

## **Teacher as Nation Builder**

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### **Abstract**

*Education is the main weapon for any kind of change in the nation. Education is the process by which each person becomes a high quality citizen through enlightenment and empowerment. 'Teacher' plays an important role in the teaching-learning process. It is the teacher who prepares the children of the class as citizens of the nation. Is the creator of their future. One who guides the students, develops various skills within them, imparts knowledge, develops decision making ability among the students, develops problem-solving ability and provides an alert, conscious voice to the nation. He prepares students as citizens. So that he can contribute to the nation and society. The great form of teacher has also been mentioned in the National Education Policy- 2020. Various education programs have also been included in the new education policy. It has been specifically stated in the New Education Policy-2020 that teachers truly shape the future of our children and therefore, the future of our nation. The motivation and empowerment of teachers is required to ensure the best possible future for our children and our nation. Therefore, it can be said that teachers play an important role in nation building. Its direct reflection falls on its students, who are the future builders or nation builders of the country. The contribution of the teacher for this is undoubtedly incomparable.*

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### **Introduction:**

Education is a lifelong process. John Dewey has considered it as a tri-polar process, which includes teacher, student and curriculum. The teacher has an important role under this. Since ancient times, a teacher has been seen as supreme, one who opens the doors of knowledge, one who removes darkness, one who builds a nation, etc. In ancient times, the teacher was addressed as 'Guru'. In the Vedic era, the Guru was supreme who took the students from ignorance to knowledge. Used to lead from darkness to light. If we look at the present scenario, there has been a change in the role of the teacher. At present the teacher is the friend, philosopher and guide of the student. Which helps students in developing knowledge, abilities, values and attitudes. Teachers significantly shape the future of people, society and the entire planet. They educate and empower students to succeed in the classroom, their personal life and their careers. “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
- H- Hard working/ Honest/ Humble/ Humorous

- E- Ethical/ Emotional intelligent/ Enable
- R- Research Oriented/ Ready for self analysis.

That is, an attempt has been made to define a Teacher on the basis of the above. Which shows the form of a Teacher. **Kothari Commission (1964-66)** had said that “The destiny of India is now being shaped in her classrooms.” So, As National Builders, teachers play a vital role in educating and shaping future generations of citizens. Through their work, sacrifices and guidance, teachers help build the foundation of a strong Nation by molding students’ character and showing them the right path.

- **Qualities of a Teacher**-The qualities of a teacher can be broadly divided into two categories, which are as follows – Professional Qualities, Personal Qualities
- **Professional Qualities**- Professional qualities mean the qualities related to the teacher's profession which are as follows-
- **Mastery of Subject**- A good teacher is identified by the subject taught by him that a teacher has left such a deep impression on the students on his subject. Therefore, proficiency in one's subject is a major quality among the professional qualities of a teacher.
- **Understanding the Learner**- The current education system or teaching is done keeping the 'learner' at the center. It is student centered. The teacher has to teach keeping in mind the interest, ability, expression and aptitude of the students in the class. That is, the professional qualities of the teacher are a major aspect in understanding the learner.
- **Confidence**- An important element in the professional qualities of a teacher is his confidence. Without confidence the class becomes demoralizing. That is, it is very important for the teacher to be full of self-confidence.
- **Compassion**- Another quality among the professional qualities of a teacher is the compassionate behavior of the teacher. It is necessary for any teacher to have sympathy and empathy, which differentiates a teacher from a mechanical device. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for a teacher to have compassion.
- **Planning**- Action-Plan Eighth: Determining lesson-plan not only differentiates one teacher from another, but also saves his time and effort. That is, it is an important professional quality of a teacher.
- **Mentorship**- Teacher mentorship in which an experienced/more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. Therefore, it is very important for a teacher to be professionally mature in this.
- **Community Involvement** – The teacher ensures his participation in the community. The teacher represents not only the class but also the entire nation. Therefore, among the professional qualities of a teacher, his community participation is an essential quality.
- **Teaching Skills and Method** - A teacher has to differentiate himself from other teachers by his skills, his abilities etc. What methods should be used according to the class? Which skills to use where? This is known to the teacher only by his professional qualities.

