

Report on Soft Skills Enhancement Programs Children's University, Gandhinagar

Soft skills refer to a set of interpersonal, social, and communication abilities that enable individuals to navigate effectively in various personal and professional contexts. These skills encompass qualities like effective communication, adaptability, teamwork, problem-solving, leadership, and time management. Unlike technical or hard skills, which are job-specific and teachable, soft skills are more about how a person interacts with others, manages their emotions, and approaches challenges. They are crucial for building strong relationships, fostering collaboration, and excelling in diverse environments, making them invaluable in both the workplace and everyday life.

In this regard, Children's University initiated two certificate courses namely **Certificate Course in Vocal Music and Certificate Course in Drawing**. The former initiated in the year 2018-19, aimed at providing a platform for aspiring vocalists to hone their singing skills and develop a strong foundation in the field of vocal music. The program witnessed active participation from 16 enthusiastic students at its maiden year. As far the content of the program is concerned, it covered a comprehensive range of topics related to vocal music, including, Fundamentals of Music, Voice Training, Indian Classical Music, Semi-Classical and Devotional Music, Performance Skills, Recording Techniques & Musical Appreciation.

During the academic year 2018-19, Children's University in Gandhinagar organized a Certificate Course in Drawing with the goal of nurturing students' artistic talents and providing them with a solid foundation in visual arts. Under the guidance of Mr. Jaydev Dhandhiya, the program attracted **24 eager participants** looking to enhance their drawing skills and unleash their creativity. The course curriculum was thoughtfully structured to cover a broad spectrum of drawing techniques and concepts. This included instruction on fundamental drawing tools, materials, and techniques, sketching to develop observational skills, still life composition, portrait drawing, landscape representation, perspective application, and experimentation

with mixed media using charcoal, ink, and pastels. This course significantly contributed to the artistic development of **24 students** in its maiden year.

The Certificate Courses in Vocal Music and Drawing initiated by Children's University hold immense value in nurturing holistic development. The Vocal Music program not only imparts technical skills but also emphasizes soft skills such as effective communication, teamwork, and adaptability, which are crucial in the world of music. Likewise, the Drawing Course goes beyond honing artistic abilities, integrating soft skills like problem-solving and emotional management, essential for creative expression. Both courses promote an environment of collaboration and personal growth, contributing significantly to students' overall development in their respective fields. These programs exemplify the pivotal role soft skills play in personal and professional success, making them invaluable assets in various life contexts.

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