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'Generation Y is very smart, talented'

Share with us some vivid memories of childhood, of days at school/college that left a deep impression on you?

My sole inspiration and great motivation was my beloved mother. I truly acknowledged her good qualities and would remain grateful and indebted towards her. Her words of support and courage helped me instill self-confidence during my childhood. My mother, who possessed great indomitable strength of mind, taught me the value of being self-reliant. I was tremendously influenced and motivated by the DAV philosophy and it really touched my heart.

Which key steps led you to become first, a teacher and then a principal?

My mother was always my support. She motivated me to take up challenges. My constant thinking out of the box, doing new experiments and above all, having leadership qualities, made me a good teacher and then a principal.

Given a chance, what would be the one change that you would like to make/see at the national level in the present education system?

The important change that is required is in the mind set of the people. The system is too reductionist in its approach to evaluate the best. The CCE pattern needs changes.



■ Mala Sood, principal, Arvind Gupta DAV Centenary Public School, Model Town

What is the most satisfying/heart-warming aspect of your work/profession? And the most challenging one?

The most satisfying moment is watching students grow from a little flower to an adult. As an educator, it is our responsibility to encourage young ones to think out of the box and provide helping hands to needy ones.

Having closely observed GenY, identify some qualities about them that make you happy? Are there areas where you would like to see improvement?

The generation Y is very smart, talented and ambitious. They must enjoy small moments of life with friends. They are tech-savvy. But I feel they are impatient and emotional.

Has any student left an indelible mark on your thinking/ values or any student from whom you have learnt something valuable?

For me every student is important. I remember one of my ex-students once said that he learns to be a good human being and loves his parents by observing and emulating me.