

TO REVAMP & REBOOT PRESENT EDUCATION SYSTEM IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT:

Teaching has been one of the oldest and respected professions in the world. The role, functions, competence and preparation of teachers have undergone a dramatic change from time to time but the need for teachers has been imperative for all times. This article dealt with how to revamp & reboot present education system in India, which consist of several facts and factors such as perspectives of parents, student, teachers and the Government.

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INTRODUCTION:

In education concerned, India was a land of ideas, it was the scientific & intellectual power house of the world. But during the colonial rule, rulers wanted workers, not reformers. They educated Indians to work for them. But now India needs reformers rather than workers. Unfortunately, we still live in the colonial era as far as education is concerned. There is a dire need to reboot our education system. China has been rolling out ambitious plans to revamp their education system for the last four decades, which is evident by the manner in which they are storming global bastions.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM:

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1	The Upanishadic Period	Vedic India - In the Vedic India, the teacher enjoyed a special status and position. He was held in high esteem by the society and this was due not only to learning and scholarship, but also to qualities of head, heart, and hand. The Guru or the teacher was an embodiment of good qualities, a fountain of knowledge and an abode of spirituality. It was known for the personal attention paid to the student as the word Upanishad connoted there was an intimate relationship between the teacher and the disciple. The methods used by teachers were emulated & adopted by the disciples and handed over from one generation of teachers to another.
2	Classical age of Education	India reached high level of civilization & culture from 320 AD to 480 AD. Importance given for Sanskrit language, which was far away from the dream of common man. Music, literature, Arts-development of architecture, sculpture, development of science, medicine, maths & astronomy.
3	British age	Development of institutional education irrespective of caste & gender. Emergence of regional language

4	Technological era	Present period of education or computer era.
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NEED OF THE STUDY:

Presently in our country have current account deficit, fiscal deficit, trade deficit along with innovation deficit. We are in 87th rank in the world as far as innovation is concerned. The reason for this, we are injecting information does not make them to think.

PRESENT PERIOD OF EDUCATION:

“Poor quality student entering IITs”- where Infosys emeritus Narayana Murthy has voiced his displeasure over the quality of engineers who pass out. There has been a dilution in quality due to various reasons. One of it has to do with the increase in the number of IITs without teaching staff of the required caliber. Coaching classes another reason given by Mr. Murthy, let us not deride our engineers we need to have a long term plan to improve to world class levels the situation of student as well as the quality of education in the IITs & other premier institutes of learning in India. Though, Mr Murthy can be dismissed as a subjective opinion, it raises some pertinent question.

We live in a society where the IIT graduates are held in awe. So it is natural that every student aspires to get a degree from these institutes & is tempted to attend coaching institution which draws him/her closer to high paid jobs.

Few decades before - with few ifs & buts & a lot of fear, we had unexpressed gratitude for the dear teachers. We only tried to gain knowledge & degrees. Never felt like taking “revenge”. In fact, parents asked teachers to be strict with their children, even cane them if necessary. Agreed, those were different days when the teachers too were a committed lot. Parents had trust in teachers, teachers had faith in students. Those three had a cordial relationship between them.

My memory went back to my schooldays, when teachers were respected & honored. Student & teachers enjoyed a cordial relationship. I sat in the classroom thoroughly dejected. Professor strolled in. She took only half an hour to draw me out of my shell & interest me in Statistics, which I had considered dull & drab. The very next day, I crept to the front row, our relationship grew beyond the class room. In the final exam, I scored good percentage “Join me as a partner, let us explore the subject together” Her words still ringing in my ears.

CURRENT TREND IN EDUCATION:

ROLE OF STUDENTS:

A beginning should be made in schools, where creativity & originality are murdered every day. Rote learning is encouraged. It continues in colleges where assignments are last minute copies of content from the internet. In the absence of proper guidance, it is difficult to break a habit of twenty plus years. Where is the scope of foster creativity inspire intellectual honesty & ethical values.

“Look there is a world beyond 100 percentage”- As of now, we have rich experience in teaching, the crucial fact is that student commit suicide due to arrear in subjects. Students did not know how to face future with guts. Schools, colleges is meant for teaching etiquettes, instilling confidence, values & to make them independent decision makers.

Injecting information in the minds of youngsters to create skilled human robots is the sole objective of education. These days teacher gives excellent academic training but failed to instill confidence & values. From the childhood, parent should teach gutsy way of facing problem. Now, the student forgot everything, spending time with unwanted item. The bitter irony of life is that when a stranger help us, the student express his gratitude & remember him. But,

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the student take granted the parents who is ready to sacrifice his everything for children sake. Student should understand, "my family is watching me today" or " my family is the audience & they have great expectation on me & I can't let them down. I must make them proud".

It would be miracle if a student labeled no good at the formative stage does well in later in life. It is worrying to see children being brought up with one dimensional focus on academic & carrier.

While I salute Uma maheswari, the teacher who was stabbed to death by a student in Chennai, for her sense of duty. I wonder whether it is a crime if a student does not perform well in academics. Wasn't wrong that the teacher wanted her student to shine in his studies? Though killing by student are not uncommon in the west, it appears that this terrible culture has started invading Indian soil. This gruesome incident is also a pointer to the need to curb negative scenes in films & Television serials.

Teachers encourage the bright student, even their mistakes are not taken seriously, where as a student with a poor academic record is chided, punished & humiliated for similar behavior.

Nowadays, students are more attached to computers & mobile phones. Parents indulge their children & buy them anything they ask for. Values are taught neither in school not at home as both teacher & parents concentrate more on marks. The child is thus spoilt by all.

