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Sadhguru follows no philosophy and he doesn't mince his words. He says he tramples down the mediocrity he faces and laughs heartily. In Delhi to sensitise citizens to the need of inner engineering, he shares how his Isha Foundation brought back the enthusiasm to rural Tamil Nadu. Sadhguru has demonstrated in the last decade what he means by inner engineering and how it can transform the nation. His teachings of Isha yoga grew into a number of realtime projects, from meditative practices to health and education, on restoring what he calls the broken spirit of rural India. "Building in the change was done by using human enthusiasm," he says.

Developing India's human resource is his sole focus, and inner engineering a unique Indian value he shares. "For the first time, it is being offered as a science. My work is to clean this old technology and present it to you without any clutter," he says. He scoffs at the idea of the new-fangled spirituality in business talk.

"Business will be business, it is the human being who has to be spiritual," he laughs, bringing back the focus to the essentials of inner engineering.