



CHANGING ROLE OF TEACHERS AND QUALITIES OF A MODERN TEACHER

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Abstract

In the present age of science and technology, role of teacher is changing. Teaching is considered as one of the oldest and honourable profession in the world. Students are the future of the nation and teachers are the builders of this nation. The quality of education depends on the quality of teachers. The role of technology in the world of education is becoming more important day by day. After the corona pandemic, there is a need of technological progress in teaching. Hence, the roles of a teacher will be more challenging than previous. Technology, as the newest instructional media developed in this globalization era, presents situation which helps the students to have new authentic and meaningful learning experiences. It provides the opportunity for the students to work collaboratively and easily access the information that can supplement their learning experience. In the fast changing world of the early 21st century, education is also changing. As part of the changes the role of schools and education will also be different both in the educational system and in the society. Together with them the role of teachers will also change. If we focus on the teaching process, we still realise that there are a great number of changes in this field as well, and all of them have an influence on the role of teachers. First of all, teachers in modern classrooms are no longer lecturers, they are facilitators, their main task is to set goals and organise the learning process accordingly. Another difference between the past and present tasks of teachers is represented by the technical background they need to be able to use and handle effectively. Instead of teaching chalk face, they need to be an information technology expert. Their role in the school management has also changed. The school needs them as individuals, who can make decisions and cope with the stress of the changing world of schools. At the same time teachers need to be able to work in teams, co-operate with colleagues and parents. This summarises the characteristic features of a modern teacher. This paper attempts to discuss the changing roles and responsibilities and qualities of a modern teacher.

Keywords: Education, teacher, technology.

1 Introduction

Education and Training of the upcoming generation to cope up with the change has become a challenge for the educators as well as the parents. The demands of current era learner are very high. The teacher should be honest, efficient, diligent, good communicator and a lifelong learner who is willing to go extra mile. The changes that took place in institutions have changed the roles of teachers, too. In the past teachers used to be the major source of knowledge, the leader and educator of their students. They used to be the authority in the class and often took over the role of parents. Nowadays, teachers provide information and show their students how to tackle them. Although they are still considered to be a kind of leader in the class, they can be thought of as facilitators in the learning process. They are supporters rather than educators and also advisors towards parents.

The rapid growth of technology encourages teachers to use it while presenting material and giving instruction in the classroom. The education system of the 21st century has changed radically with the integration of the technology in every sector. At the same time, the students are more matured than the previous time. Now, in the twenty-first-century, education depends on thinking Skills, interpersonal Skills, technological skills as well as life skills. The education of the present time emphasize on life and career skills. Now there has no value for rote learning. In general, it needs to meet the industry need. The teaching will be effective only when a student can use the lesson outside of the classroom. Education is regarded as the acquisition of information or knowledge. The process of education includes the transfer of knowledge, skills from one person to another. The recent advances in technology have affected almost every area of our life such as the way we talk with another, the way we work together, learn and teach.

The 21st century teaching is however a different perspective, learning could never happen the way it is happening these times. Learning happens everywhere, all the time. Great students are the result of great teachers. The student achievement is influence by many factors. The most important influencer is inspiring and informed teacher, so it is significant to have close view on how we train and support beginners, experienced teachers. What are the qualities required of teachers to teach 21st century students? Teachers need to know students and their mindsets, about today's technology, to develop meaningful professional relationship with students. Teachers should work with their students to co-create new learning opportunities. Becoming a teacher is immense obligation nevertheless rewards of teaching

really do last forever. Teachers are responsible for educating and guiding students in the ways of social behaviour, goal setting and self-development. Teachers play a very important role in developing our future leaders, entrepreneurs and society in general. The 21st century teachers need to cultivate and maintain the student's interest and curiosity, which will help them become lifelong learners.

2 Methodology

The paper is based on secondary data. The various sources of data are journal articles, websites, blogs, Wikipedia, articles printed in national, international, and papers etc. This Paper discusses the roles of a modern teacher and their qualities.

3 Role of a Teacher

1. **The Controller:** The teacher takes a complete charge of the classroom during teaching. He is the centre of focus in the classroom and inspire students through their own knowledge and expertise.
2. **The Prompter:** The teacher encourages the learner to participate and makes suggestions about how students may take part in activities and he should be helping the learner whenever necessary.
3. **The Resource:** The teacher is a kind resource center who should help or consult if needed. As a resource center the teacher can guide learner how to use available resources such as the internet and other technologies.
4. **The Assessor:** The role of assessor gives teachers an opportunity to correct learners and communicate with him and give support and confidence in learning. The teacher should see how well the learner is performing and take a feedback from him and suggest the organization if needed.
5. **The Organizer:** The most difficult and important role of teacher is organizer. The organizer serve as demonstrator and get involved and engage with learners. The success of many activities depends on good organization and student knowing exactly what they should do next and setting up activities.
6. **The Participant:** This role leads to improve the classroom atmosphere when a teacher is a part of an activity. It could be a great way to interact with learners without being too intense.
7. **The Tutor:** This role is very important and a fine way to pay individual attention to a student. The teacher act as a guide when students are involved in project work or self-

study and provides advice and guidance and clarify doubt and limit tasks.

3 Qualities of a Modern Teacher

1. Professional knowledge

Having knowledge of the subject matter is not enough in this field. A teacher is a reservoir of knowledge that can be passed to anyone at any time. Professional knowledge is the awareness of the commitment he has with the students. He is the role model for not only the students but also for the society they are living in. He knows the character he portrays has a deep impact on the student.

