RAFFLES UNIVERSITY:A Value Based Educational Hub

he world goes round not only on its axis but also on the silent souls who spread the light of positivity, and humane care for the rest of the world, especially, the less fortunate. Compassion has many names, which is the coming together of virtues such as integrity, grit, sharing and caring selflessly. These are the life's principles and values on which the ideation and concept of establishing the Gomber Education Foundation first germinated and nurtured on the vision of its founder chairman, the late Shri. V.K. Gomber, a highly respected visionary, intellectual and philanthropist, whose life read like a true story from rags to riches.

Thus a journey was embarked for individual character, social and nation-building by one of the most distinguished educational hubs, which proudly claims to be a cut above the rest. Sans these values, education is knowledge acquired without a soul. Today, it is a living testimony to the power of traditions a n d values which



it emphasizes besides imparting quality education, making it very different in spirit and character than the multitude of mushrooming educational centres that are coming up across the state of Rajasthan. This edifice of social responsibility and learning -the Raffles University, wellspring of Gomber Education Foundation, was recognized by the University Grants Commission as a private university.

The strong influence of the great humanitarian spirit of late Shri. Gomber is all pervading in aura and spirit at creating a 'Gurukul' ambience in the campus of Raffles University. He bequeathed much of his life savings not with an eye for profit but

to ensure that these funds would help create temples of educational excellence where the best of teaching practices and learning standards would be a priority. Secondly, that the benefits of the superb infrastructure, faculty and pedagogy, that distinguishes Raffles, reaches out to students in other, less fortunate institutions. And lastly, that Raffles grows to become a world class university as well as an outstanding educational entity of the country.

In the backdrop of the serene environs of the Aravalli mountain range stands the sprawling 75 acres campus of the multidisciplinary Raffles University at Neemrana, an ancient historical town in Rajasthan. The added advantage is its location on Delhi-Jaipur National Highway besides coming under the NCR region and only a 2-hour drive from New Delhi. The campus is well connected by a six lane express way and has its entry through the Japanese Zone Industrial area close to the tourist hotspot-Neemrana

Fort Hotel.

This unique educational centre therefore provides an ideal interactive platform



for the confluence of mind and cultures from across the world to shape students into global citizens and leaders. It is achieved through academic brilliance, focus on research and seamless co-curricular interaction between its resident faculty and the students. Here, the students are encouraged and enabled to discover, nurture and expand their innate talents, skills and interests so that they make a mark as path breakers in their endeavours as a professional and responsible citizen of the society equipped with strong human values.

The diversity and flexibility of options of courses to choose from are so designed that students can pursue subjects most suited to their intellect and talent in the fields of Law, Engineering, Management and Applied Science. In fact, the Foundation also runs a school in the neighbouring vicinity by the name Raffles International School having CBSE and IGCSE curriculums and therefore the parents can be rest assured that once their ward becomes a part of Raffles family, they will be taught, trained and groomed right from KG to PG under one roof. This will make all the difference on a student.

The undying spirit of the Gomber Education Foundation can be witnessed in the support it renders to government schools that are situated in close proximity, where facilities are replicated as in Raffles schools. The initiatives include upgrading of amenities, particularly in areas where these schools are found lacking in maintaining hygiene, such as restrooms for boys and girls where good standards of design, fit-out and maintenance reflects the Foundation's humanitarian approach. The Foundation is also creating computer laboratories to raise the level of computer literacy among students, besides upgrading libraries and



Late Shri. V.K. Gomber Founder President GEF

"We have simply received our blessings by being in the right place at the right time. We are then custodians of the financial resources that have been bestowed upon us and, as such, we should deploy them for the benefit of mankind to the best of our ability. Our mission is to provide opportunities for young people who are in need of education so they can forge a better future for themselves. We seek to improve their formative years through infrastructural improvements and, ultimately, the quality of their educational experience."

sports facilities. To facilitate an intellectual exchange between schools to enhance teaching standards and evoke aspirations to do even better in life, an annual exchange programme has been devised, where teachers from the assisted government schools are invited to work for seven to ten days in Raffles schools. A similar programme is envisaged for the students too. This is an achievement of the Foundation as it meets one of the many objectives that Shri Gomber strongly advocated.

A towering personality of global eminence in the corporate and business world, a philanthropist and a visionary to boot, Shri Gomber was a staunch believer in the importance of good value based education to nurture and mould the youth

into responsible global leaders and citizens. None could understand this better than Shri. Gomber himself, who set an example to all those around him by building and enlarging impressive, global business entities such as EMAAR Properties and RSH Limited, Singapore by sheer dint of dedication, hard work and an unflagging commitment to ethical practices. These distinct values form the strong foundation on which the Raffles University was built and continues to grow.

Supporting Shri Vinod Kumar Gomber's monumental social task to its actualization was the strong and unstinted support of his wife, Smt Meena Gomber, his pillar of strength. Though a distinguished legal luminary, she invested a lot of effort, time and energy to take forward her husband's dream to spread the light of education. And standing with her is her young and dynamic son, Shri Vivek Gomber, who has inherited the legacy of merit and values from his eminent parents, in leading the Foundation in a perspective where knowledge goes much beyond the realms of education and is giving wings to student's life and a ladder for their ascent in a manner that is globally relevant.

The University has its objectives and mission crystal clear with the right perspective which rests on the sound footing of humanity and knowledge strengths and shuns the mundane race of number games. Its doors are open for parents, who are in search for an environment replete with rich cultural and traditional values, best of facilities and ambience to pursue education in a secure environment for their wards. Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man and Raffles University understands best the deep meaning of these words and puts this truth into practice. Raffles University is unique and therefore the first choice for those looking for a holistic value based education.