- **Appreciation of Teaching Profession-** Teacher should have enthusiasm in his teaching profession. He should be proud that he is not only teaching the students but also helping in building the nation.
- **Personal Qualities-**Personal qualities mean the personal qualities of the teacher, which are as follows –

**Passion-** Among the personal qualities of a teacher, his passion for teaching and his profession also holds a very important place. The more enthusiastic a teacher is towards his profession, the more he can teach with full dedication.

**Good Sense of Humor-** Among the personal qualities of a teacher, his good understanding towards his subject and teaching also influences a lot. Therefore, it is very important to have a good understanding of teaching and the teacher's profession.



**Values and Attitudes-**A teacher's values and attitudes also play an important role in his personal qualities. Every teacher has his own personal values and his own perspective. Due to which he takes his teaching profession towards a positive attitude.

**Patience-** It is said that it is very important to have patience to do any work. That is, patience is also an important dimension in the personal qualities of a teacher because only a good teacher can teach patiently and face the upcoming challenges with diversity and heterogeneity in the classroom.

- **Communication Skills-** Communication and the medium through which one person can convey his feelings and thoughts to another person. That is, among the personal qualities of a teacher, his communication ability/skill also holds a very important place. Hence, it is clear from the above facts that the professional and personal qualities of a teacher play an important role in his teaching profession.
- **Characteristics of Teacher in Nation Building –**  
Teacher plays an important role in nation building. the Education Commission (1964) emphatically opined that “The quality and competence and character of teachers to be the most significant factors influencing the quality of education and its contribution to national development.” It is said that education is the only weapon with which society can be improved.



A teacher plays an important role in the chain of education because the class of students he is teaching are the ones who build the society and the nation. In this the characteristics of education can be seen as follows.

- **Making the children ready for a challenging life-** The teacher also prepares the students in the class for the challenges that come in their life. He works on the all-round development of students taking into account physical, mental, social, cultural, character etc. For which they are taught discipline, time management, readiness to work, accountability, decision making ability etc. At the same time, they are prepared in that environment, due to which they become ready to face the challenges in life.
- **Literacy and Wisdom-** Teacher not only educates the students. Rather, it takes them to a level of intelligence where they can apply it in their day-to-day life. It opens the eyes of students' knowledge, which gives a new shape to their personality. Students are most influenced by the teacher, hence they move ahead by analyzing the personality of the teacher.  
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- **Friend, Philosopher and Guide-** At present the role of a teacher is seen as a friend, philosopher and guide. The teacher not only understands the students in a friendly manner but also provides them guidance to solve the problems that arise. In the 21st century the role of a teacher is that of a friend, philosopher and director. As a result, students are free from fear and present their problems and upcoming challenges to the teacher and find solutions to them.
- **Well Wishes-** The teacher is always ready for the welfare of the students. The teacher always keeps the students under his guidance like his own children. He always wants their well being. Never wishes any harm to them. Always works for their benefit. That is why it is said that no one can be more well-wisher than a teacher.
- **Sharing Knowledge and Experience-** Teacher is like a facilitator, who provides an environment of knowledge to the students. He also takes it forward with his experiences. Due to which students move forward with their ability, self-confidence and self-reliant awareness.
- **Imparting Values and Ethics for Character Development-** Any nation is built by its citizens. Students play their role as citizens of the society or nation. Students have to ensure many responsibilities towards the nation and towards the future. In which the teacher plays the main role. He molds morality and various values in them only through education. So that he can become a good citizen in future and ensure his role in the society/nation.
- **Developing Peace in Society-** Teacher plays a major role in developing positive attitude and spiritual values among the youth. So that they can become aware between justice and injustice. There can be awareness/knowledge related to discrimination, inequality, human rights, peace because every person definitely contributes to global peace somewhere.
- **Creating Professionals-** teaching is a profession that creates all other professions in the world. Starting from the grassroots levels, the teacher's responsibility becomes most important in identifying the interests and potential of children and guiding them to choose a particular profession, so they can generate employment opportunities for themselves and contribute to the growth of their nation.

- **Helping in the Holistic Development of the Child-** The teacher is actively concerned about the all-round development of the students. It plays its role in the mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and character development of children. As a result, a good citizen who contributes to the society/nation in all aspects be it physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, problem solving skills etc.

