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34th Anniversary Global Awards Event September 19, 2018

Dear Friend,

It's that time of the year when the most important event of Priyadarshni Academy - the biennial Global Awards function is all set to take off.

This prestigious glittering grand gala event is looked forward for the razzle-dazzle surrounding the prominent awardees besides the list of glitterati in attendance at the Trident Hotel.

The flurry of activity and excitement has set the ball rolling in our head office - for it requires much effort to keep up to the high standards the Academy has set for itself.

The event will honor such internationally known personalities as Ms. Elisabeth Rehn, Hon. Minister of State, Finland; Ms. Renee Vaugois, Executive Director, John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights, Canada; Mr. Amitabh Kant of NITI Aayog; Ms. Anu Aga of Thermax Ltd.; Ms. Neelam Makhijani of ChildFund India; Mr. Ronnie Screwvala of Swades Foundation; Prof. M. M. Sharma of Institute of Chemical Technology; and Ms. Anushka Sharma, well known actor.

All in all, it promises to be a very exciting event and it will add one more feather in the cap of the Academy!

Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani
Chairman

Global Awards Function VVIP Guests



Chief Guest

MR. NITIN GADKARI

Minister of Shipping; Road Transport & Highways; Water Resources; River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation



Presided by

MR. SURESH PRABHU

Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation



Guest of Honour

MR. PIYUSH GOYAL

Minister of Railways and Coal



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2018 Global Awardees



Ms. Anu Aga
Non Executive Director
Thermax Ltd.
Pune, India

Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Education for Underprivileged



Mr. Amitabh Kant
CEO
NITI Aayog
New Delhi, India

Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Transforming India



Ms. Neelam Makhijani
Country Director
ChildFund India
Bengaluru, India

Pralhad P. Chhabria Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to Child Welfare



Ms. Elisabeth Rehn
Hon. Minister of State
Finland

Harish Mahindra Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to the promotion of Peace and Crisis Management



Mr. Ronnie Screwvala
Founder Director
Swades Foundation
Mumbai, India

Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Innovative Entertainment and Community Development



Ms. Anushka Sharma
Actor
Mumbai, India

Smita Patil Memorial Award for Best Actor



Prof. M. M. Sharma
Emeritus Professor of Eminence
Institute of Chemical Technology
Mumbai, India

Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Science and Technology



Ms. Renee Vaugeois
Executive Director
John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights
Canada

Ramkrishna Bajaj Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to promotion of Human Rights



Book Review

GETTING RID OF NEGATIVITY

Name of book : Reboot Your Mind - Move from negativity to positivity with NLP

Author : Prof. (Gp. Capt.) D. P. Apte

Publisher : Vishwakarma Publications, Pune

Pages : 258

Price : ₹350/-

For all the luxuries and comforts ushered in by scientific developments and digital technology, there is also a dark lining, that of stress, tension, negativity, depression, addictions and a general disregard for health, in the society.

Unfortunately, these malaises are more prevalent in the younger generation, particularly the student community. The reasons could be many and they are well debated and discussed throughout the various forums. We find young men and women, even children, committing suicide for the most insignificant reasons. Certainly not an indicator of a healthy society!

Consulting a psychologist or a psychiatrist to address these issues is still largely considered a stigma. This type of consultation brings on an additional stress. First, the actual illness and then the stress of either consulting a doctor or keeping it a secret, really takes its toll, particularly on youngsters, because of the fear of being considered a whacko!

The author of the book under review perhaps knows this situation better than anybody else, because, apart from being an avid student and keen practitioner of NeuroLinguistic Programming – NLP for short – he is also a professor of management who interacts with hundreds of students daily. Perhaps this has helped him understand their situation better. Coming from a cross-section of the society, students are perhaps the best indicators of any society's psychological profile.

The title of the book, Reboot Your Mind, immediately gels with the younger generation, because the term 'reboot' may sound unfamiliar to people of an older generation, but for youngsters, it instantly conveys in short what the book wants to say.

The statistics given in the Foreword by none other than the renowned computer scientist Dr. Vijay Bhatkar are really scary. It is believed that by 2020, stress-related deaths will rank second only to AIDS-related deaths in the world. However, as one reads the book, one actually realizes how simply and effectively one can overcome one's stressful situations and move from negativity to positivity.

The language in the book is very simple and straightforward. Not much of any medical or scientific jargon, but some technical details and diagrams may seem intimidating at first glance. But these are actually not so. As the book says, 'it is not the situation around us or the environment that changes our behaviour, but the way we think about it and perceive it'. So remember, if some technical terms seem a bit overwhelming, don't stop, read on and your perception will change.

The book emphasises that practicing NLP can actually help one change one's perspective and perceptions, thus helping one actually reverse a stressful situation. There are various techniques, tools and processes to achieve this, and these can be either practiced alone or with the help of an NLP practitioner.

To those unfamiliar with NLP, like the present reviewer,



the book provides excellent insights into the process. The fact that such a methodology has been in existence for many decades is quite revealing. It is also revealing to learn about the staggering number of cases treated by NLP practitioners throughout the world.

Prof.Apte, the author himself, has treated over a thousand cases using NLP, some of them quite severe and considered untreatable. A true practitioner, he has the uncanny knack of presenting you with a completely different perception

and perspective to a problematic situation as soon as it is presented.

The book certainly has the potential to drive a person away from negativity, which is the cause of most of the psychological problems, and bring him closer to positivity – actually rebooting one’s mind, as the title promises.

A must read for all, particularly professionals and student community!



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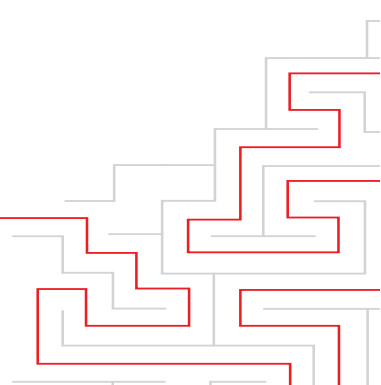


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Our Advisor, **Mr. R. K. Vishwanathan** passed away on 8th August, 2018.

Soft spoken and knowledgeable, he had contributed a great deal in the various endeavours of Priyadarshni Academy over many years. He will be dearly missed.

May his soul rest in peace.



Dr. Vishwanath Karad

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