

## Backdrop

The honorable Prime Minister has taken serious note of the mobile screen time of upto 6 hours daily of every student. This is destroying the ability to create that in turn adversely impacts NIRF rankings.

The current day social media has brought forth a rather vexing scenario involving all the students and that includes us as well, where we use the mobile screen for between 4.5-6 hours daily. (refer: Screen time app on your own phones). Most of it is useless or unproductive. This **'consumption'** of random content severely and adversely impacts the **'creation'** of content. That is the reason India with 4 times the population of America is still 1/8<sup>th</sup> the size of GDP that America produces. GDP is a measure of Gross domestic product. We have 4 times the hands that America has. Our students need to learn to 'create' more than they 'consume.'. Their consumption must therefore be channelized.

The concept of mind share was studied in US. It emanates from the mind that is neuroplastic. Mind is always seeking and has a pace of its own and slips down a street that is more colorful and exciting seeking more colorful imagery through our visual and auditory senses.

In the process we get strung on several disjointed, disconnected, and sliced timelines. These timelines are further slashing, tossing and reducing our emotions to emoticons. Viz; on the same timeline we post in quick succession: Wow > R.I.P > looking good > Congratulations> LOL>>>, without meaning any of these. We also tend to forget what we post, like or state within the next minute, thus making the mind more fragile.

This impacts our endocrinal system and leads to impotency and infertility of emotions, thought, mind and even body. This is fracturing our attention spans and also our emotions thereby leading to life style diseases and other physical maladies.

Our minds remain embroiled and immersed with different imageries compounding the issue of mindlessness brought about by this slicing, tossing and dicing mind-shares, mind-maps and varying degrees of 'happiness' that remain confused with 'pleasures'.

Pleasures lead to heightened levels of dopamine or Dope and this becomes a toxic cycle. It



then causes withdrawal symptoms and hence the need for the constant rush of dopamine or dope.

In order to restore potency, productivity and correct that balance, the neuroplasticity needs to be attended and addressed.

### **Happiness and YOL-YourOneLife**

Happiness is different from pleasure. Pleasures are visceral and exhaust and crave for their replenishment. Pleasure induces dopamine. Happiness leads to a healthy mind and body as it creates confident personalities with stronger immunities as opposed to dope or dopamine induced or consuming personalities. It also brings into the student a balance and poise and helps stabilize her/his mindmap and mindshare.

YOL-YourOneLife is an app on the same phone however the difference is that while other apps break the mind and take away the mind share, YOL aggregates the mind and restores mindshare and realigns the mindmap.

This also reduces stress and replaces disputes in the mind. **(collision with coalescence)**

The app further becomes a lifelong and sustained learning tool and companion for the student. It was on the basis of these values and metrics generated by the app that this has been approved by AICTE.

The app has been introduced as a course and eligible to grant 2 credits for its usage across all semesters, students and streams as It is felt that happiness is a constant process of self-discovery and self-assessment not limited to semesters alone.

The app improves the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning, IQ, EQ, restores Mindshare and realigns the Mindmap of the user. It is offered as a self-study app that does not require any faculty support. The assessment and calibration of happiness is also done by the backend of the app.

### **NATIONAL HAPPINESS GRID**

YOL is creating a National Happiness Grid. This shall entail no additional work by any institution. A Separate note on the Campus Ambassador Program will soon be shared. The

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Campus ambassadors will through YOL be connected with a lot of peers across India in several institutions and leverage each other to create conferences, Model United Nations, symposiums and events.(Refer \*Yatra below that is being undertaken to create a National Grid)

This will largely address the issue of student stress. We can jointly host happiness fests, round tables and conferences on your campus.

Having been part of the leadership team at Microsoft, allow me to reassure you that even when hiring students from Harvard and MIT etc, the criterion for students were:

1. Appetite to create Vs. appetite to consume.
2. EQ and IQ and
3. Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning and
4. A mind that can remain focused for 5 minutes, is elastic and withstands stress.

That we would assess from our interview questions and the body language of the student. The app at hand therefore delivers that.

Students that don't relate to their social and **emotional** aspects show up the gaps in the questioning rounds. We would NOT hire them because of their unawareness about themselves foremost. Thus when asked trick questions, the students trip. Here's what happens. Their unawareness leads them to perceive a threat. That leads them to stress. Their stress hormones rise and stay there, their executive function in the prefrontal cortex decline.

That means their memory, their judgment, their impulse control deteriorate, and the brain areas for anger and anxiety are activated. Work by Dr. Robert Sapolsky <https://www.robertsapolskyrocks.com/> shows that individuals who cannot differentiate threat from non-threat and react to everything with the same response have double the level of stress hormones. Which is why foremost reinforcement that students require is about their own life.

YOL-YourOneLife has tokenised their experience on a blockchain and this gamifies the entire app and its usage enabling students to earn tokens. It is pertinent to mention here that facebook is a 1 Trn USD enterprise with 2.5 Bn users. That in turn means that each user is worth 400 USD to facebook,



while the users get nothing from using it. In effect they surrender their mindshare to facebook for it to exploit and profit from.

YOL on the contrast is a platform that hosts the student's life and grows with it organically. On it by tokenising happiness through each post update by the user, the platform will enable students to claim value for the tokens earned.

### NATIONAL HAPPINESS YATRA

A **National Happiness Yatra has been undertaken** and you may invite us to your campus to speak to your faculty and students.

The Yatra has been flagged off by Prof Anil D. Sahasrabudhe and Prof. J.P. Saini, Eminent Vice Chancellor NSUT, on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from New Delhi.

The purpose of undertaking the Yatra is:

1. To create a National Happiness Grid to catalyse collaboration.
2. Promote Happiness as a course.
3. Ideate on innovation and creation.
4. National events such as Model United Nations, symposiums, think tanks etc.  
These shall be supported by eminent leaders of the United Nations.
5. Tokenise happiness on a **block chain**.
6. Carving out a Mind-share, Mind-map, Happiness index of the learners.
7. Issue NFTs. This will unleash their creativity.

The syllabus, pedagogy and curriculum has been designed in accordance with the NEP and in consultation with the finest faculty from \*WHF. It fire-starts a new subject and pedagogy supported by the app to enable students to rise out of their mind-fog and step into the classroom out of the digital deluge that they are doused in outside the classroom in any case.

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