2. Personal Qualities

Personal qualities make the teacher stand out in the crowd. The communication skills, the way he talks, emotions, honesty, intelligence, reliability, enthusiasm, curiosity and efficiency add beauty to his personality and compliment his effectiveness. Through these qualities he can establish an efficient and mutually beneficial working environment with the colleagues and students. This skill is attained with the passage of time and the experience in the field. Effective teachers liberate themselves from prescribed teaching materials and develop customized tasks for their students. They do not rely upon only the regular teaching methodologies rather they become self-sufficient in efficiently and effectively controlling and handling time to time changing situations.

3. Instructional Effectiveness

An effective teacher has the ability to teach well, he possesses an excellent degree of versatility along with a lot of experience over his techniques. He applies one teaching strategy on a particular group of students and get the maximum response but at the same time he is mentally prepared that the same strategy would be a nightmare on the other group. He is capable enough to teach one lesson with a variety of methodologies.

4. Good Communicator

It is one of the very important qualities of an effective teacher. It is a bit tricky one as teacher gets his feedback immediately. This characteristic spreads among the staff members and the management through students and their parents. All of us know that communication is not always done through words. The nonverbal communication which is also known as the body language does count a lot. An effective teacher interacts with a child physically and mentally; he makes them learn what emotions are by being affectionate with them. He is responsible for overall personality development of the children. Their sound intellectual, emotional, physical

and social developments are the outcomes of his tremendous efforts throughout the teaching-learning process. A teacher is a complete person within, curious about his student's feelings, passionate, sociable, loveable and super comprehensive.

5. Willing to go extra mile

Such teachers never think of doing the work they are paid for. They are always willing to go out of the way, put in all of their energies and time. They try to do their best for their students to make them feel comfortable, understand and reproduce what they are taught. His parental behaviour makes him do every impossible thing for her students. Well aware of the psychology of the children he resolves all their conflicts amicably.

6. Life- long learner

Teaching-learning process is a lifelong process. Along with the students the teachers are themselves learning throughout their teaching career. Good teachers are always in search of the activities that help them in their professional development

7. Guides

These days students conduct their research, contact experts, create final projects and share all using devices in hand. They only need guidance from teachers. Students compare information from different sources, give feedback to peers, convey own ideas so on.

8. Connect with students

Teacher often talk about how helpless they fell when it comes to reach out to students. Technology allow us to connect anyone, anywhere, anytime. It connects with like-minded individuals. Simply connect vis social media: follow, join, ask.

9. Build Positive Digital Footprint

Become proficient with technology. Build a positive digital footprint. Living in this time gives us an opportunity to contribute and share our unique point of view. To maintain professional behaviour both in class and online helps in building positive digital footprint & describe proper actions for students. Teachers guide students how to use social media, how to produce, publish important content, create sharable resources.

10. Innovate

The main aim behind any innovation in technology is to provide comfort, productivity and better life. Teacher have to expand teaching toolbox and try new applications, e.g., example replacing textbooks with web resources, teaching with social media. Students love using Facebook for class discussions & announcements. They appreciate new knowledge not new tools. They love new, more interesting and productive ways of using new applications.

11. Lifelong Learners

Modern teachers are lifelong skilled learners. As technology evolves, learning information, learning a tool, everything associated with technologies is changeable. As education and technology are forever evolving, a modern teacher ought to be informed about the new data, information, and experiences around the world. A good modern teacher will always keep himself up to date for the benefit of their students. They always make themselves engage to keep learning. In student -centric teaching- learning, a modern teacher should play as a co-learner of their students. Teachers are the role model for his students. So, when teachers prefer to learn, their enthusiasm can naturally motivate students as well.

12. Internet-Savvy

In this modern era, we all are dependent on technology. Day by day, modern education is also becoming more and more dependent on technology. Now students can get information easily with the use of technology from anyplace. Hence, every teacher and every student must be tech-savvy especially after COVID-19. The use of technology in education is completely new to the students, it is also new to the teachers. That's why modern teachers should be aware of the latest technology. He must be well informed and trained about the modern technology. Modern teachers ought to perceive what digital tools are best suited to their students and use them effectively in their virtual and traditional classroom. Now, after the COVID-19 pandemic situation, taking online classes and online assessment is very important and challenging task for every modern teacher.

13. Innovative

Modern teachers ought to be innovative and creative-where they keep discovering and driving new ways and content to make sure they always have the most effective learning experience. He must be innovative for the betterment of their students, for the betterment of the educational systems. An innovative teacher can teach with the use of power point slides, animation, word document, worksheet etc to make the teaching learning process more interesting. They should use various apps and the internet to gain knowledge about new trends of learning technique. They can also use latest tools for taking online classes. There are many educational tools for online teaching. Modern teacher can facilitate the students to become Innovative too.

14. ICT Enabled

Most important role of a modern teacher is to have the knowledge and utilization of ICT. In modern teaching, ICT is the most essential part. So, every modern teacher should be ICT

enabled teacher. Modern teacher ought to have the all information concerning ICT. It is additionally a contemporary teacher's duty how to properly use this information. It's a tool for teaching and learning itself, the medium through that academics will teach, and learners will learn. With the help of ICT, teachers can communicate with their students. They can also communicate with the guardian of their students in parent teachers virtual meeting. ICT helps a teacher to become innovative. He can design their course with the help of ICT. They can make their teaching learning more interesting with the use of ICT. It plays a vital role in student assessment also. A modern teacher can only be successful for taking online class with the use of ICT.

4 Conclusions

Modern teachers have an enormous role to play for better educator or learner in a new global society. The teachers must be smart and use ICT technologies to connect with students to integrate learning methods and aspire to teach in that manner as today's generation is internet generation. In today's world, work is based on the skills and every teacher and student need these skills to be an effective teaching and participant in the new global world.

The teacher may be connecting with internet and teach new approach in teaching and supporting students. He should accept these challenges and improve teaching learning methods. For the teachers with traditional mode of teaching, it is challenging to embed technology in teaching, learning process.

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