

Leaders must sow seeds of moral values: Former official

'Today's leaders have no fear of society'

MYSURU, DHNS: Former additional secretary to Central government CV Gopinath, on Saturday, said that a leader should sow the seeds of moral and ethical values and must abide by rules.

Delivering a talk on 'Leadership Qualities Through The Prism Of Ancient Wisdom,' organised by the department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, Gopinath said, "To begin with, a leader makes people walk together. A leader should take his members through the path of ethics and morality and must sow the seeds of moral values. A leader is derived from seven layers of power — reflect, rewarding, coercive, key to knowledge, knowledge, charismatic and referred power. When one acquires the first six powers, he radiates the seventh."

Gopinath said according to



Former additional secretary to Central government C V Gopinath delivers a talk on 'Leadership Qualities Through The Prism Of Ancient Wisdom,' at National Institute of Engineering, Mysuru on Saturday. DH PHOTO

Bhagavadgita, one should have acquired 25 qualities to be a leader. "To uphold ethics, as a leader and as a citizen, one should do what is agreeable to his conscience. But today, many leaders have no fear of society. Commonsense is highly important for leaders. A leader should be able to make a quick decision and he should be as solid as a mountain while making decisions," he said.

"Upanishads are not restricted to Hinduism. It is applicable for all communities. It preaches peace and says, 'let us not hate others but, excel together. Truth is one, but the knowl-

edgeable perceive it in different ways," he said. "Human beings should have knowledge and purpose in life, if we have no purpose, we are equal to animals. If one finger hurts the eye, four other fingers sooth the eye and this is harmony. A leader should be as soft as flowers and as hard as coconut shell. Leading a team is like flying a kite. If you pull the string, the kite raises high," said Gopinath.

NIE Principal G L Shekar, NIE board management director H N Ramathirtha, professor Y M Manjunatha and Civil Engineering head of department N Suresh were present.

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