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Coming to Gujarat for me was a long nurtured dream and you all gave me a perfect opportunity to be with all of you. I could not imagine or visualize what the outcome of the conference would have been, but today I can say I want to come again and regularly do programmes for the youth of Gujarat along with you. The change in heart is due to the love and care shown by every person whom I encountered of Gandhi Mahila College; the early morning tea was served before time, the non-teaching staff was always available with a smile, they strengthened our hands by looking after our needs, the cleaning ladies greeted with folded hands and worked very hard to uplift the auditorium and bathrooms to our standards, the kitchen Ba was a perfect hostess and along with other Masi's they served us with smile and waited endlessly for us, principal, vice-principals, teachers, secretary, trustees and every other person showed keen interest, enthusiasm and support towards the LMAD conference and this characteristic has touched us deeply.

Not mentioning Navendu in this reminder of mine will be an incomplete letter. All that was possible in the second half of 2011 was only because of his sacrifice and willingness to walk that extra mile to spread the awareness and teachings of IofC-LMAD. His personal life changing experience inspired him to work towards this cause and he was the main architect of all our outreach in different parts of the country, and the beginning of the end of his short journey in Bhavnagar- Gujarat where he helped the team put on a conference for hundreds of girl participants. Our coming to Bhavnagar was only possible because of him, one man commitment can bring enormous impetus to the movement, so never think I am alone, the moment you start your journey from the very first step there will be many like-minded forces which will extend themselves, but one needs to have courage to walk, which he has and through his dedication he has inspired many who have come and crossed his path.

The enclosed letter which is written by you is going to remind you and tell you where you are and where you want to be, so think and evaluate yourself where you stand after all these months.

If you have achieved what you wanted to then pat yourself on the back and look ahead telling yourself I can do what I decide, but if you have not been able to do what you wanted then it is never too late. What you have written to yourself is very precious and all the writing on the paper is due to self-realization and deep thinking in your own quiet time. Such moments do not come every day and the written letter is a powerful reminder of what you actually want to see in yourself rather than anybody else. Have quiet time with yourself and absorb every word that you have written, because in one's life, one writes letters to others but not to one's own self and that is why this letter is precious and special.

Rajendra bhai Gandhi for me was the main architect of the conference, it was his thought and under his guidance in faith we moved ahead. To take ahead what we all learnt together you need to strengthen the hands of your principal, secretary, trustees and all the stakeholders of the college who played a vital role in putting up the LMAD conference, they will be taking the lead but it is important that you also join them and help them to take the Bhavnagar youth conference to many more young people of your region and state. If this conference was a turning point in your life and you subscribe to the teachings of IofC – LMAD then inspire many more and tell them about the youth conference and share your life changing moments and as promised by you to have regular quiet time I hope the journey to remain silent every morning in deep within you, don't let it go.

The IofC – LMAD team joins me in wishing you and your family a happy peaceful time.

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