

“IMPORTANCE OF VALUE BASED MORAL EDUCATION FOR BETTER TOMORROW”

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ABSTRACT:

“A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops”. Today’s education system aims at imparting knowledge and making the students employable. Apart from making money, the only target in front of the Institutes is to get the students employed. The Institutes feel winning a battle after getting the students placed. But the education is not completed just by making students excel the exam; it has to deal with variety of other lessons which a teacher can only impart to students in schools and colleges. Till the time the students are not morally upright, the degrees which they have acquired will be futile. They should possess the knowledge assessing the difference between right and wrong, good and bad. This is the duty of schools and colleges to impart moral education among their students in between the lectures and this task could be easily undertaken by the teachers if they wish to. Thus, this research paper will deal with the findings of various tools for moral education teaching in the Institutes. It will also cover why moral education is given a backstage recognition and why there is no compulsion for the same.

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INTRODUCTION TO MORAL EDUCATION

Education is must and it should be a sine quo non (unavoidable) for everyone. Education in real terms makes one literate and provides confidence to face the worldly challenges. It prevents one from deterioration and provides the capability of being wise and independent. But it is a pity thing to believe that education belongs only to intellectual empowerment and increment of a person and not the other areas of education are covered. Today’s education system focuses on making a person employable and does not teaches the skill of being attached to the job. It has to be understood that getting a job is different and remaining in that job with complete pride and honour is absolutely different. Here the role of moral education comes. The students apart from getting the subject knowledge should also be made aware of being morally upright.

Being morally upright means to have knowledge to differentiate between right, wrong, good and bad. The students should be aware of the basic nitty gritty which are expected from their side. It is absolutely necessary to impart knowledge apart from academics.

METHODOLOGY

This research is being carried out to understand the various dimensions of moral education as a part of whole education scenario. This research is undertaken to analyse and state, how moral education is important and in which aspects our students are lacking behind morally. This paper is inspired by the statements made by the various faculties controlling the post of Professors at reputed Institutes and their

experiences have become an integral part of this research study. Thus the basic issue will be circling around the study of importance of moral education for crafting the better tomorrow.

VIEWS ON MORAL EDUCATION:

Various faculties quote and view the following statements on moral education:

- School is the base where moral education actually starts.
- Students should be aware of their surroundings and possess a capability of differentiating between right and wrong.
- Education should not be limited to classroom activities but it should be such a package of academics plus wholesome personality development making students a very good and morally upright citizen.
- Moral education should start with very basic steps.
- A teacher has to take initiatives for student anger management, stress management.
- An education is a bundle where a child grows up learning from his teachers a lot.
- A teacher plays a role model for most of the years in the child's life.
- If any student or bunch of students faces any difficult problem which could be related to his behaviour with others, attitude problem, communication errors, or any other problem for that matter, it becomes a duty of the teacher to guide the child.
- The moral education should deal with the teaching aspects like remedial measures for being impatient all the time, being on the toes all time and vice versa that is being lethargic and lacking aim and ambition in life.
- There is a great need for the child to understand then family value, respect for elders and how to build a healthy and strong relationship with family members, how to behave actively in family time, and being responsible member of the family and society as a whole.
- One important aspect of moral education is to make the child/student aware of the suicidal cases which are very much prominent nowadays. The students have to be taught about the tolerance level and keep their surrounding away from such heinous action of suicide.
- One thing where today's students are not at all concerned is the religious inclination towards God. They completely lack an idea that why there is a need to feel grateful to God and what is the existence of God and deity.
- Moral education should also include the understanding of the students to what they have come for. What is the best way to lead a successful and happy life.
- The student should be aware of the relations he carries throughout his life. The sense of individuality should be kept at bay and the basic and very common relations like being a brother, sister, grand daughter, grandson, friend should be delegated very smoothly. They should understand the amount of respect of each relation. If not about the whole world then atleast today's children should possess the sense of respecting and valuing the closest relationships of being a child and a sibling to their close ones.
- One more prominent issue which is of most concern is the children of young age getting involved in love relationships. Not thinking even for once they are ready to abscond with their lovers. They have to be taught that morally it is completely mistaken to take an attraction of some time as a love for life.

- In other words, today’s children have to be taught to be responsible for their actions and behaviour. They have to react and behave responsibly as a member of family, society, and organization as a whole.
- Overall the views above stated revolves around the core issue that it is important to male them learn ethics, values so that they can start living under some healthy obligations.

Various students quote and view the following statements on moral education:

- They view moral education as a learning which will give them a lesson on time management. How to utilize time effectively and optimally and with prioritizing.
- They accepted that there is a need for them to value family, friends and give them good quality time. Sharing of their daily routine with their family member is absolutely important.
- They should be taught about ethics and values and this could be very well implemented with real or crafted situations. Characters of stories with right and wrong attitude will help them to learn ethics.
- Students should be given lessons on how to tackle pressure from peers (friends and other people of their age).
- Teachings on spirituality, love for animals etc. has to be inculcated in them.
- Peace and harmony is extremely important for the children of forming age.
- Manners and etiquettes are the most overlooked aspect of learning for them.

PROMINENT STEPS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE MORAL EDUCATION AMONG STUDENTS

- Students could be taught moral education both at school and also at home.
- The best method of making them learn these lessons is through moral stories, inspiring pictures, cartoons, animations and also through role plays.
- Famous stories of “Panchtantra” written by writer Mr. Vishnu Sharma is the best method of teaching morals.
- For grown up children it is absolutely necessary to give them justifications for every lesson or moral one teaches them.
- It is very important for the teacher and also for the parents to follow the principle of “Practice what you Preach”.
- Special class every week could be scheduled for learning morals.
- Discussion on movies could be very healthy as students are interested in them.
- Brainstorming session, case study method could also be adopted for the same.

ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Basic education of a student starts from home itself. To make a child morally upright it is a duty of the teacher as well as parents to preach what they practice. Today’s child is very smart and evaluative; a teacher has to give logical justifications of everything they plan to teach them. To summarize, it would be logical to say that a child becomes in what environment he lives. So it is the duty of the parent and teacher to make his surrounding wholesome healthy and give him lessons as when required that to positively.

CONCLUSION

Moral education if provided in a healthy and positive manner to the students, it can definitely lead to a better tomorrow. It is a duty of the teacher as well as parent to impart moral education lessons and teachings to the students and children. And it is the need of an hour.

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