

Knowledge Centre..a revolution!

I got a chance to visit the 'Knowledge Centre' at PIET, Nagpur today. Apart from the ambience of the green campus sprawled with white buildings, what fascinated me most was the enthusiasm of a teacher who has turned the white walls into a colourful universe of knowledge. Right from the basics of 'What is knowledge?' to 'What is the knowledge for?' he has thought of everything. His philosophy of Education for Enjoyment, Empowerment, Employment and Enrichment is one of a kind which explains the dimensions of knowledge from a holistic perspective. Dear Friends, to join me in the journey of this exploration, read on!

This teacher with a charming smile and a highly impressive personality took me by my hand and led me to a wall exhibition with posters as exhibits. A whole new world was there in front of my eyes. The first poster has a photograph of Gandhiji looking intensely into a microscope. Gandhiji ..a Scientist..I was mesmerised. The next poster has his picture holding a Clinometer. Gandhiji believed in 'More in less for more and by more and more'. This means that engineering is that science wherein more is generated using less resources for more number of people by more and more people. Engineering for the benefit of all is what the great leader of all times, Father of our nation prophesised. Dear friends, the exhibits include information about great scientists and philosophers who were followers of Mahatma Gandhi and their words of appreciation for this great human scientist. His doctrine has not only been followed in India but across the world. The posters are a result of a comprehensive research by this great teacher who was smiling at me whenever my eyes left the poster and met his.

I was then led to another hall with a second exhibition of posters. The posters have been divided into four interesting segments- education, knowledge, skills and learning. Each poster has a beauty of its own as it unravels the mystery of very important scientific concepts and phenomena. The poster I liked most was that of the optical fibre structure. Subjects like most important discoveries and innovations of yesteryears have been presented under a head like 'Eureka Moment'. The exhibition has sections such as 'Learning by doing', 'Science through jokes', 'Science through stories' and many more.

Apart from the wall posters, the Knowledge Centre has a huge collection of famous books including those written by eminent scientists like Sir.C.V.Raman. When I held each book in my hand I felt as if I am holding a treasure of knowledge. The collection of articles and research papers adds a new dimension to the Knowledge Centre. One article that caught my attention was written by a daughter on a disease that caused her mother's death called, 'Maxillary Sinus Cancer'. This article brings to light the fact that early diagnosis of this disease plays a vital role in the patient's prognosis.

I felt very fortunate to meet this great teacher who has a vision not only for the children of Nagpur but for all the children of Mother India. Dear friends, this great man is not only a teacher, a philosopher, an author, a visionary but a great human being who has the greatest interest in his heart-the interest of Humanity! I salute Dr.Sanjay Jain!!

Dear friends, I am sure when you visit the Knowledge Centre you will definitely be delighted! Don't miss this opportunity!!

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