



# POORNIMA UNIVERSITY

## REPORT

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#### **One Day Workshop on Effective Communication Conducted by Prof. James Myers**

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan' 2015, Poornima University**

Prof. James Edward Myers, PhD in English Literature, with over 10 years experience of teaching English in 3 American Universities was invited to deliver a lecture on the value and importance of effective and impressive communication for future engineers in today's competitive world in global environment. Prof. Myers has worked for over 18 years as Development Professional, directing fund raising and marketing campaign in US, Australia, and Newzealand. Besides this professional profile, he is a founder and manager of **Animal Aid Charitable Trust**, based at Udaipur, and has rescued and cured over 45000 animals in the last 15 years. He runs a hospital in Udaipur, providing shelter to over 400 animals.

Prof. Myers was invited by Poornima University for conducting a One Day Workshop on Effective Communication on the 29<sup>th</sup>, July'2015, for a group of selected 100 students, belonging to different streams of engineering. The main emphasis of the workshop was on the importance of oral and written communication in a professional world. Prof. Myers explained the importance of creative writing, using all the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch to elaborate one's thoughts on paper. He also made students aware of the importance of time management in our life and the fact that English has its own standards varying from country to country.

After a general interaction with the selected group of students, Prof. Myers then decided to interact with the students in isolation, again in the groups of four students each, in order to provide the students with the much needed individual attention, to solve their queries and to clear the doubts if they had. Here also, a group of 20 students from the Computer Engineering Department was selected to have a one on one interaction with them. The main motive of this interaction was to enlighten the students with the use of correct English and its importance. The students were encouraged to ask questions and were answered by the Professor with clarity and patience.

The one on one session with the students was followed by the interaction with the faculty of English/Soft Skills of Poornima University, in order to understand the syllabus and content of the curriculum of English/Soft Skills, run by Poornima University in its various semesters. Prof. Myers also discussed the ways to improve the teaching style used by the faculty in their classrooms. The faculty was delighted by the words of wisdom showered upon them by the Professor.

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The Workshop ended with a pleasant note, with both the student community and the faculty getting benefitted by the professor's rich experience and knowledge in life.

**Following were the observations/feedback derived from this a day long workshop...**

**Prof.Myers' Feedback for the students:-**

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1. The Students must develop the habit of reading novels, essays and poems in English language.
  2. They must develop the habit of speaking in English among themselves, especially with their friends.
  3. They must find some out from their busy schedule to develop the art of writing in English
  4. If possible, they must refer good English Grammar books to improve their English.
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1. The English teaching must be aided with demonstrations and examples, wherever necessary.
2. Learning must not be a serious activity. It must be mixed with fun, like inclusion of Games and activities.
3. The teaching sessions must be interactive and full of knowledge and learning.
4. And finally, some exercises must be circulated among the students for their practice.





