



Interactive Knowledge Update

Ms. Pavithra Rajagopalan

will lead us in exploring an often-discussed word

'CHARACTER'

Date: 10th October 2024 @Shanti Ashram

Some questions we will pause to discuss?

1. What is character?
2. How do you recognise a person of strong character?
3. Is it something that is innate or is it built through experiences and effort?
4. Can it be taught?
5. How does this relate to children?

Character is a multifaceted concept encompassing moral, ethical, and personality traits that define an individual's behavior, values, and principles. At its core, character comprises values, integrity, morality, empathy, resilience, and responsibility. Developing strong character involves self-awareness, self-regulation, social learning, and experience. It plays a vital role in building trust, influencing relationships, guiding decision-making, and contributing to personal growth. However, character faces challenges from social pressures, emotional turmoil, moral dilemmas, and personal biases. To cultivate strong character, practice self-reflection, engage in community service, develop emotional intelligence, and seek mentorship. As Heraclitus said, "Character is destiny," emphasizing its profound impact on our lives.



Profile of the Speaker: Ms. Pavithra Rajagopalan

Pavithra Rajagopalan has worked with children in formal, non-formal and informal settings since 2001.

She is an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Primary Trainer. She has worked in Montessori schools in India, the US and New Zealand. Now in her role as a teacher trainer, Pavithra is faculty at the Sir Ratan Tata Institute, Bombay, India. She is also part of the faculty for Diploma courses in Taiwan and Beijing. She has conducted Assistant/Orientation courses in India, Singapore, China and Israel.

In addition, Pavithra works closely with the Gandhian Institution, Shanti Ashram, India, where she is involved in strengthening pioneering initiatives related to Early Childhood Education in vulnerable communities

**Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing**

A. Lincoln

Programme

- 10.00 am **Welcome & Introduction of the Speaker**
10.05 am Interactive Knowledge Update: Exploring an often-discussed word
'CHARACTER'
Ms. Pavithra Rajagopalan,
AMI Primary Trainer,
Faculty at the Sir Ratan Tata Institute & Trainer, LTLT, Arigatou International
- 10.45 am **Q & A**
11.00 am Honouring **Mr. Aakash Ramankutty,**
Gold Medalist, M.Sc. Mathematics, University of Hyderabad & Volunteer, Shanti Ashram
- 11.15am Updates from **MGIPLD** on the Focus Group Discussion for the children receiving Bala Shanti Scholarship
- 11.30 am **Concluding Remarks,** Dr. Kezevino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram



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