

## VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH ANTONIO FERNANDES

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, in the series of expert talks at Mushtifund Aryaan Higher Secondary School, a virtual interaction session with Mr. Antonio Fernandes, one of the successful alumnus of the school was held. Mr. Antonio Fernandes has done his schooling in Goa and has then completed his undergraduate studies at BITS Pilani, Pilani campus and M.S. in Berkeley University. Through his internship he was placed in a top semiconductor company in United States. Mr. Antonio shared that he was very fortunate to get an internship opportunity and that the project work at under graduation level and post graduation level contribute as the formative work experience in the career of a student.

Mr. Antonio said that the academic study at the institutions like Bits is exhausting; however systematic approach towards planning and studying is important. He emphasized on having a right approach to enable the student to not only get good grades but also carry out good project based work and application development. He spoke about competition habits and purpose. Mr. Antonio shared his learning experiences where he said that in the competitive environment we survive in, it is necessary to have the right attitude which complements the aptitude. He mentioned that we must inculcate the growth attitude which believes in using competition as in a way not to use competition to best others but get the better out of oneself. He said that the growth mindset views the success of others as an inspiration to grow whereas the fixed mindset uses the opportunity as a threat.

Mr. Antonio shared that by his experiences he has learnt that you always grow by celebrating excellence whether it is your excellence or the other people's excellence. Antonio shared that this attitude was seeded in him when he was a student of Aryaan Study Circle and the same helped him in a very big way at different milestones of his life and career. He said that he had not entered Aryaan Study Circle as one of the most intelligent students but he in his foundation years at Aryaans learnt the right principles and appropriate methodology to deal not only with academics but in a bigger picture with life. He said that he learnt a lot by peer learning at Aryaans and also during his undergraduate and postgraduate studies. He said we must always try to get better everyday and in the process such self improvement can yield big results.

During the talk, Sir Vyankatesh Prabhudesai, Director of Aryaan Study Circle, acknowledged that Aryaan Study Circle is based on the system which believes in value education, primarily at the first layer followed by the crucial layer of academic education. Mr. Antonio supported the same by offering the credits of his continuous success in the career path to his foundation years at Aryaan Study Circle.

During the interaction Mr. Antonio insisted on the principle which said 'To grow in virtue it is necessary to cultivate the right habits at the right time'. He said that one of his ideology has been the true fulfillment and he believes that the true fulfillment is in serving others and not your own self. He advised that the dedicated commitment to the family today will in turn evolve as a commitment to the society in future.

On the behalf of the students of Aryaan Study Circle, I presented vote of thanks to Mr. Antonio Fernandes for sparing his precious time and sharing his life experiences with us. Also, we always remain grateful to Sir Vyankatesh Prabhudesai for giving us an opportunity to interact with the successful and experienced personalities.

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