



FOOTPRINTS OF THE TEACHER FOR STUDENT'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract:

It is a fact to note that "Education is power" by means of which one can achieve anything in life. By virtue of acquiring knowledge through education one can get recognition and reputation in the society. According to evolution theory, life has begun with a single cell and took lot of transformation in reaching the complete shape. Thus one must have patience and perseverance in attaining the state of perfection. To achieve this state of perfection socialization must be achieved. And this can only be achieved through education. Education is of basic importance in the planned development of a nation. The education system has also an intimate bearing on the attainment of the general objectives of the plan in as much as it largely determines the quality of the human resource and the social climate of the community. We have maintained the same system of higher education with slight modifications over a period of more than 70 years of independence. In spite of all the 'revolutions' happening in the country such as IT and boom in Service sector, we have done precious little to transform higher education to suit the needs of a country undergoing such revolutions. When it comes to skills, higher education is having its future shock. Future has come too fast and it has overwhelmed higher education. In order to do so, universities must allocate sufficient proportion of credit to life and soft skills such as communication in English, problem-solving, critical thinking, leadership etc. it would suffice to enlist the 21st century skills and integrate them in all degree programmes.

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Introduction

Higher education plays an essential role in society by creating new knowledge, transmitting it to students and fostering innovation. India today is considered as a talent pool of the world having qualified and educated human resources (HR) in abundance. Universities have the social obligation of producing specific technical and skilled HR required for the society.

At the very outset, education dispels the darkness of ignorance and makes people aware of things. Just knowing, or being aware of facts can improve quality of life tremendously. Further, it empowers people with the knowledge and skills they need to increase production and income, to create and take advantage of employment opportunities and to reduce hunger and malnutrition. Other

components of basic education also impact on poverty reduction and hunger.

Education and employment have direct relationship. Education and skilled human resource can be an asset for a nation. All technological advancements can be availed for improving the quality of life if and only if there is a social acceptance and there is skilled HR to use it. Education helps us improve the quality of our lives and also enables us to be better and well informed citizens. Educated persons and entrepreneurs are better employable and help the society economically. Education thus helps counter the problem of unemployment. Needless to say that the greatest resource required for the achievement of these goals is skilled and educated HR. The main aim of education is to create human awareness so that we can understand the difference between truth and untruth. Education is necessary for the development of human beings. Person can sharpen his skill by getting knowledge through education. Today's reality of higher education demands focus on the four E's of Expansion, Equity, Excellence and Employability.

New discoveries and inventions are the outcomes of new knowledge. Therefore, education is for life and not for mere living. There are two objects of life and living. One is standard of living and the other is standard of life. The standard of living is visible and standard of life is invisible. Visible parts are related to body and invisible parts depend on human mind and living depends on matter and life depends on spirit.

Footprints of the Teacher

The teachers (Gurus) footprints are long lasting effect on the mental image of students. The person who follows teacher's footprints will have a positive attitude, positive perception, positive thinking and a good personality. The teacher lives long lasting footprints upon the students for their growth and

national development. India is the country of different religions, racial origins sets, creeds and ways of living to the common culture running through all the ages, each generation expanding and altering what it has received from his predecessors. The culture, heritage of India is multifaceted representing a bewildering diversity of thought. Spiritual life is oxygen which sustained and held India together and keeps its culture alive.

The teacher is the kingpin in keeping the national culture and heritage. Which is the best expression of nations soul and every nation has its own distinctive expression. The teacher implants noble character in the student minds. Guru is Sanskrit term which can be applied to the one who might be a teacher, guide, expert or master of certain knowledge or field.

*The syllable 'Gu' means darkness
the syllable 'ru' means dispel
darkness – Adyta Upanishad.*

A British professor Psychiatry Anthony Torr states in his book "The feet of clay", study that Guru refers to persons who have special knowledge. The teacher is the person who helps students to acquire knowledge competence or virtue. Guru is 'torchbearer'. Sage Vasista was Guru of lord Sri Rama and his brothers. Further Viswamitra took Sri Rama and Lakshmana with his gave them divya-astras and taught so many morals and also simultaneously explained how the man should maintain relation with his wife. Vasista, Viswamitra, Sarabhanga and Agastya are important gurus in the life of Lord Sri Rama. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar name original name is Dr. Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ramji and he added Guru's name Ambedkar in his name ending. This shows his respect towards the Guru in his life. Sri Vivekananda Swamy was inspired by his Guru Sri Rama Krishna Paramahamsa. Gopal Krishna Gokhale was undoubtedly the political guru of

Mahatma Gandhi. Shrimad Rajchandra can be considered to be the spiritual guru of Gandhiji. Socrates was Plato's informal Mentor and Plato was Aristotle's teacher at Plato's academy. Here we can observe that the students or scholars are more popular than their Gurus. It is the Guru who gained name, popularity and recognition because of his student. Finding a great Guru is a born to a student, at the same time have a good student is a born to the Guru too.

Teacher should act as a model in guiding students.

Higher education teacher is torch bearer. Torch Bearer means "a person who leads or inspires others in working towards a valued goal". The leader of a campaign or one who gives inspiration to others. One who openly promotes an idea or value and becomes symbolic for it.

