
Today's Education System: the Role of Students and Teachers

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ABSTRACT

In the age of Advanced Science and Technology to dizzy heights and all the information is readily available on the internet web-source with the help of various search engines, which are highly helpful to the students, employees, entrepreneurs, teachers and in all walks of life and in every field, it is to be always remembered and certainly taken note that it is not a replacement to human activity, thinking human brain, which is evidently fact and proved since Vedic days. Human intelligence has to be nurtured. India is well known for its very rich heritage. It is time to think about what has gone wrong with our education system today. The capacity to think, innovate, ask questions on the intuitive mind has completely collapsed because of over dependence on technology. Technology is very good and it gives spontaneous information, but it cannot be substituted to human brain. Memory has been our bigger asset. Vedas, Upanishads passed down by word of mouth only and the students learned the Vedic hymns by heart from their Gurus spontaneously and passed down to next generations till emergence of palm leaf inscription to paper print. Now we have everything past, present and future in media. Therefore what today's education system and students need in the class room and the teachers' role in imparting right knowledge is the essence of this article.

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LANGUAGE TEACHING

Language teaching – Robert Lado defines as “Acquiring ability to use the structure within a general vocabulary under essential conditions of normal communication among native speakers at conversational speed”. To say very vividly, it sounds the acquisition of their ability to use the structure and the content of the language.

There are many principles of teaching such as orientation, exposure, naturalness, habit, active and passive vocabulary, gradation, accuracy and correctness, multiple line approach, aptitude, correlation, etc.

English has almost become Indian language. We have driven out the British and retained their language which has now a link language and official language in India because India is a multilingual country and has 22 recognized languages. It is an international language and a first language in U.S. with Canada and Australia. English is widely significant as library language. To say in a nut shell - English has unified all the states in India. Learning new methods for improvising the language should be viewed always as fresh renaissance.

Now-a- days, most of the Indian schools are situated not only in cities and towns, but even in small villages too. English is taught as a primary language besides mother tongue as a second language. This is, of course, not a healthy trend to desist teaching the mother tongue which is the first language that the child learns from the mother initially.

EDUCATION

Education is most important in the development of a nation. Education plays a vital role in the advancement of technologies. The purpose of education in gaining more knowledge, attaining skills and talent is to develop character in right earnest for doing well to himself and to the society by becoming a responsible citizen. More acquisition of degrees by a human being without being a human is a sheer waste. Such kind of birth is a burden to mother-earth.

Enthusiasm can make things 100 percent better to activate others, to get them to be enthusiastic. You must first be enthusiastic yourself. Be environment – conscious. Just as body diet makes the body, mind diet makes the mind. Get your advice from successful people. Your future is important. Never risk it with freelance advisors who are living failures. Discover new and stimulating things to do.

Like fire purifies everything, education thus paves the way to perfect the human being. Children should be taught at home for getting refurbished in educational institutions.

The letters in the word-EDUCATION stand and interpret as:

- E – Excellence
- D – Dedication
- U – Understanding

- C – Creativity and commitment
- A – Alacrity (great eagerness or enthusiasm)
- T – Training
- I – Inquisitiveness (eager to find things out)
- O – Orientation
- N – Naturalness (natural environment, mother tongue and habits)

Abdul Kalam, former President of India always says, “Get good dreams for which you should have sound sleep”. In order to realize them, you should spend sleepless nights. What is understood in his saying? Work hard – work hard – work hard. There is no short cut for success. Read anything interestingly but not painfully feeling it as a burden. Then success will definitely be won. As SWOT theory advocates – convert every threat into opportunity and weakness into strength. A successful student’s life will surely carry forward in future career path also either in employment, entrepreneur development or in any trade of industry. Ultimately, it is a successful and contended life. If we carry a collage of remarkable memories, that can become a road map to the next generation.

SUCCESS

Success means many wonderful, positive things. Success means personal prosperity, a fine home, vacations, travel, new things, financial security, a good amicable and adjustable wife or husband, disciplined children, etc. In addition, success means winning admiration, leadership, being looked up by people in your business and social life, besides self respect. Real happiness and satisfaction lies in rendering to help the needy and those who depend on you. This is also labeled as successful life. What is life after all if it is not meant for others? Think always “I am positive – yes I can”. This is the strong slogan of Barrack Obama who dwelled in the seat as American President for two consecutive terms. He proved himself as a successful leader of U.S. This is another strategic source of a successful success. Man grows from imperfection to perfection through sorrow to joy, despair to hope, loss to gain divergent to convergent, antithesis to thesis, darkness to delight, dawn to dusk, mortal to immortal and so on.

Human brain thinks in many ways. There are several activities that human brain does: They are: Exploration, Creativity, Retaining, Recollecting, Analyzing, Communicating and Coordinating.

These are shared by left brain and right brain. The left hemisphere is active in linear, logical, practical and time oriented activities while right hemisphere seems to be much more non-linear, obstruct, creative, holistic and non-logical processes.

The attitudes, values and learning skills developed in the formative years of a child remain with the child forever. Therefore it is vital to impart listening (sruti), learning (smriti), reading, writing, speaking right from elementary school level.

Scientific skills – Teacher should possess:

- Analyze the content
- Organize activities
- Give instructions
- Concept discussion
- Giving Assignment
- Evaluation

Education in India meant not merely intellectual, cramming of information into the brain, but the application of them into one's life so that life becomes better at individual, social, secular and spiritual levels. Education is a life transformer. That is real education which liberates. Education is acquisition of knowledge at any age.

Wisdom and not mere knowledge is considered the goal of education. Wisdom is to know what is permanent and what is not and to reject the latter. In the early stages of the student, this is possible only by emulating the ideal characters in the milieu in which the student finds himself.

CONCENTRATION

Concentration of mind plays in mastering various subjects of study. The more the power of concentration, the deeper is the observation, the greater is the knowledge gained and the quicker is it achieved. Hence concentration of mind is a great value stressed in education. Arjuna, the great archer prince in the epic Mahabharata is asked to shoot the eye of a bird sitting on a far off tree. He shoots successfully as he concentrates only at the bird's eye. Therefore the real concentration cuts off all other objects of senses except the one under observation. Swamy

Vivekananda's life abounds in examples wherein we see his marvelous power of studying volumes of books by reading them only once and that too with a lightning speed.

CONCLUSION

Today's youth is looking forward to welcome e-education. These days knowledge has become so wide and so evolving that we cannot hope to teach a lot to a student. What we say today will be obsolete tomorrow in the technologically, academically, socially, legally, politically changing environment. Entire life is for learning. There is no end to say that total knowledge is acquired. Students must read news papers, journals and magazines to update their knowledge and broaden their vision and enhance the thinking capacity, drive out the fear of examination, invite the challenging roles to face any competency, develop creativity to innovate new avenues in the field of their interest.

Especially teachers must keep abreast of all varieties of news items and communicate them in the class room mixing with the related subjects. Teachers must be aware that syllabus is for the students but not to them. Teachers of yore used to introduce to the students - their parents and good friend during orientation programmes. They are- text book is mother, guide and dictionary is father, news paper is a valuable friend and Guru is all in one. We are not using the brain to its full measure. Brain is a physical thing, an organ in the human body. Mind is functional. Memory is one of the aspects of mind. A brain can have one hundred trillion possible connections. You will be surprised to know Nobel laureates could not utilize even twenty percent of brain's total capacity. It is also said that a teacher tells the lessons, a good teacher explains, a very good teacher demonstrates and an excellent teacher inspires the student. Now students can assess what type of teachers they have.

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