
Hon'ble Union Minister, Dr Mahesh Sharma visits Global Indian International School as a part of GIIS Leadership Lecture Series

Minister holds an interactive session with students of the school as part of his visit to Singapore

- Global Indian International School (GIIS) in Singapore hosted the **GIIS Leadership Lecture Series** on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 with Hon'ble Minister **Dr Mahesh Sharma**, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture; Ministry of Tourism; and Union Minister of State, Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- During his interaction with students of Indian Diaspora at GIIS, Dr Sharma touched upon various topics; ranging from promotion of the Indian tourism sector, national campaigns such as 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' (or Clean India Mission) and opportunities presented by the power of social media. He talked about the evolving Indian identity and growing sense of pride that Indians have towards their country which is being expedited by the new developments and reforms getting introduced in the country.
- In his message to students, Dr Sharma said, "I want you (the students) to be Ambassadors of India". In response to a question on importance of promoting domestic tourism in the country, he said, "I want our youth to experience the cultural heritage and richness of India."
- Acknowledging the power of social media, Dr Sharma said, "Social media is our strength and we should use it to our benefit with a positive approach."
- Students who were a part of the interaction were inspired by Dr Sharma's vision. Vishara Prakash, an IB student at GIIS Queenstown Campus, said "His positivity and farsightedness imbued us all with a sense of national pride and enthusiasm to be a part of India's journey into becoming a first-world country."
- A doctor by profession, Dr Mahesh Sharma is a philanthropist. He is actively involved in helping economically weaker sections of the society through a Trust, conducting camps, and charitable dispensaries.
- The GIIS Leadership Lecture Series has been graced by eminent personalities over the years. These include former President of India, Dr A P J Abdul Kalam; former cricketer and sports legend, Sachin Tendulkar; Academy award-winning composer, A R Rahman; Nobel Laureate, Professor Richard Ernst; award-winning Bollywood director-actor father-son duo, Rakesh and Hrithik Roshan; legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar; and tennis stars Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna, among others.

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GIIS schools have been honoured with 40 international and national awards over a span of 6 years for achieving excellence in school education. Today, GIIS boasts a strong multicultural student body, as children from diverse nationalities have enrolled across its campuses.

Adopting a holistic approach to learning and character development, the school's **Nine Gems®** model is a proprietary tool to achieve a balance between academics and experience, mental and physical development, fine arts and performing arts, language skills and creativity, personality development, ethics and entrepreneurship.

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