

# 'Going by Indian names makes our life easier in India'

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**Ahmedabad:** Professor Avdhesh Jha, course director, Business Hindi at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, explains how he named his Chinese student, Pang Yonghui, Narendra. Besides the difficult pronunciation of his Chinese name, Jha says 'Narendra' captured his personal-

ity perfectly.

"We named him Narendra because apart from being kind, he is helpful to others. Hence the name Narendra (Naro mein Indra)," says Jha.

Fu Yongqiang, who goes by the name Akash on the campus, says, "I love this name because it was given to me by professor Avdhesh, who is my first friend in India.

This is a good concept as it makes my living in India easier and brings me closer to my Indian friends and teachers."

Jha says of the more than 60 students who have taken the course since it started in 2012, only one girl wanted a name different from what we suggested.

"When 'Rachna' (named so for her creativity) wanted a different

name, we named her 'Rashmi' (light and hope)," says Jha.

He recalls how one of his students continued to use her Indian name long after she left the institute. "She now goes by the name of Chenn Khalisha — Chenn being her surname. She works in India and finds it easy to address herself as Khalisha to make it easier for people around her," he added.