

ROLE OF A TEACHER IN HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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Abstract :

A teacher's role may vary among cultures. Teachers may provide instruction in literacy and numeracy, vocational training, the arts, civics, religion, community roles and life skills. The teacher still has a crucial and demanding role to play in the process of student learning, by creating a context in which the students' desire ability to learn can work most effectively. The citizens of tomorrow are his students and the future of the country lies in his hand. Teachers are role models for their students; he also plays the role of friend, guide, philosopher, assessor etc. for their students.

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Introduction :

*“GURU BRAHMA GURU VISHNU, GURU DEVO MAHESHWARA,
GURU SAKSHAT PARABRHMA, TASMAYEE SHREE GURUVE NAMAH”*

The role of a teacher in the educational field is very important. Education is a two-way process and student and teacher are the two sides of the same coin in education. It is beyond argument that teacher is a backbone of the society, country and the educational system. He represents whole of the society in education campus which is a sub-society or mine. The citizens of tomorrow are his students and the future of the country lies in his hand. Teachers are role models for their students. A role model is someone we admire and someone we aspire to be like. We learn through them, through their commitment and through their ability to make us realize our own personal growth. We look to them for advice and guidance. Teachers are heroes for students. “We think of teacher-heroes that taught us the academic s but we don't often think of those teacher that taught us life's lesson” (Maria Wale, My Teacher My Hero).The teacher is a dynamic force of the school as well as college. A school/college without teacher is just like a body without the soul, a

skeleton without flesh and blood and a shadow without substance. There is no greater need for the cause of education today than the need for strong manly men and motherly women as teachers for the younger generation. A teacher's role may vary among culture. Teachers may provide instruction in literacy and numeracy, craftsmanship or vocational training, the arts, religion, civics, community roles, or life skills.

Some Definitions of Teacher :

Teacher : A teacher is a person who provides education for pupils and students.

Most of the great philosophers and educationists given the definitions of the teachers such as-

- 1) A teacher is image of Brahma-Manu.
- 2) The teacher is the real maker of history-H. G. Wells
- 3) The teacher is the maker of man-Sir John Adams
- 4) A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame - Ravindranath Tagore
- 5) The teacher is a Brahma, the creator he is God Vishnu, he is God Mahesh war. He is entire universe salutations to him Indian prayer.

From all above definitions it is clear that the teacher is the yardstick that measures the achievements and aspirations of the nation.

Role of teacher in twenty-first century :

- Friend
- Guide
- Role model
- Mentor
- Social engineer
- Character builder
- The planner
- Assessor
- Good mental health
- Professional efficient
- Knowledge of technology

- Social worker
- All rounder

- 1) **Friend**-In today's situation, education process is a student-centered process. Hence, teacher is a good friend of students.
- 2) **Guide**-Teacher is a person who shows the way to student, help in need and gives moral support to the student. He is not only philosopher but also guide of student.
- 3) **Role Model**- Teacher serves as role model not only when they teach students and also fulfill their role as teacher in classroom, whether it is in lecture hall or examination hall or the group discussion or laboratory. The good teacher can describe in a lecture to a class of the students, their approach to the problem being discussed in a way that captures the importance of the subject and the choices available. The teacher has a unique opportunity to share some of the magic of the subject with the student.
- 4) **Mentor**-Today's teacher plays a prominent role in health education, environmental education, special education, sustainable development education, technology education hence his knowledge updated time to time and plays a role of mentor.
- 5) **Social Engineer**-Teacher is people who teaches students and develop next generations. He is a creator of new wealth for nation in the form of students. So that teacher is a social engineer.
- 6) **Character builder**-A flower in bloom is loved by all and in this lies its glory .similarly man may be viewed having achieved everything in life when he becomes perfect in character. If the best flowers among mankind take to teaching, society is abundantly enriched, their fragrance and beauty are then made the best use of if the character becomes an embodiment of right conduct in thought, word and deed, the students by their association will learn virtue and develop many qualities. They can be humanized and can live and act like normal human beings.
- 7) **The planner**- Curriculum planning is an important role for the teacher. Most of the colleges and universities have education committees charged with curriculum within their institution. Teachers may be expected to make a contribution to curriculum planning.
- 8) **Assessor**- The assessment of students by teacher is one of the most important tasks. Most of the teachers have something to contribute to the process of assessment. The teacher has responsibility not only to plan and implement educational programmes and students learning, but also assesses the course and curriculum programme.

- 9) **Good Mental Health**-If the teachers have good mental health, he can create love, interest and enthusiasm for teaching and learning processes and a taste in the subject he teaches.
- 10) **Professional Efficiency**-The teacher must possess a strong sense of vocation and true devotion towards teaching. For his professional efficiency, he should have knowledge of psychology, educational philosophy, aims, contents, methods and materials of instruction, skill and interest in teaching. He must possess a fair knowledge of current affairs about his own country and other countries of the world.
- 11) **Knowledge of technology**- In today's world teachers need to be equipped not only with subject-specific expertise and effective teaching methodology, but with capacity to assist students to meet the demands of the emerging knowledge-based society. Therefore teachers require familiarity with new information and communication technology and need to have ability to use that technology to enhance the quality of teaching and learning. Also teachers are connected their students on many social networking such as linked in Face book, what's up, Blog etc.
- 12) **Social worker**-Teacher is also a good social worker."Education is an activity which goes on in the society and its aims and methods depend upon the nature of the society in which it takes place". -Otto way. From Otto way's statement it is clear that teacher builds a nation by developing their student.
- 13) **All Rounder**-Today's world is a globalized world. In this twenty first century all teachers are self developed in physical, mental, intellectual, moral, social, and emotional because they have to face many problems in day to day life and also solve them properly. Teachers also develop their student to face different types of stress in today's situation.

In the process of education, teacher is the pivotal point and the heart of the matter. Education takes place through the interaction between the teacher and the taught. The true textbook for the student is his teacher. He trains the minds, cultivates the manners and shapes the community at their most impressionable age. He is to be more honored than the parents give children their life but the teacher teaches them the art of living well. The National policy on Education says" Teacher's have to play a pivotal role in reforming education at all levels. In order that they can play this role they should inspired by creative idealism and feel pride in their profession.

The role of teacher is often formal and ongoing, carried out at a school or other place of formal education. In many countries, a person who wishes to become a teacher must first

obtain specified professional qualifications from university or college. But in India teaching profession is least preferred for well qualified and benefitting individuals. Usually qualified persons take up this job as a last resort to win the bread and butter.

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