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THE DYNAMIC SPHERE OF EDUCATORS IN PRE AND POST PANDEMIC ERA

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Times have changed! The epidemiological is so high that it forced the whole world to change, so are educational institutions. COVID-19 has forced millions of people to sit at home and over 12 billions of students out of their schools.

The pandemic drama has made the learning system change so dramatically such that it made the schools go into the e- learning method across the world.

What is e-learning? It is an educational method of teaching where students don't have to be present in the class instead teachers teach the lessons online.

As you may know, the e-learning or distance learning concept has been around for several years but was not highly popular. But now, as schools across the globe have shut down, e-learning has become mandatory.

Because of the staggering impact of COVID-19 on the educational system, more virtual institutions are likely to be come up, which will make education just a click away.

So we should appreciate the fact that schools have made it an intellectual lockdown rather than an emotional one.

Role of Teachers

The role of teachers is highly significant in the present context of COVID- 19 because it is the teacher who act as a Learning Facilitator of the young minds and guides them through online education.

Teachers have to be considered the cream of society, the reason being that they help children to become good citizens known to be the architects of nation, they provide the mould in which the nation's character is cast through online education.

Teachers Will Become Digital Specialists

Due to the concerns of the second wave of corona virus outbreak, there are high chances that only fewer schools will reopen. Montisorries and lower primary schools will remain closed because small children don't have the maturity or the ability to understand the concept of social distancing. When some schools reopen, that means there will be more shifts.

So when coming to the point, some teachers may not be used to handling the camera at all, or they might not have the exposure to emote teaching jobs. Teachers have the ability to change and face hard situations, anyway.

To prepare themselves for digital class room, teachers need to ensure they are thoroughly familiar with the necessary tools and need to be internet savvy. Classrooms will be converted to Zoom or Google meet.

Homework books will be send to teachers in the form of e-mail.

This is an experience the teachers will have to go through, which, in turn, will make them digital experts. Unlike traditional classroom, in online classes getting the attention of the student is not an easy task. Every teacher has his/her teaching style. But if your teaching style has no creativity, the students will lose their interest in online classes as they will be attending from home.

To engage the students in online classes, faculty members have to be creative to grab attention of the students. Easy distractibility is one of the main drawbacks of e-learning.

Better worklife balance

Unlike the past, the current situation has compelled teachers to do something different post-COVID-19.

Until the last academic year, they wouldn't forget the morning rush to school, spending the whole day in school, and rushing back home to do their work, household chores, etc. moreover, many teachers have children or adult to take care of, as well.

Working from home is not an easy task where a lot of interruptions can happen. But this is an excellent opportunity for the teachers to be more efficient by reconciling between professional and personal life. Additionally, they can save a lot of travelling time as well.

Practical Challenges

Of course, there are some challenges teachers need to face because technological glitch is a part of technology. Many teachers are concerned about several challenges they have to face.

For example, students residing in rural areas will not have access to digital tools and pieces of equipments like a computer, mobile, or internet connection. Handling digital tools might be low-hanging fruit for internet-savvy wealthy students, who have come from low-income family backgrounds even in urban cities. If they have a mobile or a computer at all, it's highly likely that rural areas' connectivity will be unstable.

The second major challenge if both parents have to go to work, there won't be anyone to control them. Unlike in the traditional schooling system, everything was under the control of the teacher.

Social isolation can be a significant issue in distance learning, as schools are a place where students gather together and make friends. So no more PE classes, no more school cultural activities, and no more excursions.

Another setback is internet data. Parents already started complaining of the internet running out of data. So what would teachers do in such a situation? It's a problem that needs we need to address immediately.

Summary

Students know teachers for their organizational skills and strict discipline. Amidst the smooth school year, the pandemic called coronavirus sruck hard in the year 2020 on everyone around the globe.

At this point people had no choice but to turn into distance learning, fearing the quick transmission and the second wave of the disease.

E-learning is a perfect teaching tool if used effectively. And of course, it depend on students' participation and their attitude.

There are considerable differences in the role of a teacher pre and post-COVID-19.

While in the pre-COVID era, the role of a teacher was that of a lecturer who strictly monitors the students' class-room performances, the role of a teacher posy-COVID will be entirely different.

In the conventional classroom setting, students consider schools as their second home and teachers as their role models. But in online teaching or e-learning, the role of teacher changes completely-they become more creative, fun-loving, and online specialist.