

**ROLE OF THE TEACHERS IN CHANGING SOCIETY**

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➤ *The Teacher is a maker of man and history.*

➤ *Both teacher and God are standing before me, but I don't know, whom to bow first. I will bow to you my teacher, who has guided me to God.*

➤ *Teachers are literally arbiters of a nation's destiny – Dr. Zakir Hussain.*

*It is clear that a teacher can play an important role in the progress and welfare of a society.*

*In the ancient days, teachers enjoyed a very high position of respect and honour in our society. In the Vedic and post-Vedic periods the place of the teachers was second to that of God. The teacher or guru was regarded as the guide who use to bring light whenever there was darkness. They have been playing a very pivotal role in the social reconstruction and in the transmission of wisdom, knowledge, and experience from one generation to another.*

*Regarding the role of teachers in society, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan has mentioned that*

*“The teacher’s place of society is of vital importance, he acts as the point of transmission of intellectual tradition and technical skill from generation to generation and helps to keep the lamp of civilization burning.”*

*We can say that progress of the nation and of mankind depends to a large on the teacher. Because the teacher seems to play the most dominant role in molding and shaping the attitudes, habits, manners character and personality of young students.*



*The teachers occupy an important place in the society as an architect of our future generation. In this connection Kothari Commission (1964-66) has also stated that “The destiny of India is now being shaped in her classroom.”*



*The National policy in Education, 1986 thus comments on the role of teacher in the society that*

*“The status of the teachers reflects the socio-cultural ethos of a society : It is said that no people can rise above the level of its teachers.”*



*Moreover our modern society of 21st Century is characterized by explosions in various areas such as explosion of knowledge, explosion of technology, explosion of expectations, explosion of population etc. As a result there have been fast changes in Socio economic life of people.*

### ***The role of teacher is –***

- *To encourage,*
- *Support and*
- *And Act as humane facilitator in the teaching learning process at macro/global and national level*
- *Concerned with achievement of goals of equity, parity and social justice.*

## *Teacher in the future can*

- *Develop students' skills*
- *Understand their students problems*
- *Build on knowledge gained outside their classroom,*
- *Develop their own knowledge Base*
- *Teach their students how to develop*
- *Support their students in learning and in life*
- *Initiate changes in schools.*



## *Teacher in the future will need to be*

- *Understanding,*
- *Well- prepared both in their subjects and pedagogy*
- *Professionals rather than masters*
- *Facilitators &*
- *Open towards the needs of the learner.*

*As a teacher our duty is not limited inside the classroom only. We owe a duty to the society and the nation. We have to play the role of custodian of the national values and also a architect of new values. We are the one who can help our country in the social reconstruction. We must develop our capability to work as a social worker by organizing programmes in non-formal and adult education awareness programmes in health and hygiene, Population issues, environmental challenges etc. Also in order to equip the child to face the challenges of a changing society, we must keep or upgrading our knowledge and competencies throughout our professional career by attending conferences, refresher courses, orientation courses, seminars, workshops and through extensive study, travelling and developing a capacity for independent thinking.*



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