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Chinese students go by Indian names

Unable to pronounce tongue-twisting names, EDII gives Indian names to Chinese students

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Ahmedabad: Most language students attempting to learn Mandarin (commonly called Chinese) will agree it is one of the most difficult languages to master. The same goes for Chinese names as well, the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) will agree.

To overcome the daunting task of pronouncing the names of their Chinese students of Business Hindi, the institute simply gave them Indian



Avdhesh Jha and his student Fu Yongqiang, aka Akash

names. So Fu Yongqiang is 'Akash' and Pang Yonghui is 'Narendra.'

Each Chinese student has to pick a name he/she likes from a list of names that the college prepares, after taking into account each student's characteristics. Interestingly, some of the former students have changed their original name to the Indian one after learning

What's your name, again?

Original name	Indian name
Wang Zhiqi	Sudha
Hui Xiao	Ravi
Song Jiechen	Chandni
Liu Jialiang	Varun
Liu Licheng	Bahadur
Fu Yongqiang	Akash

of its meaning. Professor Avdhesh Jha, course director, Business Hindi at EDII, says, "We introduced the concept in the first batch itself. Within a fortnight of their joining us, we observe their personality and give them an Indian name that best describes their traits. We also tell them the meaning of the names," says Jha.

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