Press Note

Faculty Development Programme " Changing Landscape of Higher Education" said Prof. Susheel Sharma Associate Dean and a Professor of Information Systems (IS) in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University, United States

Prof. Susheel Sharma Associate Dean and a Professor of information systems (IS) in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University, United States conducted the FDP. Prof Sharma is an alumnus of BITS-Pilani and Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow (IIML). Prof. Sharma has a unique distinction of having earned two doctoral degrees. He has over 10 years of administrative leadership experience and more than 25 years of experience in higher education. A Leadership Fellow in Higher Education at Harvard University's Management Development Program, he has co-authored/edited/co-edited twelve (12) books and published over 240 manuscripts including over eighty (80) refereed journal articles in some of the best journals in his field. His primary research interests are in information systems security, e-Learning, e-Government, computer-mediated communications, human computer interaction (HCI) and community and social informatics.

Prior to joining the faculty at Ball State, he was a visiting research associate professor at the Department of Management Science at the University of Waterloo (Canada). He has taught several graduate and undergraduate courses on a variety of subjects including database management, ERP systems (SAP), electronic commerce, computer and network security, management information systems, systems analysis and design, distributed data processing systems, computer networking, and other information systems related subjects. He has earned recognition for his teaching and research and has been a recipient of the Miller College of Business 'Extra Ordinary Year Award' for

three consecutive years (2003, 2004, & 2005), Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award at the university level (2006-2007), Outstanding Researcher of the Year at Miller College of Business (2008) and Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award at the university level (2008-2009). Prof Sharma has served as a consultant and advisor to numerous companies and organizations including World Bank funded projects. He, currently serves as editor-in-chief of The International Journal of E-Adoption. He has been a reviewer and member of the editorial boards for several national and international journals. He has travelled worldwide and lectured in several business schools around the globe in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and North America.

While focusing his talk on theme "Changing Landscape of Higher Education", he interacted with faculties and shared his vast experience on how learning process takes place in western countries.
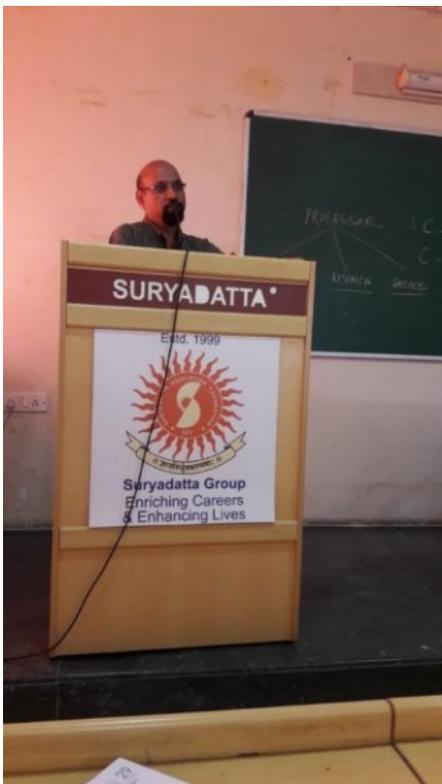
Deliberating on what are the expectations from a Professor/Teacher, he mentioned that a Professor/Teacher is expected to contribute in three areas namely Teaching, Research and Service to Students. He emphasized on 3 Cs as indicator for changing landscape of higher education: Connectism, Constructism, and Collaboration. Through connectism, he emphasized on strong bonding of instructors and students as one cohesive unit which learns together to acquire knowledge. Through Constructism, he highlighted how an instructor now has to take the role of facilitator. Through collaboration, he shared his opinion how students and faculties can create learning committees to mutually gain from each other through lot of research.

He encouraged the faculties to take up lots of research activities, and share the same with their students. He asked the faculties to be a catalyst for students in terms of igniting the creativity and challenge their limits.

Keeping in mind the globally competitive scenario, Suryadatta Group of Institutes is exploring the possible foreign collaborator and in this context, would pursue such collaboration further with Ball State University.

Prof. Susheel Sharma inviting questions from faculties during his interaction

Prof. Susheel Sharma, addressing faculties of Suryadatta Group of Institutes