

TEACHERS ARE THE ROLE MODELS TO STUDENTS

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Abstract: A role model is a person who inspires and encourages us to strive for greatness, live to our fullest potential and see the best in ourselves. A role model is someone we admire and someone we aspire to be like. We learn through them, through their commitment to excellence and through their ability to make us realize our own personal growth. We look to them for advice and guidance. Role model can be anybody: a parent, a sibling, a friend but some of our most influential and life-changing role models are teachers. Teachers play important role in our life to become successful in career and business. A good teacher helps us to become good human being in the society and good citizen of the country. Teachers know that students are the future of any nation. So the future development of any nation is in the hands of teachers. What we become in life is depends on teachers. Teachers impart the data and information in the brain of students to analyze. Analyzing in the situation what is possible is the most important thing that we learn from teachers. Appreciation of teachers is very important because they are most important people in the country. What we're seeing today in business, politics, and society all affected by teachers. So, in India, we celebrate teacher day every year on 5th September on the occasion of the birth Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (5th September 1888 – 17 April 1975).

“Teachers should be the best minds in the country” – Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Students look up to teachers for advice and guidance. Students not only interested in academic lessons but they are interested to follow their life lessons. That's why it's highly important for teachers to inspire students to follow good habits not bad by their own example.

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Introduction

A teacher helps to become a great leader. Great leaders build a nation. Leaders play a huge role in the personal development of an individual. Great leaders inspire thousands of people to go into the right direction. Great leaders learned and followed the path provided to them by a teacher in schools and college times. Almost all good leaders will agree that they have learned valuable organization skills, personal development skills from teachers. These skills helped them to reach where they are today. They used their creativity in the right direction. Some students are great. Not because they are born with greatness but because teachers helped them to become what they are today. That's why teachers are great human beings who know about the future. A student is like soft clay in the hands of his teachers. Students mind can be moulded into any shape in tender age. If taught well by his teacher he can become an important tool for the society. If taught wrong he can become a weapon of destruction. We have an example today we often see on the news channels. A good teacher attitude reflects upon the students easily. Why, because students meet teacher every day for many years and replicate his mannerism and habits.

But not all colleges and teachers are good to increase the moral values of students. Few colleges and teachers just teaching for money and students are directed to earn money. These kinds of salary lover teachers drive the career of students in the wrong path. Some of the students from such teachers got the job by the approach of minister and influencers. This kind of teachers produces corrupt leaders, doctors, and bureaucrats. But good

students and well sanskari one's, honest students and intelligent getting job and starting a business after studying from such great principled teachers.

In Teacher, there are Seven Letters which are having great characters.

T- Talent

E- Educational Qualifications

A - Analytical power

C - Character

H - Honesty

E - Efficient

R- Rationalist

I. Famous Teachers of India and their contribution to education

1. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Born in Thiruttani in Tamil Nadu, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was not only a legendary teacher, but he was a great philosopher too. He served as the first Vice President of India and second President of India. The most acknowledged teacher of India, Dr Radhakrishnan accomplished his MA Degree in Philosophy, at the age of 21.

He believed in 'spiritual education' and was friendly with all his students. He began his teaching career at Madras Presidency College. Then, he became a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Mysore. He represented the University of Calcutta at International Congresses in the UK and the US and also lectured at the Oxford on Comparative Religion. He was the proud recipient of India's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna. He got married when he was 16 years old and he had six children- five daughters and a son. He passed away at the age of 86.

2. Swami Vivekananda

Born on Jan 12, 1863, Swami Vivekananda left his influence all over the world. His teachings are an inspiration for the youth of India. He successfully represented India in the US. His main purpose of life was to help the downtrodden and poor people.

3. Gautam Buddha

Gautam Buddha was born as Siddhartha in 480 BC near Kapilavastu in Lumbini region of southern Nepal. At the age of 29, he renounced his princely and luxurious life, in the search of freedom from sorrow and lived an ascetic life. He received the title Buddha when he attained nirvana (enlightenment). Buddhism was founded on the basis of his teachings. His teachings even changed the life of a dacoit Angulimala. At the age of 80, he announced that he would abandon his earthly body and will reach final deathless state.

4. Maharishi Valmiki

Maharishi Valmiki was a great Sanskrit scholar, who composed mythological scriptures like Ramayana and Ramacharita. He is revered as a great saint by Hindus.

5. Ved Vyasa

Ved Vyasa is credited to have written the holy scriptures of Mahabharata and Bhagwad Gita. He is considered to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. He had split the original version of Vedas into four parts: the Rigveda, the Yajurveda, the Samaveda and the Atharvaveda.

6. Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Born on Feb 18, 1836, he is popularly known as Ramakrishna Paramahansa. His chief disciple Swami Vivekananda formed 'Ramakrishna Mission' in his name.

7. Shankaracharya

Born in 788 AD, Shankaracharya wiped away superstitious religious practices which were rampant during his time. He had a unique skill to retain whatever he used to read even once.

8. Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Born on April 7, 1875, Dayanand Saraswati was a great saint, who founded the Arya Samaj. He revived vedic ideologies. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Sri Aurobindo called him one of the 'makers of Modern India'.

9. Chanakya

Born in a Brahmin family, Chanakya was a great economist, philosopher and a thinker, who taught "Arthshastra" in ancient India. 'Chanakya Niti' is known all across the world. He was a professor in Taxila University. He is revered as a great scholar and a diplomat, not only in India but in the West too. He was known for his wisdom and unfailing strategies. He was a pioneer in the field of political science and contributed a lot in shaping the foreign policy of India. It is said that Chanakya starved himself to death.

10. Aryabhata

Aryabhata was a great Indian mathematician and an astronomer. It is said that Aryabhata might have been the head of Nalanda University. He discovered arithmetic, algebra, plane trigonometry, spherical trigonometry, fractions, quadratic equations, sums-of-power series and a table of sines. He was an extraordinary teacher and a great scholar, with an immense knowledge.

11. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Born on May 22, 1772, Raja Ram Mohan Roy is known as a great social reformer. He abolished evil social practices like Sati and raised his voice against dowry system. In 1828, he founded the Brahmo Samaj.

12. RabindraNath Tagore

Nobel Prize laureate Guru Rabindranath Tagore established Santiniketan school (abode of peace) near Bolpur in Birbhum district of West Bengal, now known as Visva-Bharati University. Tagore is known for literary classics in the form of poems, songs and novels. He was a great philosopher, artist, playwright, composer, novelist and brought a revolution in the education system. He gave a new definition to teaching by taking students out of the confinement of four walls and taught them under the trees in fresh air. He focused on Gurukul system by imbuing his students with the value of spirituality and he also inculcated outside knowledge in his students. He composed the National Anthem.

13. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

India's "Missile Man" and the former President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam who left for heavenly abode on July 27, 2015, always wanted that he should be remembered as a good teacher. Teaching was his passion and he passed away while teaching at IIM Shillong. He used to connect with children instantly. Even after assuming the post of India's 11th president, Dr Kalam used to take time for his penchant of teaching. Dr Kalam, who was from an humble background, was very hardworking as a student. He studied physics at St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli and aerospace engineering at Madras Institute of Technology. A prolific writer, Kalam had penned down various books science, spirituality, and his inspiring life. He was 'People's president', a great humanitarian and a nuclear and space scientist. Many of his followers call him as Guru Kalam or Kalam Sir.

Some of his famous quotes on teachers and students are:

- "Creativity is the key to success in the future, and primary education is where teachers can bring creativity in children at that level."
- "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher."
- "One of the very important characteristics of a student is to question. Let the students ask questions."
- "Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model."

II. Principles of Good teacher

• Cultivate what works for our students

Every classroom is unique because of the kind of children it has. Not only do they have different capabilities, but also different learning styles. A good teacher understands the learning style of his/her learner and incorporates different strategies to teach.

• Care genuinely

Take interest in their life outside the classroom. Its important to have an emotional connect with the students. Know their interests and encourage them. Its not always possible for a teacher to teach various activities in the school because of various constraints. Make sure you encourage your students if they are excelling in something outside of the school.

- **Trust the kids**

Tell them that you trust them. Give them responsibilities in the class and encourage them to take initiatives. Depending on the level of the students, responsibilities could differ. Praise them in front of the class and point out how they helped you. Appreciate the effort and not the result.

- **Inspire lifelong learning**

We cannot do this till we become a lifelong learner. Give them opportunities to be self-directed learners. When you ask a question, don't ask them to raise hands. Give them few mins to think, discuss with a partner next to them, and then randomly select someone to answer. This encourages everyone to think and apply their knowledge. Never demean someone who has a wrong answer. Ask them what made them think of this answer. Or tell them its an interesting perspective and discuss that in the class. Stories can be very engaging and makes even boring lessons interesting.

- **Connect, Extend, Challenge**

We read about this somewhere. For every idea that we teach, ask the learner to connect it to their previous experiences or things they have learnt; ask how it extends to their previous beliefs and did this new idea bring out any challenging questions to their mind?