Teacher – The Architects of the Country

Teachers are the architects of future. They are the people behind the world's development. From ages, teacher has been igniting the talents of young minds. The people behind world's greatest personalities are teachers. To

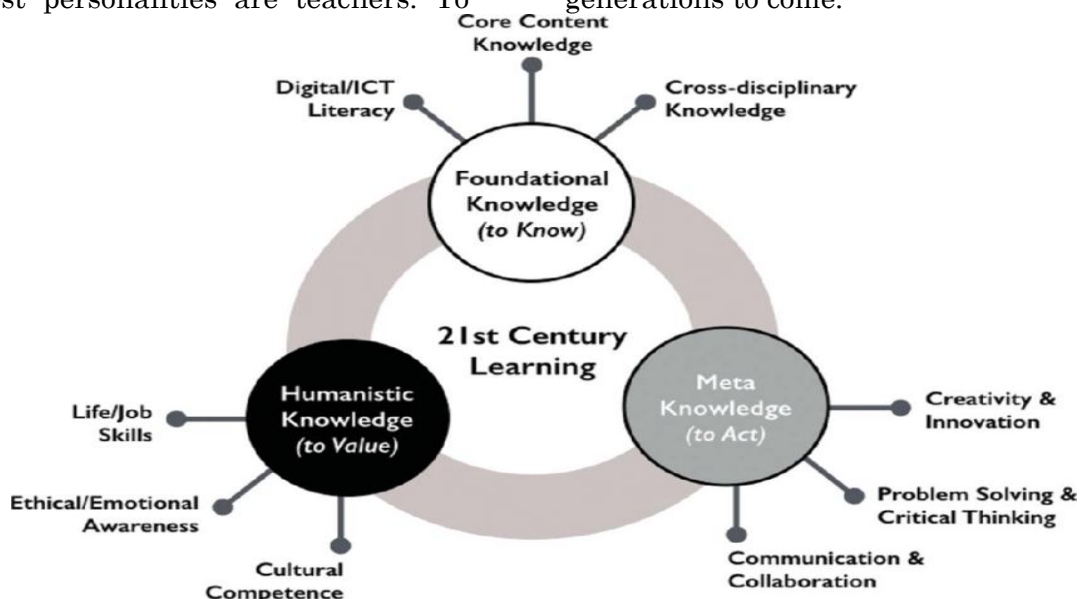
develop our society, we need new generation of talented and honest youths. These youths are trained by teachers. Thus, they're the architects of tomorrow. A nation needs talented teachers for its development. Teachers are architects of a nation as a nation's overall structure is dependent upon young people who are trained by teachers.

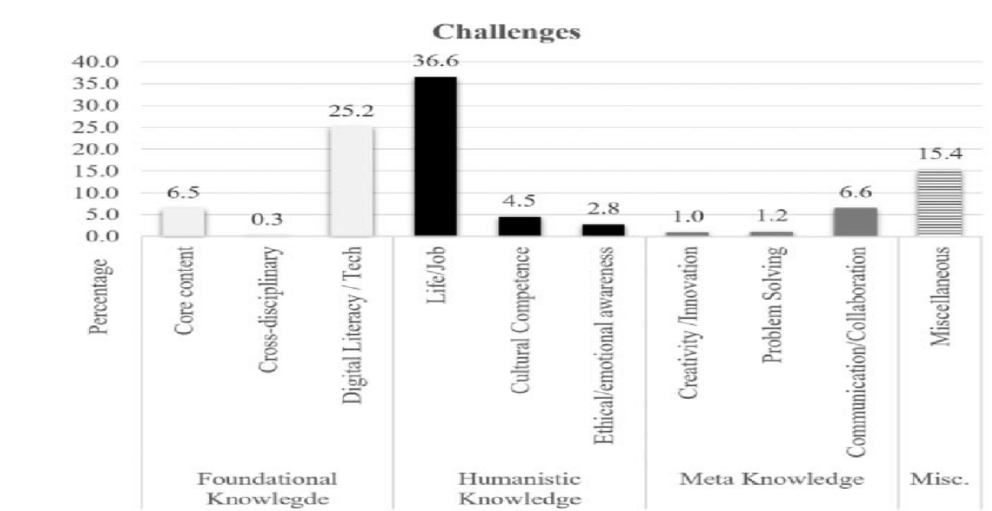
21st Century is Knowledge Century

Higher education is not mere information gathering, but acquirement of knowledge to augment the power of the mind to bring in a better world.

"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence" – Rabindranath Tagore.

"The weakest ink is better than the strongest memory" – means recording in a note book is better than keeping it in mind. Everything must be in written document, so that the next generations can utilize it. Hence, student must maintain perfect subject notes for future career development. Scientists principles are written documents which act as basics for the generations to come.





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Today, the higher education teachers are working in an age market by fast-track growth in every field resulting in escalating fears, worries and tensions also the priorities of the teachers are changed. Who happens to be the teacher and then the first citizen of the country later. “Education comes from ¼ from the teacher, ¼ from the colleagues, ¼ from own intelligence, ¼ from his own experience”.

“Life is to enjoy succeeding and Life is to succeed to enjoy”

Present century has been called the knowledge century. Today information is power. Higher education teacher is guiding students. We are living in an age of guided missiles, but with many misguided men. Let us learn from the noblest, wise and the best human beings, including Gandhi, the most important lesson that ‘simplicity’ and ‘excellence’ go together. It may be seen that most of those who happen to be internationally the best are very simple. Let us learn how Gandhi could become unique mass communicator par excellence.

Conclusion

“Life is a journey with problem to solve, lessons to learn, but most of all, experiences to enjoy...”

World gave way to word war. Medium is the message. We have to ensure that I.T leads to faster knowledge-flow. Information Technology

should be the means to strengthen the information science in order to accelerate working as super-conductors. The electronic media has generated a mushroom-growth of neo-illiterates who are adults or adolescents who did not or could not make use of available educational opportunities on time. Talking of commercialization, even the motherhood is being commercialised with a craze for ‘rent-a-womb’.

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