

DR. V. Z. SALI Students Researchers Felicitation Committee

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Citation in Honour of BRIG. P. V. GOLE (RETD), A.V.S.M, CHAIRMAN, D.E.I.S.

***For outstanding contribution in the field of
"Enterprise Education for Youth and School Children "***

On behalf of the Felicitation Committee, we offer greetings to Brig P. V. Gole (Retd), AVSM, Chairman, DEIS. Sir, you started working on the subject of promotion of Entrepreneurship way back in 1987 when you established the Development Education (International) Society, (DEIS), Pune with the vision

"To see India emerging as a developed country, where every person would get an opportunity for education, entrepreneurial qualities development and productive economic activities".

Beginning with this lofty vision Sir, you spearheaded the launch of a series of weekly radio programmes titled "Udyog Sadhana" in Maharashtra in 1992 and in U. P. and M. P. in 1994. The programmes were directed towards guiding youth for self employment by giving them ideas on small enterprises, achievement motivation and institutional information.

More remarkably Sir, you managed to bring together different institutions both from the public sector and private sector, particularly Doordarshan; All India Radio; Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI); CORDAID, Netherlands; Community Communications (CCom), New Zealand; Asia Development Assistance Facility, ADAF, New Zealand and many others for the purpose of these programmes. You thus managed to gather enormous intellectual resources and financial resources for a positive development of unemployed youth.

The work of Udyog Sadhana on radio was followed up by another major series of Udyog Sadhana TV Spots.

A concrete result of these Udyog Sadhana media programmes by you and DEIS, was that 85000 youth mostly the unemployed rural poor responded. Sir, you and your team undauntedly serviced this large number of unemployed youth by furnishing them further guidance. It is documented that within three years itself several thousands of these unemployed youth were able to start their small enterprises profitably. Sir, you deserve the highest public compliments for this feat.

However, Sir, you did not rest on this achievement only. You had the keen perception that the current Human Resource Development, HRD system in the country was excellent for fortunate youth to get the scarce organized sector jobs. But it was wanting in terms of concepts and skills that youth need to develop, to be self enterprising.

Sir, you have provided leadership since about 1999 to research Enterprise Education for School Children, in your quest for these concepts and skills. This research was done in the field by your Secretary General and staff with co-operation from Enterprise New Zealand Trust (ENZT); Durham Business School (DUBS), UK; National Institute for Curriculum Development (SLO), Netherlands and others.

The research done by you Sir, for Enterprise Education is now accepted as a national resource and is available to all people at large through the official "sakshat" website of the Ministry of HRD.

Sir, you had very fruitful interaction with the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education and succeeded in introducing Enterprise Education as a unit of study in the subject of Personality Development from the last year itself.

Sir, you have worked in this field at national and international levels and introduced your ideas in several States in India. Sir, it is your great contribution that you introduced this concept of Enterprise Education in Boards of School Education in the country and recently you have contributed your efforts in the State of Maharashtra. This Sir, will shape the students in a positive direction for their lives in the formal system of education. Sir, your contribution in the school education will definitely shape the future of India.

In recognition of this Sir, we are pleased to present this Citation of Honour for your outstanding contribution in the field of Enterprise Education for youth and school children. The Trustees of the Students Researchers Felicitation Committee feel honoured Sir, to recognize your selfless services for uplifting the poor and for helping youth and school children to realize their full potential.

Presented this day, 30th March 2008, in recognition whereof are set the signatures of the office bearers.



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