- **Create a safe and positive learning environment**

Let the students be comfortable asking questions. Let them know that even we learn from their questions. If we do not know something, tell them lets try to find an answer and discuss this question in the next session. Encourage them to explore outside the books and find an answer.

- **Inclusive education**

Though most of the schools in India are not inclusive, it is very important to help children understand similarities and differences between people in the real world and make connections with the society as a whole. It not only brings out the best in differently-abled child, but other kids also gain a lot from the interaction.

- **Involve parents and families**

Learning and education are not limited to classrooms. Teachers should involve parents and let them know that their contribution is valued. They could do storytelling, teach them a new skills, coach them to play something, sing or play an instrument, tell them about their jobs....options are infinite. They have so much knowledge to share.

- **Use technology to good use**

Though we are not a big advocate of online learning for very young students, think concept of blended learning is surely good. Also, technology could be used to explain concepts and implementations. On the management side, it could be helpful in time management. The time saved using technology could be used in a better way.

- **Be fair**

Have rules in the class. Decide the consequences of breaking a rule with the class. If your favorite student breaks a rule, he/she should be punished too. Be caring, but at the same time be authoritative.

III. Personal qualities and professional skills which make effective teachers

Personal qualities

- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Approachable
- Empathy
- Good listening skills
- A genuine desire to help others
- An open mind and flexible attitude
- Supportive without being controlling
- Can give guidance to a mentee without making their decisions
- Will always give honest answers
- Doesn't apportion blame but looks to find solutions
- Actively questions the mentee
- Ability to probe and challenge

- Willingness to debate and discuss
- Has realistic expectations of themselves and others
- Good organizational skills.

Professional skills

- Excellent teacher practitioner
- knowledge and experience of the mentee's new area of work
- knows organizational routines, procedures and policies
- Enthusiastic about teaching
- Can offer a range of perspectives and teaching and learning techniques
- Can make suggestions informed by their own expertise and experience
- Can empower the mentee with the knowledge gained from their experience
- Can help the mentee to identify practice which meets professional requirements.

IV. Essential Qualities of a Super Teacher

- Have clear objectives
- Have a sense of purpose
- Do not seek immediate feedback
- Know when to listen and when to ignore
- Do not try to please everyone
- Act alone
- Do not keep the learning in the classroom
- Do what you think is best for your students
- Learners are books to be written
- Teach them to believe in themselves and their abilities
- Alter your lesson plans accordingly
- Ask the students for new ideas
- Reflect
- Become the master of your subject
- Think out of the box
- Give them emotional support
- Praise authentically
- Communicate with parents
- Love your work / subject
- Have a positive attitude
- Sense of Humor
- Adapt To Student Needs

V. The Best Teaching Strategies

1. Prepare. Prepare. Prepare.

This is very obvious, but often ignored due to pressures of everyday life or just plain lack of motivation. However, we have to prepare for each of your lessons, even if we have taught the same material before. This may take as little as 15 minutes or as long as two hours, depending on at what stage of our teaching we are. If we are a new teacher, write down, word by word, what we are going to say in the class. However, remember that in teaching, nothing will go according to the plan. However, it helps to have an outline of what we need to say in the class, if we are a new teacher.

2. Be organised

Great teachers are good organisers. They have files and folders to keep their important papers and past year papers. They have their stationery – pens, pencils, chalks for blackboard, markers for whiteboard, staplers, safety pins for an emergency – all neatly packed in a box that they carry to carry. our class is at 10.30 am, and you are feverishly searching for our red ink pen at 10.29, you find it at 10.31, and you run to the class that is upstairs, hoping that the principal does not catch we for being late to class. Students lose respect for such

teachers. Also, plan our lessons for the week on every Sunday, see that we have all the material, and photocopy whatever we need for the week on Sunday itself, or on the previous week. Planning and organising is very important in a teacher's life.

3. Be flexible

we may have prepared, but do not be stubborn about sticking to what we have prepared. A student may ask a question that will take some time away from your plan, but that is okay. Answering students' questions builds our bond with them. Sometimes, there are distractions from students, which you do not want. However, be flexible enough to deal with it. A teacher who is flexible is respected more than a teacher who is very rigid and unwilling to accommodate even the slightest change in plans.

4. Be gentle, but firm

Teachers who shout and scream in the class are almost always new to teaching or are burnt out. An effective teacher uses his/her voice to good effect. If the class is rowdy, be silent, and just look at them. Slowly, they will be quiet. We can be gentle in our dealings with the students, but be firm. Once we have decided on some form of punishment, stick to it.

