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Discover your inner potential!

FIVE years ago, a concept such as soft skills and success skills as a part of a management course was unheard of. It was as such a time that two educationists and visionaries Tarita Mehendale and Chetan Wakalkar introduced it in the Indira Group of Institutes. This institute is the first to tie up with India's first residential finishing school, Ecole Solitaire.

Minocher Patel, founder and director of this institute conducts a full-fledged nine-day programme on soft skills and success skills for students for being successful in the corporate world before they embark on the management course.

The programme included sessions on personal grooming, etiquette, telephone etiquette, being a team player, dealing with stress, people skills, and more. Last week almost 300 delighted students in the institute received certificates from the hands of the MD of IDBI, Melwyn Rego, who was the chief guest. His presence in this event emphasised the importance of soft skills in today's corporate world. The students did an interesting presentation to demonstrate the effectiveness of the programme and called the entire nine-day process 'nine day rebirth programme'.

Speaking on the occasion educationist Chetan Wakalkar said, "We have students coming in from various parts of the coun-



(Left to right) Mr Chetan Wakalkar, Mr Mellwyn Rego and Mr Minocher Patel amongst the students of IIMS, having a good time as the students perform during the round-up session of the Soft Skills and Success Skills, nine-day programme

try from different backgrounds and equally different mental make ups. After they go through this programme, they feel they are a part of one family, Indira.

The purpose of this course is to help these students get motivated throughout the management course. It also helps them develop high levels of self-esteem and confidence and most importantly accept and deal with their own limitations.

Minocher Patel is one of the best motivational speakers in this country and is a role model and a source of inspiration to our students."

Like the First year PGDBM student, Nilanjana Barat puts it, "These nine days are like nine months of gestation, towards the end of which all of us felt like we were born again as a different person, as a better person!" That says it all, doesn't it?