ROLE OF TEACHERS:

Consumerism has penetrated in all walks of life & the temple of learning is no exception. We have seen that the attitudinal changes of pupils, parents towards teacher. Teacher are not unaffected by growing materialism, classrooms are overcrowded & emotional bonding between the teacher and the taught has disappeared. Teacher are no longer the only source of knowledge for student- Television, internet, movie & private tuitions also contribute to their knowledge. The desire among student to get easy result has made matters worse.

With education, commercialized teacher have become passive spectators. We don't question the misbehavior of student for fear of losing their respect & job. The loss of respect for teacher has led to the deterioration of student behavior. In many institutions, teacher are cowed down during Parent Teacher Meeting for many emolument is a dampener. Our present education system is shaping the mind of students to climb the success of ladder, not imparting the values of life. This drives parents to expect miracles from teacher.

We are ready to share whatever we prepared, but we don't like the student who is asking doubt continuously, we get irritated. Supposing we ask any questions to the student community, we never wait for answer, with in a second, we express our answer because we prepared only for that. One thing is clear " we can't make them fool continuously"

ROLE OF PARENTS:

When children throw tantrums at home, parents give in. Therefore, when a teacher points out their mistakes & censures them, parents fail to acknowledge that it could be their children fault. They thus make the children believes that the latter can do no wrong. This may have series implication in later life. The refusal to accept ones mistake is often the root cause of many behavioural & societal problems & general friction in society

Parents these days function almost like celebrity managers for their children. They promote them whenever required, shield them from unwanted criticism & violently stand for them, irrespective of the legitimacy of the situation.

The Failure of parents to accept their wards limitations & the exertion of pressure on them to excel beyond their capacity result in extreme steps. It is the moral support from parents that matters most when children face pressure from teacher, peers, relatives & friends.

Many parents don't even know how to conduct themselves in front of their children. Let us not hide our lack of parenting skills by saying our way of bringing up the child is the best since we have strong family ties.

Parents seem to have lost touch with their own children and have become ATMs for their children. The end of the day, parents expect children to be placed in a professional job with higher salary package, whether the children like it or not. Parents are not even bothered whether the children has grown up as a good citizen with imparting human values.

ROLE OF OUR GOVERNMENT:

Indian campuses are witnessing unusual caste flare-ups, highlighted by the suicide of Dalit scholar Rohith Vemula in Hyderabad on Sunday. The crucial fact is that how caste fault lines are muddying higher education, and the government's ill-crafted budget cuts and erratic decision-making are adding to the grievances of a generation. This is the third in a series of incidents that have taken place in prestigious institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Madras, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS) and now the university of Hyderabad establish the fact that merely providing reservation is not serving the purpose of removing prejudices from people's minds. Merely enacting more legislation is not going to help get rid of the evil. The mindset of people needs to change.

Reservation was introduced to uplift some but it has been continuing for generations and is merely being as a tool by political parties to garner votes.

SUGGESTIONS TO REVAMP & REBOOT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM:

1. **Educational Department:** we need to get to the root cause of the students behavior & this calls for a professionally qualified counselor. While it is natural for children to develop behavioural problems while coping with increasing competition in all spheres of life. The mental health of students needs to be evaluated every now & then. Blaming parents, media exposure & school management are not going to solve this problem. These days discipline is a cosmetic term. As a result students are behaving recklessly & are not amenable even to mild warnings by teachers.
2. **Media exposure:** Film plots today are full of meaningless violence, hero villain - worship, nonsensical incidents in the name of "Bravery", rampant eve-teasing, torture dialogues with vulgar content & lewdness which only pollute young minds. A thorough scanning of their content is called for. There was a time when blood shed was not permitted to be shown in films. Is it possible for us to go back in time for good cause.
3. **Society:** Nonetheless, nobody is to be blamed. In this unforgiving, fast paced, modern, materialistic world, where societal behavior is based on the survival of the fittest, new age parents are indeed helpless & cannot act otherwise.

The fact today is that children don't occupy an innocent world of their own. They are very much part of the nasty adult universe. Society is also to blame for this because it respects only those who belong to the two streams. We hope the situation will change for the better marks are still seen as being directly proportionate to intelligence, capacity & success. As long as this thinking exists competition will continue to remain dirty & will perhaps get worse.

4. **Parents:** Every child has his own way of thinking, own set of problems. Comparison begins from the time of a child's birth, when parents begin to find the resemblance within family. But the problem arises when they compare their children to others on the basis of knowledge, rank etc. As of now, one child trend continues, it is right time to inject confidence along with our values to our children.
5. **Teachers:** These days teacher gives excellent training, but failed to instill confidence & values every day. We need to update our self & instilling confidence in their mind. The both of the elements make us role model. We should make our student to believe that we don't have any prejudice against any student. We shall be a friend, philosopher and guide to them in their attempt to develop as outstanding citizens.
6. **Government:** Reservation on the basis of caste must be stopped at some point. No one denies that the downtrodden must be assisted, but there is also tremendous discontent among the younger generation as merit is not given enough importance. Education seats based on caste which makes lower caste student to feel inferior, at the same time we are giving chances to the upper caste student to show their anger to lower one. Government should give reservation based on their economic status not based on their caste.

CONCLUSION:

One needs to be disciplined & systematic to cope with the present day challenges, but one should also be flexible to deal with average persons. The very charm of life lies is not destroying the child in each one of us and in enjoying the small pleasures, unmindful of imperfections. The highest aim of education is "**Tolerance**" said American educator Hellen Kellerr.

