

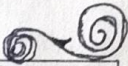
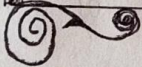


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"Teacher, a Nation Builder"

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1. * - INTRODUCTION :

Teachers are the most important members of the Society. They give children purpose, set them up for success as citizens of our world, & inspire in them a drive to do well & succeed in life. In his poem, 'A Nation's Strength', the noted American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Not gold but only men can make a people great & strong" and lays emphasis on human resources development in a society. Towards the end of the poem, it seems that he refers to the role of a teacher for building up an ideal society. He writes,

"Brave men who work while others sleep,
 Who dare while others fly...
 They build a nation's pillars deep
 And lift them to the sky."

The fact of a nation is always in the hands of its teachers because if there were no teachers, all other professions would not exist. Let's see their dedications.

* . Role of Teachers:

The role of teachers in society is both significant & valuable. They are one of the main pillars of a sound & progressive society. They bear the weight & responsibility of teaching & apart from parents; they are the main source of knowledge & values for children. It is rightly said that a teacher plays a key role in shaping our future. Nowadays, being an engineer or doctor is considered good, but they would not have

been able to get where they are without teachers. A good teacher is like a candle it consumes itself to light the way for others.

* Teachers are Key Role Models:

Teachers are key role models, who can influence the attitudes, values & behaviors of their pupils. A positive role model serves as an example - inspiring children to live meaningful lives. Teachers are a constant presence in a child's life. They influence children as much as - if not even more than - parents do. Students are not only watching their teachers carefully for clues about how to be; they are also listening to them & watching the way teacher speak, what they speak about, & the opinions they express, all these activities will influence their values.

* The Modern age with its Dynamic Development:

The modern age with its dynamic development, new technologies & advancement in different areas of life is one of the reason why we respect & admire innovators, such as scientific, entrepreneurs, & artists so much. However, sometimes we unjustly forget the quiet heroes of progress. Those who work behind the stage, our teachers. They give children purpose, set them up for success as citizens of our world, & inspire in them a drive to do well & succeed in life.

The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow, & teachers are that critical point that makes a child ready for their future. Teachers is a maker of man. He is foundation of all Education, & thus of the whole civilization of mankind, present & future. No nation reconstruction is possible without the active cooperation of the teacher.

* Many Names :

For a teacher, many names have been used in different traditions & cultures like 'Guru', 'Murshid', 'Rehbar' etc. which represent myriad qualities that are expected to be found in a teacher. 'Guru' means a spiritual teacher, 'Murshid' means the one who guides to the piety & 'Rehbar' means the one who shows the right path. Almost all these words have both mundane & spiritual connotations. So, we can say that an ideal teacher is the one who works for the development of physical, intellectual & spiritual dimensions of an individual.

Notwithstanding that there are inadequacies on part of the teachers, now a days there are numerous pressures & pulls on our teachers. The Teachers are no longer offered the respect by the communities that they deserve. Due to the commercialization of education, the teachers are

looked upon as ordinary services providers & their contributions are not acknowledged. In current student-centred worldview, the powers of a teacher have been curtailed & many unnecessary restraints have been imposed & as a result the situation is worsening day by day. In an era of moral crisis, the teachers are finding it very difficult to deal with the rebellious & delinquent attitude of the students & it has become a herculean task to inculcate & inculcate moral & ethical standards. The society in general has not been able to develop a harmonious ambience for the effective teaching-learning & often minor mistakes of the teachers are highlighted in the public domain & they are often mocked & ridiculed.

* CONCLUSION:

In advanced societies, the teachers are highly respected. They are trained to face difficult situations & enabled to devise customized teaching strategies. Teaching-learning process should not be a monopoly of a few & few experts but it must be made inclusive by taking all the stakeholders on board. In challenging times, the society in general has to optimise the standards of education by taking

Care of its teachers. Our teachers has still a great role to play for the transformation & advancement of the society. " Teachers have selflessly & courageously chosen the path where they will always be working for the mankind & for its good. Not everybody has the heart to do it."

Thank You ...