

Teacher Education and its Objectives

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"The teacher is the maker of man" John Adams (1735-1826 Second US President)

In our land and culture, we regard our teachers as 'Teacher as the 'Brahma' the Vishnu and the Maheshwara, (A vedic Prayer).

In this way we see that the teachers play an important role in molding & shaping the etiquettes, habits, manners, the character and personality of the student. A teacher is one of the most respected members of the society. As the teacher is looked upon as a role model, He should be guided by the ideals of democracy, secularism & socialism. He is to be sufficiently appreciative of the changing needs & problems of society & play a dynamic & positive role. In the school, the teacher is of vital significance. A teacher should have some qualities like; he should be confident, democratic, detective, ego-supporter, friend & philosopher, moral educator etc. Along with dynamic personal traits, a teacher must also shoulder the responsibilities of character development, effective teaching learning, total school effectiveness classroom management, evaluation of public, professional growth & ethics etc. A teacher should have a good personality. In personality we include good appearance, good voice, good character & impressive expression.

First we should know what is teacher education.

Dictionary of education - C.V. good 1973 defines teacher education as-

"All formal & informal activities and experiences that help to qualify a person to assume the responsibilities as a member of the educational profession or to discharge his responsibility most effectively."

We can say that in teacher education, all formal education like theoretical knowledge as well as informal education like games, cultural activities, workshop, seminars and others, all helps to develop the qualities of a teacher.

Now we come to the point the objectives of the teacher education. It is clear that main objective of teacher education is to prepare a competent teacher. Such teacher education programmers are offered in teacher College, normal school & Colleges and universities. Some objectives of teacher education are as followers.

A teacher is expected to win the confidence of the students so that they express their feelings purely, if need be in private. There should be provision in the training programmed, at both primary & secondary levels for a study of the subjects to be taught in depth as well as in same. The training programmed should be carefully planned. The teacher training is a must as it enables the potential teacher to understand the student better. The knowledge of educational psychology helps him a lot in dealing with children scientifically. Untrained teacher not familiar with this matter & create a great problem in the school. These training program should be increase.

Methods of teaching in training institutions are extremely important. Through the future teacher becomes familiar with the methodology of teaching. He also gets essential knowledge of methods required for a particulars subject. In training period they are formally taught about the methods which they can use in school. Team teaching, Seminars, Discussion, Project work, Debates, Field trips, Workshop, Conference should become integral part of practical work.

A short of brain wash is also done trough training. It helps in building favorable attitudes towards the teaching profession. During the course of training many doubts of the teacher trainer stand removed. It results in creation of love & respect for teaching profession he should use new technology & know the changing aim of education.

During the course of teaching. We familiarize the teacher trainer with organization and administration of the school. It is of immense use to them in late life.

Through teacher training it is required to teach the teachers to live a community life. Training is essential to create a social insight in them. he should be democratic, group teacher, helping nature, referrer etc.

Teacher educators are interested in raising the standards or the qualities of education. Trainer teacher can be help in improving the quality of education & also in checking wastage.

In training period it is essential to improve the personality of pupils. Some qualities like patience, good memory, emotional stability, good vitality, good voice, good appearance, good character, impressive expression should be in a competent teacher.

A teacher should have a deep knowledge of his subject, methodology thirst for knowledge & experimental spirit, interest in curriculum activities and a practical behavior towards students.

Through training it is must to produce teachers who can teach with zeal & zest and can strengthen the democratic set up in the country. Training is required not only with the role of making one a good teacher but also making him a good citizen.

In the end I want to say that today also there are some drawbacks in teacher education like inadequacy of one year B.Ed. courses, insufficient curriculum irrelevant methodology of teaching, neglect of study of education as a discipline inadequate training in practical skills, isolation between college of education the school shorter working houses lack of physical facilities, lack of now technology of teaching etc.

Inspite of all these draw backs teacher education is growing rapidly. Number of training center are increasing day by day. All goals are achieving rapidly.

In the end we can say that - Teacher are born not made. It is true but not fully true.

It is said - "It you educate a boy, you educate one individual, if you educate a girl you educate the whole family and it you educate a teacher you educate the whole community."

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