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UAE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES INNOVATION LAB 'MY IDEA SPACE'

As part of UAE Innovation Month (February), UAE University has launched 'My Idea Space' for students, faculty members and staff to find innovative solutions to modern day challenges. The lab was launched by Saeed Ghabash, Senior President, UAE University and Professor Dr Ghaleb Ali Al Briki, Acting Rector. The lab consists of three main modules: Design Thinking unit, App Factory unit, and Start-up Accelerator unit that studies products and their market value. The lab will organise workshops, lectures and events to engage students in activities granting students access to latest technologies and innovative methods. The lab shall also support students for "creative thinking and development of realistic innovative solutions to local and regional challenges". **Source: Gulf News**

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UAE INVESTS \$6BN TO YEMEN WITH INFRA, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION PROJECTS

The UAE's Emirates Red Crescent has revealed that it invested \$6bn (AED22bn) to aid the rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, rebuild airports, as well as the expansion of roads and housing units across Yemen from April 2015-February 2020. According to figures released by Emirates Red Crescent indicate, as reported by the UAE's state-news agency Wam, the funds were also used for other projects for Yemen's widows, orphans and people of determination. The UAE's financial assistance ranks high in its aid programme with a total of \$2.95bn (AED10.83bn) to support public service programmes, especially in health and education. The assistance included relief campaigns to provide food aid to the displaced and to build 1,000 houses after the flash floods and torrential rains that struck Hadramout in Yemen. In the education sector, the UAE contributed through an aid amounting to \$80m (AED294m). The region rehabilitated and restored 360 educational facilities that included schools, kindergartens and institutes. The total number of students who benefitted from the UAE education assistance until the end of 2018 reached 2,491,996. **Source: Construction Week**

UAE YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

The countdown to the Dh71,000 'Emirates Young Scientist' award has started with the launch of the National Science Technology and Innovation Festival (NSTI Festival) on Tuesday at Dubai Festival Arena. The winner will be revealed on Saturday after 100 student projects are evaluated by judges over four days of the festival, organised by the Ministry of Education and held as part of the UAE Innovation Month (February). There will also be other winners in various categories honoured at an awards ceremony on Saturday, the last day of the annual festival, which this year has tripled student participation to 2,472 pupils. On the sidelines, there is also a 'Family Festival' featuring various activities. **Source: Gulf News**



UNION HRD MINISTER LAUNCHES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal aka Nishank, Union Minister for Human Resource Development, launched 'Higher Education Leadership Development Programme For Administrator'- a joint initiative of UGC and British Council under the auspices of UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) today in New Delhi. The initiative, which aims to deliver a leadership development programme for middle and senior-level administrative functionaries in Indian Universities, was rolled out in the august presence of Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, MHRD; Prof. D.P. Singh, Chairman, UGC; Ms. Barbara Wickham OBE, Director, British Council India and other officials from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, University Grants Commission and British Council. The PIB release added that the University Grants Commission (UGC) will conduct this programme in collaboration with Advance HE as the training partner with globally recognized institutional expertise and leadership excellence from the UK, which is being enabled by the British Council in India. **Source: Digital Learning**

The (7) Seven Ingredients of Self-Confidence

magnetic Speaking

✓	1 P Anxiety
✓	2 P Certainty
✓	1 P Pride
✓	2 P Safety
✓	1 P Gratitude
✓	2 P Happiness
✓	1 P Love

ASK THE EXPERT

I tend to get offended by easily by my friends. Is that because I am sensitive? - **Priyank Sinha**

Hi Priyank,

More said than done, it is very difficult to stop taking things personally. There are often times when we get offended and make mountains of mole hills. So, the next time you feel offended try asking yourself the following questions: Is the person in front your trying to deliberately hurt you? Does it really matter what others think about you? It is not difficult to keep a thick skin. so when you think that the other person is making fun of you, just think that the other person is expressing his / her opinions and everyone has a right to express the same.

Try to put yourself in the shoes of your offender and try to understand their point of view and perhaps you shall come to see that the offender never really had the intention to offend you. Practice detachment and try to emotionally differentiate between your thoughts and their inner sense of self. To the degree you can detach your ideas from your identity, you will live a happy, fulfilling life with little opportunity to feel offended.

Try learning humility as it is the greatest friend of inner peace and equanimity. And peace and equanimity are the friends of happiness. Try valuing the truth more than being right and overcome self centredness, try to make yourself understand that not everything in this world is not YOU, If you expect the people to act and talk the certain way make sure that you also are the same way. if you're offended when they don't rise to the level of your expectation, you will almost always be offended or on the verge of it. We all have our follies, personality and character flaws, hence instead of being offended for everything, allow people to be human.

This specific corner has been introduced for those who seek advice on education and related matters. If you have a feel free to submit your questions to aimri@ariesgroup.ae