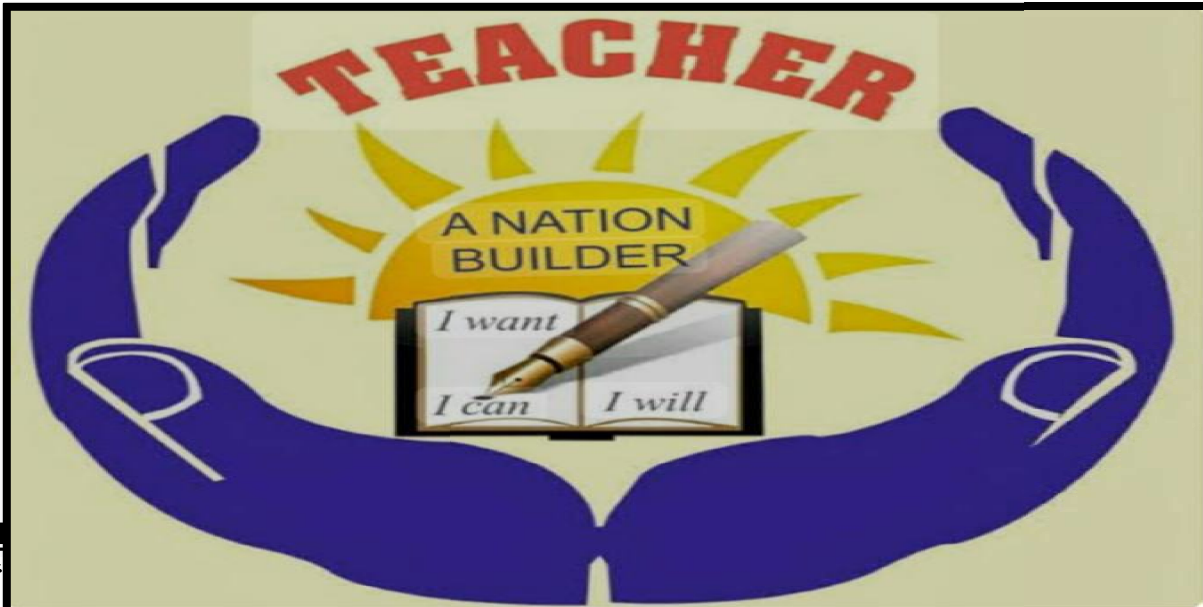
**Defining the Role of Teachers In Society-** The role of any teacher in the society is infinite and different in all respects. He guides the students so that they can imbibe the necessary knowledge and life skills. He gives a shape to the future of the students so that values, love etc. can develop in them. Teachers contribute to societal progress by preparing students to be informed and responsible citizens.

That is, the role of a teacher in nation building can be seen on the basis of his characteristics. In this context, **John Adams** has said that- “Teachers is a maker man. He is the foundation of all education and thus of the whole civilization of mankind, present and future. No nation reconstruction is possible without the active cooperation of the teacher.

**Role of our Gurus in Nation – Building: Special reference to NEP-2020:**

The NEP-2020 has laid a strong emphasis on the role of our gurus in Nation -Building:- The Role of education is very important in the country, society and the world. Teacher gives a new dimension to the future of the students. **Aristotle** says that “teaching is the highest form of understanding.” Teaching is the only profession that determines the future of every profession. **Swami Vivekananda** has said that “My dearest and nearest relative in life is my Gurus, next, my mother, then my father, my first reverence is to the Guru. If my father says, “do this” and my Guru says, “do not this”, I do not do it. the groups free my soul. the father and mother give me this body, but the Guru gives me but in the soul.” That is, the teacher's contribution and his selfless service have no value. Teacher always plays his role at the center for improvement in the field of education. That means the teacher is at the center of education. It is said in NEP -2020 that- Teachers truly shape the future of our children and nation, therefore, the future of our nation. It is because of this novelist role that the teachers in India was the most respected member of society. Only the very best and most learned became teachers. society gave teachers, or gurus, what they needed to pass on their knowledge, skills and ethics optimally to students.

