

TEACHER AS A NATION BUILDER

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Abstract

“One child one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world” –Malala Yousafzai

This article is aimed to know the roles of teachers in national development. It is obvious that qualified competent and dedicated teachers are the major instrument for achieving educational goals and national development. They are often abused by parents, students and the entire society. Nevertheless, through teacher education, teachers have contributed to national development like election and census. They also participate in creating awareness among citizens. Teachers are the real agents that help in the development of various skills and competencies. It should be noted that, the more good teachers a nation has, the more solid citizens are created and hence more development in the country.

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Introduction:

A nation is built by her citizens whereas future citizens are molded by teachers. Chanakya stated that “teacher is the maker of nation”. Chanakaya was the guru of Chandragupta Maurya, who was the founder and architect of Mauryan Empire. His thoughts and unique administrative ideals were boon to the later rulers of Mauryan dynasty. The guru not only educates the students but also shapes their character, honor and integrity.

“Teachers are the best minds of nation”- Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam

The word ‘**teacher**’ has seven letters; each letter has its own significance.

T - Task master/ time conscious/ truthful

E - Effective/eager to learn/ego free/empathetic

A - Achievement oriented/alarmed/ able

C - Caring/creative/co-operative/consistent

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H - Hard working/honest/humble/humorous

E - Ethical/emotionally intelligent/ enable

R - Research oriented/ready for self analysis

Need and Importance:

No other personality can have an influence more profound than that of a teacher on students. Teachers are guiding force for students and real nation builders with sheer perseverance and patience, a teacher helps students comprehend the rich legacy of a country's culture. The changing times call for new methods of pedagogy that may help us to equip our younger generation, to learn, explore and contribute more efficiently to the society. I hope that we continue to be guided by our sagacious teachers and teachers build the future of this great nation. Teachers through their perseverance love and scarifies have showed us the right path in which great men have built our nation. Teachers mould our personality, character and show us the right direction which leads us to our final destination.

Qualities of a Good Teacher:

Major categories in which the qualities of effective teacher can be grouped as

- a. Professional Qualities
- b. Personal Qualities

1. Professional Qualities:

- 1. Mastery of subject
- 2. Understanding the learner
- 3. Confidence
- 4. Compassion
- 5. Planning
- 6. Mentorship
- 7. Community involvement
- 8. Teaching skills and methods
- 9. Appreciation of teaching profession

2. Personal Qualities:

- 1. Passion
- 2. Good sense of humor
- 3. Values and attitudes
- 4. Patience

5. Communication skills

Teacher as a Nation Builder:

The importance of the teacher in building a nation cannot be over emphasized. It is he/she who influences the immature minds of the youth. He treats and tries to mold the living stuff into various forms. The future of the nation is fashioned by him through the process of education. Hence it's important to have good teachers. Good teachers can be produced only with the help of good system of teacher education. It is essential to have educated and efficient teacher educators. With these factors, the teacher becomes a good nation builder.

As a facilitator of learning the teacher is involved in motivating pupils to learn, maintaining discipline in the classroom and the school in general, and creating a conducive environment for learning to take place. Social roles of the teacher include socializing the child. Which is preparing pupils to participate in the way of life of the society; other roles include reference role, or substitute parent (surrogate), confident and affectionate roles. Students decide aims in life and their future plans by consulting their teachers. Teachers, have to play a cordial role in character building for the next generation.

Teachers have a vital role in nation building because the future is totally in their hands. They choose to be the future builders of the country and if you really want to know how important teachers are for their country. We can't imagine a country without a teacher. It will only be a nation of utter chaos where nobody would step-up to make sure the kids get the best education and the knowledge to sustain a good and healthy life. The nation will no longer be able to progress and the population will be sick.

Conclusion

Teacher education and teachers are the major instruments for achieving educational goals and national development. Hence no nation can rise above the standard of its educational system. This write up observes that teachers are not given respect in the society; they are sometimes harassed, intimidated and humiliated by the callous and heartless parents and government officials and have lost their collective prestige to the greedy and over ambitious society. In reality teachers play a major role in the development of the nation in the areas of supply of man power to the various sectors of nation's economy. They ensure good, discipline and high moral plane of pupils who are leaders of tomorrow. The teacher is the real agent that helps in the development of various skills and competencies thereby enhancing self employment and self efficiency.

“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning”.

- **Brad Henry**

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