot says about the transformation of our country and what his views are upon the activities of My INDIA. Prof. Vimal Bhanot is a faculty of EEE department, BITS, Pilani and has been associated with My INDIA for quite some time.

Q) How do you think the universities around the country are helping in developing the sense of nationalism among the youth in the present scenario?

A) I would rather prefer to say one ironic NO!! It’s very miserable to realize that the universities around the country are playing a pitiable paradox to the dreams of a developed India. I feel proud that the students of BITS are into such a noble venture. You stand as an example to other institutions.

Q) What should be the most important strategy of Rural Development Unit?

A) We need to create awareness and educate the villagers about the different schemes that are being introduced for their benefit. This should be your priority.

Q) The villagers are not ready to accept the changes. How do we approach them?

A) The people got used to living in poverty for hundreds of years. The only resort is the youth and the children. Best way is to catch them young and ripe! Sow the spirit of nationalism in them.

Q) What is your idea about the expansion of VKC which was established at Dhandar?

A) We need to mobilize the villagers for better community participation. This will help sustaining the VKC. You have established a VKC which is a brilliant work. The VKC should focus on educating the villagers about all the resources available.

Q) What are the other areas into which MY INDIA has to step?

- A) 1. Firstly women empowerment is the finest thing that can be done to the society. Young girls should be made strong and bold with all skills imparted. They should be made the paramount of decision making bodies.
2. Next comes, the importance of leadership. A person who doesn't work doesn't have the right to criticize. Change is inevitable for every human. But change for the betterment of others, this reincarnation is seen only in a few. There is only one Gandhi. There are many souls with this spirit going unknown and unrecognized. Discover them. Educate them and support them. They are the seeds for the grass root leadership. Provide them the sunrays, water, fertility and watch them shoot up for the years ahead. Persuade these selfless persons.
3. Next problem is lack of assortment of different identities. All the systems are to be integrated and should be able to create a common platform for all diverse activities.
4. A sense of patriotism should be developed in children. The children of this generation don't even know our freedom fighters. Parents are responsible for this.
5. Cleanliness is another major issue that needs focus. Integrate the children. Educate them the necessity for hygiene.
6. Finally, MY INDIA is going great and I will be always there with you in your ventures.

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THE RISE OF A GREAT NATION**

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