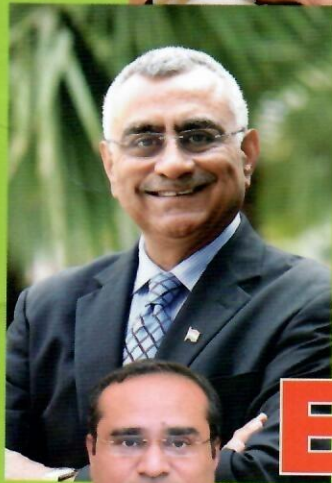
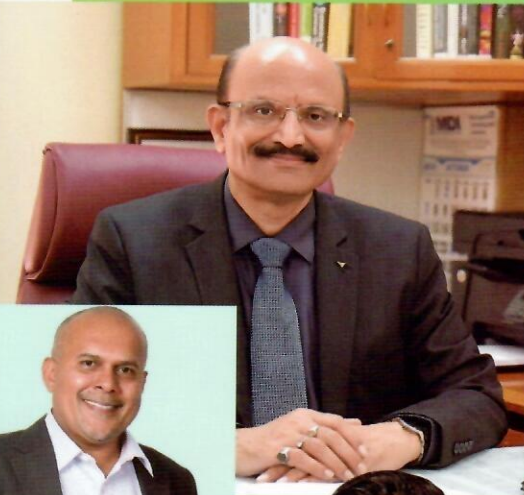


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Clockwise: Dr. Vishal Talwar, Dean, School of Management, BML Munjal University; Capt. Rohit Sen Bajaj - Director - Pathways School; Dr Atmanand, Additional Charge of Director, MDI; Manit Jain, Founder and Director, The Heritage Schools; Sushma Paul Berlia, Chairman, Apeejay Education Society; Kanak Gupta, Vice President, Jaipuria Schools; Meena Kak, Principal, LakshmiPat Singhania Academy; Ramakrishnan Raman, Director, SIBM; Ajay Gupta, CEO, Bachpan; Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation; Dr. Ranjan Banerjee, Dean, SPJIMR; Vittal Bhandary, Managing Director, Learning Edge India Pvt Ltd

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“IF YOU WANT TO BE A GOOD LEADER, YOU HAVE TO GIVE THEM WINGS”

Management Development Institute (MDI) is a front runner B-School of India. The PG Programmes in Management offered by MDI are recognized and accredited by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) New Delhi. Its PGPM has been awarded “A” Grade by the National Board of AICTE. MDI won ‘Higher Education Award for Innovation in Teaching Pedagogy’ at the BW Education’s Top Education Brands 2018 - 19. **Dr Atmanand**, Additional Charge of Director, MDI Gurgaon speaks to **Priya Saraf** of BW Education. Excerpts:

What is your philosophy that makes you a winner?
Our philosophy that makes us a winner lies in our strength. Our innovation, learning-oriented teaching practices and industry-specific curriculum set us apart from the other institutions. MDI Gurgaon has been the spotlight of the global business community for its contributions in business and economic developments. We believe in imparting quality management education and create cutting edge management capability by inculcating the best global practices, action-centric research and value-adding consulting.

How do you stay futuristic?
Staying futuristic is only possible if you are aware about the surroundings. It is important to stay updated with what’s happening in the eco-system and learn and adapt to it. We come with flexible mind-set without restriction ourselves of the changes. This mind-set helps us in adapting to these challenging changes, and gives us a futuristic sight to create a vision for the future.

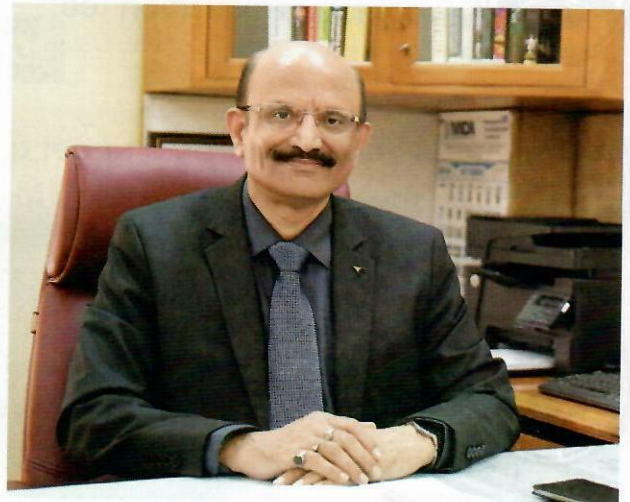
What is your Leadership mantra?
I live by a rule of ‘giving a platform to everyone’. This is for students, academicians and other members. We hear out the opinion of

every stakeholder and give them a chance to be the change maker. If you want to be a good leader, you have to give them wings. This is what I swear by.

Which are the institution you benchmark against?
Benchmarking enables the structured sharing of ideas and good practices on institutional strengths and weaknesses. We see institutions at the global level as a benchmark for us to strive ahead with best practices as an institute.

stand the requirements of the industry. Our course learnings perpetuate the idea of group learning, group behaviour, and group interactions.

What advice will you give to the young students, professionals for success in life?
Someone rightly said “Education is a never-ending endeavour”. My advice to the young students and professionals is to ‘be willing to continue to learn’. We at MDI Gurgaon al-



There is a gap between ‘what the academia trains’ and ‘how the industry expects to perform’, how are you working towards bridging this gap?
In order to bridge the ‘Industry Academia Gap’ we at MDI focus on ‘Industry-Academia’ collaborative research. Our students and academicians regularly collaborate with industry experts to under-

ways inspire students to be socially responsible and believe in contribution to the society. It is very important to be true to yourself, your passions, and your long-term goals. I also urge the professionals to follow the path of self-exploration and learn from their mistakes to be successful in life. ■

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