5. The issue of punishment

What kinds of punishment are possible? Is it okay to punish? A better word than punishment is management. How do you manage a student who consistently fails to bring his books to the class? The point is more often than not, there is a reason why students behave the way they do. The key is to treat them as individuals who are reasonable and respectable.

Role of a Teacher - In Education and Student's Life

Teachers play a key role in the education and also student's life. A person with proper vision, experience, and an education degree can enter the teaching profession. Teaching job is a great responsibility than a mere job. It has an impact on the growth and well-being of the nation. The teacher today is quite diverse than past and has a wide role in almost every occupation. In many cases of a successful student, there seems to be a good teacher. The relation in between seems to be very harmonious with complete dedication and affection from the teacher towards the student. This phenomenon had never been the other way.

Role of Teachers in Education

Education is necessary for politicians, businessmen, artists, farmers, religious groups, students etc. for their respective career growth. Some of the great teachers were the cause of political and industrial revolutions around the world. Their vision helped various societies to gain self-sufficiency and financial freedom. Some of them helped in the spread of knowledge and establishment of good educational institutes. Education is vast and it has grown to a large extent in last century. Many fields in science, commerce, arts have come up and the area of study is very large. So considering these developments a

- Teacher has to imbibe the education of his subject to a complete extent possible to deliver when needed.
- He has to write books, articles, conduct seminars etc. to publicize the knowledge needed to the society.
- The education system has to be designed and taught so that the learners can do some sort of service to society after attaining it.
- The knowledge has to be imparted to pupil within short time period, in a most understandable way using effective teaching strategies like academic software.
- He should avoid creating confusion or misrepresenting of education to students and society.
- Due to many courses available for study, there is also good level of confusion among parents and students to select the courses of study in terms of job prospects and career aspirations. So he should guide in such a way it we beneficial to the student on the long run without just thinking of monetary gains to the school or education institute.
- An ideal teacher has to set himself or herself as role models for upcoming teachers.

Role of a teacher in student's life

Teacher plays an important role after parents in molding the students. Students are to be handled with affection and courtesy. The students point of view must always be considered once before he apply his opinion on them.

- An ideal teacher should be impartial, disciplined, not affected by respect, insult and at all times be courteous.
- The teaching should be done from the level (knowledge) of learner. Then gradually upgrade to higher level and not the reverse so as to leave them empty minded.
- Teaching should also be done by reference to standard textbooks for each topic on the subject. This helps student get complete and reliable information. More over students should be encouraged to refer the standard books. This will help them gain more information and also enhance their comprehension and reading ability. Further they can score well in the exams due to more detailed information.
- In the classroom he should provide proper encouragement for pupils. The child must feel free to approach with any questions or doubts to discuss the issues.
- Also he should encourage them to take notes in the class. This helps them improve their writing skills, understand better and stay attentive in class.
- Teacher has to use effective teaching strategies like chalkboard, videos, pictures, animations to impart the knowledge in an easy manner.
- Teacher has to let the students understand the aspects of career growth, scholarships available, future prospects in a particular field etc. Further he must make them aware of better universities and colleges around for higher education. Many students do not know better options for future studies.
- When a student have some problems in behavior or thought process. Then the teacher's role is to help student overcome the problem by showing special affection and attention on the student.
- Teacher can solve many of the problems of the student in respect to his thoughts, behavior, career etc.

The phrase that

“The relationship between a teacher and student should be like a fish and water but not like a fish and fisherman” is to be considered once by any teacher.

Give respect and take respect is the phrase for society... But in a student and teacher's relation... It Becomes Give affection & attention and take respect and regards from student.

Conclusion

Teachers hold a very sensitive role in the modern civilized society. Regarded as social engineers, teachers possess immense knowledge on various issues that affect our daily lives as a community of human beings. Though in many countries including the developed ones, teachers are poorly remunerated they make invaluable contributions to their communities, to society and to the world at large, engaging in yeoman services with selfless love and dedication that could only be considered priceless. This paper serves to explore some of the social contributions that teachers make to the modern civilized society.

Teachers impart knowledge and values on learners with the intention of creating self sufficient, articulate, socially responsible, resilient and active citizens of the world. Currently, knowledge capital is an important ingredient in the growth of the economy locally and globally. The development of positive and desirable personality traits among individuals in the society can thus be attributed to the many good work of teachers.

Another important social contribution made by teachers to society is the aspect of leadership and guidance. Teachers are perhaps, the best examples of guiders and leaders in a community. As such, teachers demonstrate to the society how a dynamic leader should behave and act.

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