The quality of teacher education, requirement, development, service condition and empowerment of teachers is not where it should be and consequently the quality and motivation of teachers does not reach that desired standard. the high respect for teachers and the high status of the teaching profession must be restored so as to inspire the best to enter the teaching profession. The motivation and empowerment of teachers is required to ensure the best possible future for our children and our nation.



ization of mankind, present and future. No Nation reconstruction is possible without the active cooperation of the teacher”- **John Adams** The role of the teacher is important in nation building. No nation can be imagined without teachers. It is the teacher who prepares the coming generation. It prepares the student as an alert, conscious, responsible citizen who can contribute to the building of the nation.

**The Education Commission (1964-66)** has emphatically opined that “The quality and competence and character of teachers to be the most significant factor influencing the quality of education and its contribution to National Development.” A nation is made up of its citizens and those citizens are trained as teachers and those teachers are trained as teacher educators. The teacher can be rightly called a nation builder. It is the teacher who shows the right path to the students and leads them, so that they can reach their final destination and use their knowledge and experience in the development of the nation. A integrates together its various roles by dividing them separately, whether it is academic or pedagogical, and social role. Where in academic role he does teaching, counseling and supervisory. In the same pedagogical role he plays the role of instruction, evaluation and facilitating. Such as facilitating learning, motivating students, controlling discipline in the class and presenting a positive learning environment for students, etc. In social role, teacher socializes the students and makes them conscious citizens of the society. So that he can recognize his various roles and contribute. So, teachers are creating citizens of the future.

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“Teachers are the best Minds of Nation”- **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**. National Building, according to Mzee Kwame Agyei Akoto is the conscious and focused application of our people's collective resources, energies and knowledge to the task of liberating and developing the psychic and physical space that we



identify as ours. It involves that development of behaviors, values, languages, institutions and physical structures that elucidate our history and culture, concretize and protect the present and ensure the future identity and independence of the nation. Nation building is the deliberate, keenly directed and focused and energetic projection of national culture and the collective identify. **Chanakya** has rightly stated, “Teachers are the maker of nation.” so for the development of our country. In the present context of the 21st century, there has been a lot of change in the role of the teacher. He is more changeable than before in any aspect, ready to adapt himself to different circumstances. So that he develops communication skills, subject-specific competence to manage learning group, competence to address content – specific learner needs, information communication technology skills, competence to mold learners to live together in multicultural setting and so on. **APJ Abdul Kalam** rightly the need of technology that- “What is needed for the nation today is combination of technology, innovative leadership. Whether a nation has arrived at a stage of knowledge society is judged by the way the country effectively deals with knowledge creation or innovation, which is the key element in building the knowledge society. For a prosperous and developed India, an important thrust should be on the growth of the invisible leaders and innovative institutions/universities/colleges/research institutions. Hence, there is an urgent need to establish and efficient innovation system and let the universities act as bridging institutions like think tanks. That is, it is clearly visible that the teacher has a very important role in nation building, which keeps on providing his valuable contribution in nation building from time to time.

**Conclusion:-**

*Therefore, on the basis of the above facts, it can be said that the teacher works as a major center in nation building. In the present context, he clearly accepts his role and provides his service selflessly. From ancient times to the present, its role in nation building cannot be ignored. Various philosophers, educationists, social reformers have from time to time highlighted the importance of the teacher in the nation by keeping him at the center. Many students taught by the teacher have brought glory to the country and have contributed to the national interest. He has been serving the nation through various roles. A good teacher not only imparts knowledge to his students. Rather, it builds the character of all those students, motivates them, keeps influencing them with their creativity, innovation and effective teaching techniques, because the quality of any nation is seen in the form of its citizens and the contribution of good citizens is good. It is education. That is why it has also been said that teachers are the backbone of the nation. Teachers help society by educating the next generation, preparing them for future careers and responsible citizenship. They also promote critical thinking, values and social skills, contributing to the overall well-being of the community. It is clear that the teacher shares his knowledge, skills and experience as a nation builder. Even at present, various educational programs are being introduced, which are being given a new look according to the changing circumstances of the present time. Various new teacher programs have also been talked about in the New Education Policy-2020 and they have also been implemented in educational institutions. So that the quality and level of education can be improved. Therefore, on the basis of relevant facts, it can be said that a teacher works as a nation builder and plays an important role.*

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