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'Just 15 seconds to make an impact on others'

By our staff reporter

"THE key to good etiquette is being a good human being first, because when we are good we care and are better spouses, children, friends and colleagues", said Minocher Patel noted public speaker.

Patel was speaking at the concluding session of an 'Etiquette and Grooming programme' (of seven sessions) organised by 'Ecole Solitaire' an organisation which is a tie-up between the Poonawala

foundation and Minocher Patel.

"We live in a world where each of us has just 15 seconds to make an impact. Etiquette, manners and personality play a very important role in this. The impression we make can open many doors for us and there is a complete world out there where we should present ourselves in the best possible manner. Good grooming, etiquette and manners give us an edge over others. There are innumerable cases where brilliant people have lost an opportunity because they failed to market themselves successfully. If each of us wants to survive and do well and conquer the world, we must pay attention to these aspects", said Minocher Patel to *MH*.

The seven session course was attended by twentyone women including, software professionals, housewives and students.

The course consisted of various aspects of etiquette including, table manners, personal grooming, make up, skin care, hair style, interpersonal skills, wardrobe planning, communication skills (non-verbal and verbal), active listening, health and fitness. Experts from each field addressed the students.

Some excerpts of their experience.

■ Jyoti Otagari an executive: It increased the belief in myself and

workplace and outside.
 ■ Shweta Shinte a Software engineer: I lost my inferiority complex and friends and family

an-eye opener and helps me to cope with the stress and pressures of daily life. These and even the Sunday sessions have changed my life and created a 'new me'

Patel has trained more than 3,500 students at various workshops. "My students hail from different walks of life including, executives, police personnel, housewives, MBA students and IT personnel going abroad", says Patel.

On the anvil are plans to start etiquette classes for couples, men, executives and others.

"Why Indians fail even though they are so brilliant, is that they lack in personal grooming and etiquette. They must become more aware of international cultures as more and more of them are travelling abroad for work and business.

However, the most important aspect is that we imbibe the 'Pride of Being an Indian' in each of our students", says Patel, "this pride in our value system gives them the confidence to face and take on the world as winners", said 'Pune's Guru of etiquette and personality development'


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IMBIBING IN THEM THE SECRET OF SUCCESS: Minocher Patel conducting a course on grooming and etiquette.

abilities, more confidence, better dress sense and a better interpersonal relationship at home.

can see the change already. It helped me a lot.
 Monali Naik (housewife): It was



WEATHER

Maximum: 37.2 deg celcius
 Minimum: 15.2 deg celcius
 Humidity: 43 percent
 Forecast: Mainly clear skies, maximum temperature would be around 36 deg celcius and minimum temperature would be around 14 deg celcius
 Sunrise: 6.40 am
 Sunset: 18.54 pm