**My ‘top 5’ learning from this course**

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**Abstract**

The leadership and Innovation Course has provided me with the new kind of understandings to me. There are many modules in this course that makes one think how the vision and the leadership are important in life. There are many subjects of interests in this course. For example, how the confidence is important in one's life and more importantly how the confidence can make one believe in his self. The Innovation part of this course remained exciting for every student. Since the Innovation module taught the students as to how can one gather the inner abilities for innovating a new dimension of your life? After going through this course one can have an idea about the importance of the visionary leadership for the fate of the country. This has also made the students understand how the innovations in the teamwork can serve the purpose of the goal. The innovation philosophy used in this course has taught the students as to how the leadership style influence the employees working in the same organization. This course has presented the students with a much different aspect of practical life. Since the innovations and leadership abilities can serve the purpose of each one individually, therefore, the students have paid much attention to this course. Contrary to other courses, this course is more practical oriented and can serve the purpose of everyone’s life.

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Since we have been taught many books in this course and every book presented a whole new idea compared to the previous books. For example the book *Leadership Challenge by Kouzes and Posne*r presented the students with the understanding of how the leadership challenges are crucial in making the way for any leader(Kouzes & Posner, 2006). The thorough analysis of this book presents the idea to the students that the leadership remains crucial in making the crucial decisions in the organization’s life. The next book that suggested for the reading in this course was the fourth edition of the book The Engineering Ethics by Fleddermann. Although the students were suggested to read the fourth and the latest edition of this book, it remained much helpful in grasping the idea of how the author might have presented the ethics as an essential part of engineering in the previous editions. The reading of this edition gives a lesson that how every life remains at the disposal of the engineers(Fleddermann, 1999). That is how this book is relevant to have an idea of ethics in engineering. The last book suggested by the instructor in this course was Creative Confidence by Tom Kelly and David Kelly. The writers have based the central idea of this book on the notion that since creativity is a natural gift for every human being, therefore everyone has the confidence of speaking and coming up with the new ideas(Kelley & Kelley, 2013). They opine that if these natural instincts are polished a little, that can serve any purpose in anyone's life. In light of the lectures and the readings of this course, my top five learning from this course are as follow.

* How ethics are applicable everywhere? Prior to this course, I have studied every course with a view that ethics are part of a normal life. I considered these ethics important while meeting or greeting a person, in the planning of my career- as like how can I make a place in everyone’s heart and how can I be more compassionate with others. After going through the literature of this course, I came to understand that ethics are as much important part of your career life, as they are in your individual life. I have understood completely what ethics is exactly about and how they make one pursue success in the career.
* How did leadership work? This course included the study about the leadership characteristics as the primary constituent. Prior to this course, I do not have any evaluating tools in my, mind to test the leadership anywhere. I had the view that the employee- or in another case the citizens of a country are subjects of a leader and this is why everyone needs to obey them. I have learned in this course, that there are the evaluation tools in order to judge the characteristics of the rulers, or of the leaders. They are not every time correct. The readings of this course suggest that in order to be a leader- there is not any hard or fast condition which binds anyone. Therefore I have totally altered the way how I used to think about the leadership of any organization or for instance- of the country.
* What creativity is? I have never been a creative mind. Any idea that comes to mind is just for a second. I never had the ability to think about it more or to retain that idea for some minutes. The Book of creative confidence has altered totally my views about my hidden abilities. I never had the opinion any time in my mind that if I am getting an idea, surely then I can retain it, and moreover, I can work on it as well. David Kelly's thoughts about unleashing the creative potential have an impact on my life significantly. I have now the idea and moreover the will to take things more creatively and openly- if I want to change my life.
* How confidence can be achieved? Confidence is an essential part of life. If anyone is not able to take things on his own, he or she will lack for the entire life the confidence which is necessary for coming up at the top. Creative confidence is for those who lack confidence. Kelly has argued that gathering the self-potential is very important. The self- potential is which exists in everyone. I have seen people applying this formula in their lives. As I have completed the course and now have been trained over this formula I will surely move on to this and apply this in my life also. This has been significantly important to me.
* What leadership challenges are? The leadership challenges are the new subject for me. I have never studied how the leadership works or what exactly are the challenges for any leader in an organization. I have throughout my life viewed the leaders as having the inherent abilities of command and being a leader. I never thought about the theoretical aspect of this, which this course has opened up to me. The reading I have been through in this course has taught me that every human on this planet has the abilities that can serve his purpose of going up. The leadership challenges I learned about in this course included how mandating a healthy order is essential for the leadership. The leader leads towards success, and that is why the leaders are in the helm of affairs.

**Applying the Learnings at work**

*Being Confident:* The major outcome of every learning remains its application in the most practical sense. The greatest lesson in this course for myself was how to be confident. I have never been so expressive about the things in my hands. Neither have I remained shy of expressing my thoughts. The exact problem in myself I observed after going through this course was that I lack the confidence. I have the knowledge that it is not wrong to contradict with anyone, neither is it the synonym of being the critique every time. It is just having the abilities and thoroughness in your ideas that can serve your purpose. The confidence is the basic key for all this.

*Being open to criticism:* Acceptance is not always in a physical form. It is not always accepting the presence of others around you. It is also about accepting the views and narrative of others. Criticism emerges where there is an understanding of the issues. I have observed that by being patient, the instructors have taught us how actually to be in a gaining role. I have observed that by being open to criticism, one actually gets the chance of renewing his or her opinion. This course implied many such modules which taught the students how to be adaptable in a critical situation.

*Being in the race of becoming a leader:* There were many aspects new to me in this course. These all aspects changed my narrative toward the things. For example, I always had thought that being a leader requires every time an extraordinary ability. I also thought that there is no such theoretical knowledge of this aspect of life. I always considered it an inherent part of any leaders life. The day I started reading the recommended books by the instructor, I started developing the habit of changing my narratives. This helped me in standing among the race of becoming a leader. Since this course taught us how to reform ourselves if he or she wants to see themselves in the race of being a leader.

**Ethics, Creativity and Leadership in the real life of mine**

*How ethics serves the purpose?* Pursuing the life in the field, in a practical situation, different from the classroom environment requires many new aspects. The ethics serve the purpose everywhere. If I develop myself in a more practical way and in a more mannerly way, I don’t think I will leave any reason for others, to behave badly with me. That is how much ethics are important. There are other reasons why ethics should be made a part of life. For example, by being understandable to others in every situation anyone is, he or she is making a place among the people present around them. This can result positively for anyone- irrespective of the situation you are in.

*What creativity has for everyone in real life?* Creativity- as to what I have understood by this course is that creativity is just not limited to the way you think it is equally important in sorting out the daily life issue in practical life. For example, not the conventional way of taking things in life is workable. Similarly not every person confronts the situation which might have been experienced by someone else. This is where creativity can serve your purpose. This is what is expected by the newcomers in the field. The hierarchies are actually looking for the people who can sort out things a more creative and more mannerly way.

*What leadership is to me now?* Leadership according to me- after completing this course is more the blend of the internal abilities and how one, takes the things in life. Since it has been said many times that with the great power comes the great responsibility, therefore this is what exactly the leadership is like in the most precise way. Once one has developed in his self the abilities that can serve the purpose of the organization more accurately, he or she will naturally come to the seat of the Leader.

***Let me take this opportunity also to convey Sorry to you, for the plagiarism in one of my paper submitted to you before. I consider this my moral responsibility to convey my feelings to you, which was a grave mistake at my part, for which I again say Sorry.***

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